

For the last couple of weeks, I have been making sure that my column informed all of you about all of the great programming that is coming up with K-State Research and Extension. Then, Covid 19 came more and more into our daily lives and now I am going to have to retract all of those exciting events for now. To be clear, all events, meetings, or face to face programing is cancelled until at least April 4th 2020.

K-State research and Extension is a dedicated team of professionals with a strong creative skillset, and we will continue to help you solve problems, make sound decisions, and improve quality of life.

For the time being, please reach out during regular business hours by phone or email BEFORE visiting an office site. Our office phone numbers are:

- Great Bend (620) 793-1910
- Hays (785) 628-9430

From there, we can identify the best way to assist you with research-based education and services while also taking into consideration health, wellness and safety needs. Strategies to help accomplish this include but are not limited to phone, email, social media, and video conferencing.

For more information, you can visit the Cottonwood District website at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu, or at our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ksrecottonwood/> for local and district event updates and a complete listing of our contact information.

We are committed to serving the communities, businesses and families in Ellis and Barton County. We take seriously our obligation to extend the mission of K-State Research and Extension to each of you.

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