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Producers, Consumers, and Legislators Explore Organics

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The day began in Shawnee, Kan., where LaToya Adams owns and operates Adams Family Farm, a mixed vegetable farm and apiary. The tour highlighted Adams's production practices, weed management strategies, and companion plantings.

Adams Family Farm sits at the rural-urban interface, bordered by sand mining, conventional grain operations, warehouse development, residential areas, and a local park. The variety of



LaToya Adams, owner/operator of Adams Family Farm in Shawnee, Kan., speaks with tour attendees

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surroundings has forced Adams to be creative in her farming practices, especially regarding the sand mine, which often blows sand onto her gardens and house.

Adams Family Farm uses organic practices and is currently considering organic transition. However, the farm's location leaves Adams unsure if certification is maintainable. This situation sparked conversation amongst attendees about a potential NRCS cost-share windbreak; creative partnerships in the KC area with schools, producers, and childcare centers; the state of organic in Kansas; and organic transition.

The tour was well attended, including numerous members of the Kansas House. Rep. Angela Stiens (R-KS HD-39), Rep. Courtney Sappington (R-KS HD-5), and Rep. Lauren Bohi (R-KS HD-15) attended, as well as Kansas gubernatorial candidate Cindy Holscher.

Following the Adams Family Farm tour,

attendees traveled to Geiger Farm in Robinson, Kan., where owner/operators Jack and Deborah Geiger run an organic grain, seed, and beef operation.

Geiger Farm has held organic certification for over 30 years and continues to diversify as the operation grows. Jack uses that wealth of experience to mentor 14 young and beginning farmers through Plains TOPP and his own personal mentorship activities. Recently, Jack also declared his candidacy for the Kansas House of Representatives' 62nd District as an Independent.

Attendees explored the Geigers' cattle operation and learned how animals are integrated into their organic system. Jack also showed attendees his corn and soybean fields, and discussed organic yield projections.

This tour series facilitated important conversations surrounding organic agriculture, its practices, and the legislation farmers need to sustainably continue their work.



Jack Geiger walks tour attendees through how he makes his cattle feed ration from his own crops.



Resource Highlight

Farmers Market “Why Organic” Brochure

Use this brochure to share why your farm chooses to be certified organic. With customizable photos and biography inserts, this resource is ideal for those selling at farmer’s markets.

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Organic Market Update

The USDA’s latest National Organic Grain and Feedstuff Report for the 8/17/2026 - 8/28/2026 period showed active trade and good demand across most organic feed markets.

Organic feed markets saw moderate trading activity and good demand, with organic feed corn prices declining at both country elevators and feed mills, while organic wheat and soybeans posted modest gains. Most new contracts were for delivery from late 2026 through 2027, with some soybean contracts extending into 2029, indicating continued long-term demand despite mixed short-term prices.

[Read the report](#)



Upcoming Events

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Nutrient-Dense Food: What Farmers Are Measuring and How They're Selling It, Virtual

This panel brings together leading researchers and experienced farmers to close that gap. Drawing on emerging science around soil biology and nutrient density measurement, the conversation will focus on what farmers can actually observe, track, and share — and what that means for the future of quality-focused agriculture.

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Menoken Farm Field Day, Menoken, ND

Spend the day touring the farm's high tunnel, vegetable gardens, and cropland, hear directly from certified organic farmers about their journeys, and connect with local organizations that support local foods and sustainable agriculture. Whether you're a seasoned farmer or just starting out, this is a great opportunity to learn the secrets to healthy soil and organic success.

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Advancing Food is Medicine: Regenerating Communities, Edmond, OK

This conference will convene farmers, ranchers, physicians, nutritionists, food system entrepreneurs, researchers, policymakers, and community leaders. The national event is designed to break down silos between agriculture and health care while advancing practical, community-based solutions that improve human health, strengthen regional food systems, and support regenerative agriculture.

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