



# Pottawatomie County

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**Pottawatomie County  
Soil Management Club**

**First Meeting:**  
**Monday, April 7, 2025, 8:00 am**  
**South 40 Restaurant**  
**Westmoreland, KS**

**Talk with other farmers  
and specialists about  
soil-related issues. First  
meeting will be focused  
on soil health.**

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# BLUESTEM PASTURE SURVEY

Deadline has been extended to April 30, 2025!

Survey is online at:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0JPL8CALzTfn2se](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0JPL8CALzTfn2se)

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## Rangeland Management Equipment Field Day

is being planned for mid to late May 2025 near Flush, KS. See live demonstrations of equipment such as shears, saws, sprayers and drones (UAS). Watch for more information soon!

# TRACTOR AND MACHINERY SAFETY TRAININGS

**Presented by**

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Join youth aged 10 to 16 on June 2nd and/or 3rd to learn more about tractor and machinery safety in agriculture production and rural life! This year, we are offering two tracks of learning for youth to engage with our trainings.

## Certification Track

**June 2nd and 3rd +  
Online Training Sessions**

If you are a 14 or 15-year-old, you must complete Tractor and Machine Operation training to operate most tractors and common farm machinery when working for someone other than a parent or a person standing in the place of a parent on a farm owned or operated by such parent or person. Successful completion of this track will allow you to leave on June 3rd with a certification to be employed off the family farm for non-parents in operating tractors and specific farm machinery.

**\$40 Registration Fee**



**KanEquip of  
Wamego**

18035 East Hwy 24,  
Wamego, KS 66547



## General Safety Track

**June 2nd**

In this 8-hour track, you will learn about farm and rural safety in all aspects, including machinery, animal, recreation and more. This track is focused on ways to keep you and other youth safe in everyday operations. *\*This training will not certify youth for employment off the family farm but is intended for educational purposes only.*

**\$15 Registration Fee**



**Registration closes May 16th. Call 785-232-0062 or your local extension office to register for this event.**

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# GARDEN TOURS

**6 GARDENS TO TOUR!**

*Join the Pottawatomie County Master Gardeners on  
their first garden tours in Pottawatomie County.*

**June 14th, 2025**

**8 AM - 12PM**

*Find addresses on our  
Facebook event page by  
scanning QR code*

*Pick up a flyer with addresses  
at Wamego Library and 5-H  
Greenhouse*



**SCAN ME** 

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## K-STATE GARDEN HOUR

Join K-State Research and Extension every first Wednesday of the month from 12:00 - 1:00 pm CST

<https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/consumer-horticulture/garden-hour/>



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**NEW**  
**MASTER GARDENER**  
**VOLUNTEER TRAINING!**

- In-Person in Manhattan (with RL Co),  
Thursdays, September 4-October 30, 2025,  
9 AM-4 PM  
or
- Online via Zoom, Thursdays, September 1-  
December 4, 2025, 1-4 PM

\$100 fee for 40+ hours of horticulture training

<https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/EMG.html>



**APPLICATIONS DUE  
AUGUST 22, 2025!**

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