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URBAN FARMS TOUR— A SIGN OF THE TIMES

Witness the future of local food and of greener, healthier cities right here in KC on June 24 during the KC Center for Urban Agriculture's 2nd Biennial Urban Farms Tour. This unique family event will take you to as many as eleven small and sustainable farms all over the Metro. Learn about farming and gardening from the pros', explore ways to make Kansas City greener and enjoy a day of fun, music and good food. Tickets are \$5 dollars a person and \$12 per family of three or more. This self-guided tour will run between 12noon and 5PM, rain or shine.

This, the 2nd Biennial Urban Farms Tour presents the great diversity of urban farms in our metro area! You'll find young farmers, older farmers, farmers growing in inner city neighborhoods, farmers growing in more residential settings, each farm is unique and every farmer has a great story to tell. We encourage you to visit at least three farms to get an idea of the wide differences.

There'll be live music, cooking demonstrations and children's activities. Checkered Past, the Buttermilk Boys, Kasey Rausch, and other musicians will get you moving and singing along as you walk through and see what's growing. Your children can join in for structured activities to introduce them to home-grown vegetables, and you can learn some new recipes and cooking approaches from the cooking demonstrations.

Kickoff for the tour will be a brief talk at Cross-Lines Community Outreach Food Kitchen, 736 Shawnee in Kansas City, KS, by KC Center for Urban Agriculture Co-Founders Katherine Kelly and Daniel Dermitzel if you want an overview of what's happening right here in Kansas City, how urban farms benefit our neighborhoods, our health, and our environment. If you want to start with the tour and not the talk, that is also an option. Just start off at any farm you want and have an afternoon of good fun!

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from any of the participating farms or farmers markets listed below, or at any of the farms on the day of the tour.

- East Wind Gardens or Root Deep Urban Farm Stand: Saturday mornings, Farmers' Community Market at Brookside (farmerscommunitymarket.com) or Wednesday evenings, 39th Street Community Market (913) 526-0688
- KC Center for Urban Agriculture & KC Community Farm Stand: Saturday mornings, Farmers' Community Market at Brookside
- Huns Garden Booth: City Market, Saturday mornings (kc-citymarket.com)

- Refugee Women’s Market Garden, Catholic Charities: Wednesday mornings, KCK Greenmarket (913) 526-0688)
- “Ready to Work” Garden Cross-Lines Community Outreach: on site Monday mornings at the KCK Greenmarket
- Troostwood Youth Garden Market: 5142 Paseo, Saturdays 8:00-1:00
- Soul & Soil Rainbow Gardens: KCK Greenmarket on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6th and Tauromee

Brochures with maps and directions to farms can be picked up at the above-mentioned farmers’ markets, area libraries, downloaded from www.kccua.org website, or by calling 913-831-2444.

KANSAS CITY CENTER FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE is grateful for the supportive sponsorship of the tour’s lead sponsor, Boulevard Beer, Slow Foods, Green Acres, Planters Seeds, Windswept Worm Farm, KCK Greenmarket, and to 39th Street Community Market.

The Kansas City Center for Urban Agriculture is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation founded in 2004 by two Kansas City farmers dedicated to promoting urban agriculture in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Katherine Kelly (former owner of Full Circle Farm, Kansas City) and Daniel Dermitzel (former co-owner of Trailside Farm in Calhoun, Missouri) were inspired by a common vision of city farming that includes:

- *Small, community-based farms scattered throughout the metro, providing an abundance of fresh and healthy food to city residents,*
- *New opportunities for people who would like to farm and generate an income doing so,*
- *A new kind of urban design that turns unused, vacant and unsightly spaces to productive use and treats small-scale agriculture as an integral part of a beautiful, lively and healthy neighborhood.*

To realize this vision, the Center develops training and research programs for new and experienced farmers and for city planners and community members interested in city farming. Additionally, the Center operates the Kansas City Community Farm (KCCF), a working, certified organic vegetable farm where we develop and demonstrate production practices suitable for Midwestern urban agriculture.