

SERVICEMEMBER AGRICULTURAL VOCATION EDUCATION (SAVE)

Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement

We are in a new and unfamiliar era with the Servicemember Agricultural Vocation Education Farm. With the spread of COVID-19, life, as we know it, may never be the same. However, our mission will always be. SAVE perseveres during this Coronavirus Pandemic and will continue going strong.

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New additions to the SAVE Farm. Bringing future opportunities for learning to the farm.

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Celebrate the purchase of the SAVE Training Farm with us!

The New Addition of Hazelnut Trees to SAVE Farm

Hazelnut farming provides an opportunity to SAVE Farm to generate income in addition to the crops that we currently cultivate. Hazelnut cultivation provides a long-term strategy, a well maintain hazelnut tree can produce nuts for more than seventy years.

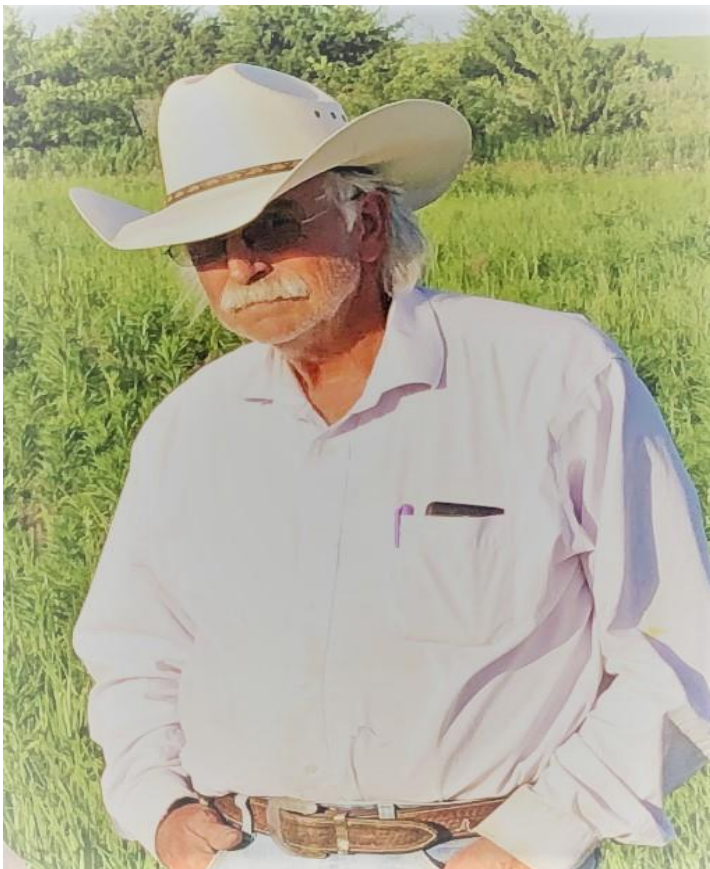
SAVE Farm looks to provide a better education and future for students by creating an opportunity to maintain and harvest the product from the hazelnut trees. Caring for hazelnut trees and harvesting the hazelnuts require minimal manual labor, therefore allowing all ages to partake in this task. Hazelnut trees are drought resistant and require the use of less water. If irrigation is required, SAVE Farm can use conservation techniques that will greatly increase the efficiency of water use through drip or trickle irrigation.

We are glad to add these Hazelnut trees to the farm and we look forward to the opportunities they will bring. This will be an experience for many generations to enjoy.



Congratulations to Alan Hubbard

It is a great day for us at the SAVE Farm. Our very own Farm Manager and instructor, Alan Hubbard, will be featured in the upcoming issue of Successful Cattleman. He is recognized for his efforts controlling the depuration in a cow herd. We are proud of his accomplishment. This is just another great example for the future farmers and ranchers through the SAVE Farm.

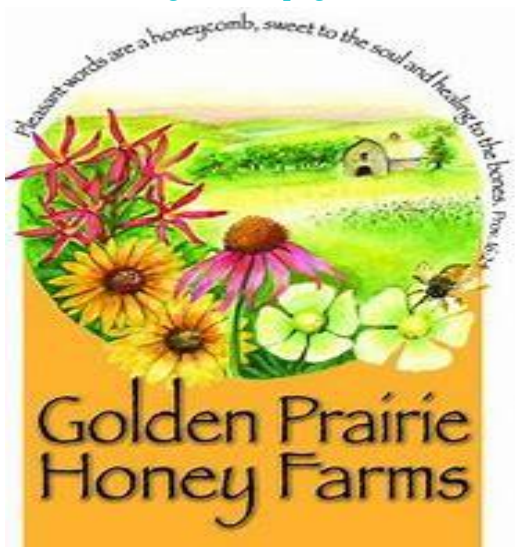


Pollinator Friendly Perennials

Does your garden become a ghost town during the months of July and August? In many gardens across the country, butterflies, bees, and other important pollinators are becoming rare sights due to the widespread use of pesticides and a dwindling supply of nectar-rich flowers they rely on for food.

Your neighborhood may serve as a season-long buffet of nectar and pollen that supports a diversity of bees, butterflies, and other flower visitors if each yard devoted a small area to pollinators. You can fill a decorative planter with pollinator-friendly plants if you do not have the space in your yard.

When selecting plants for pollinators, skip imported, hybrid, and double-flowered varieties and choose native flowering plants instead. Pollinator-friendly plants should be attractive to bees and butterflies, as well as other beneficial insects. For options in pollinator plants, specifically for your region, download a pollinator plant list from https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/gardens/?page_id=23.



What can I Learn from attending Bee Bootcamp?

You may have an idea of what it’s like to be a beekeeper. Your attitude will affect how you handle your bees and the outcome of your beekeeping efforts. Before you just dive in and buy a bunch of beekeeping equipment, it might be beneficial to first gain insight on mindset of a beekeeper. Whether you are thinking of beekeeping as a hobby, or just to save the bees. Or, maybe you are anticipating all that honey you get to harvest, Bee Bootcamp will make the difference.

Attending Bee Bootcamp, you will learn multiple topics regarding honeybees, the care, the beehives and much more. How to obtain and install bees, examine a beehive, feeding bees, and moving the bees. You can learn to recognize pests and diseases, and what to do about them, how to get them through the winter. How to use harvest honey, market it, use the bees wax and other products of the hive. You will be able to put a beehive together so that you can see how to build an unassembled hive.

We will introduce you to a training program that can lead to a Master Beekeeping Certification.



Upcoming Events

- July 3..... Golden Prairie Honey Farms will be Closed
- July 4.....Independence Day
- July 11.....Bee Bootcamp
- August 8.....Bee Bootcamp
- September 6.....GPHF Booth at the Wamego Fireworks

Providing a New Educational Opportunity

Normal life as we knew it has been affected by the spread of the coronavirus and its associated disease, COVID-19. A huge area that is impacted and causing major confusion is on higher education. Colleges and universities have been thrown into uncertain waters as they convert to online-only courses. All educational institutions are forced to reimagine how we deliver an appealing and all-inclusive learning experience for our students. Kansas State University has agreed to provide Agriculture courses through their campus which will include some online courses. This bold realignment of our programs of instruction allows for more hands-on training on the farm while ensuring our students continue to receive a world class education. Students who wish to pursue a four-year college degree through KSU will not have to contend with the hassle of transferring credits.

Life will not be the same as we knew it. We continue to strive for mission accomplishment. SAVE will achieve this goal by providing our students with the best education and a clear pathway even in this time of confusion.

SAVE Farm Tours

Those interested in attending training with SAVE Farm should schedule a visit.

Visits will consist of tours at the SAVE Training Farm and the Golden Prairie Honey Farm. Visitors will also be able to tour the local area to explore possible housing locations and other opportunities that Manhattan has to offer.

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YouTube: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCAdyyilxCNMmmYdiSOUhIRA>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thesavefarm/>

Twitter: @veteransgrow

We bought the Farm! Celebrate with Us!

We are incredibly heartened by the community surrounding our cause, especially because you are such an important part of it. We are humbly requesting that you honor us by helping us celebrate the purchase of our SAVE farm! Now that we have bought the farm, we need to equip it. This means we need feed for our livestock, corals, and other key items to make the farm even more successful.

Thanks to the generosity of the people at ioby.com, every dollar that you donate to SAVE from now through Veterans' Day will be doubled, up to \$10,000. You can rest assured that your gift will go directly towards our SAVE programs that are dedicated to helping Veterans, transitioning Servicemembers and their families. We thank you in advanced for supporting us during this exciting time!

Thank you for your continued support of SAVE! We wish you and your loved one's health and happiness as we celebrate this great achievement at SAVE.

