

Kansas Fruit Growers Association



**2008
Membership Directory**

www.kansasfruitgrowers.org

Kansas Fruit History

Frank Morrison, Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University

Kansas sunshine, soils, growing season and water provide good conditions for growing fruit. Early recognition of this was made by the explorer Coronado who wrote to the King of Spain in 1541 after exploring north from Mexico in what is now the Kansas area.

“The country itself is the best I have ever seen for producing all the products of Spain. For besides the land itself being very flat and black and watered by rivulets and springs and rivers, I found plums like those of Spain, and nuts and very good sweet grapes and mulberries.”

As Kansas was being settled in the mid eighteenth hundreds, fruit plantings were established for commercial production and self-sufficiency. In 1880, the Kansas State Board of Agriculture reported 2,386,812 apple, 5,091,549 peach and 935,897 cherry, pear and plum trees. Average tree spacing was at least 30 feet between tree rows and trees in the row, wider for apples, so the area of fruit tree plantings was in excess of 9,000 acres. The small fruit area in the same period was 5,529 acres in vineyards and 6,695 acres in raspberries, blackberries and strawberries.

With encouragement and assistance by the editor of the *Kansas Farmer*, the Kansas Horticultural Society was organized in 1869. It was the first agricultural organization in Kansas. The society was reorganized in 1965 with the Kansas Horticultural Society becoming the parent organization for the Kansas Fruit Growers Association and 9 other horticultural organizations. In 1987 grape growers organized the Kansas Grape Growers and Winemakers Association.

The Kansas fruit acreage has declined through the years. Prohibition in 1880 resulted in a significant reduction of the state vineyard acreage by 1900. The most severe setback to Kansas fruit production (and indeed several Midwestern states) was due to an Armistice Day freeze in November, 1940. Many fruit trees were killed outright and others so severely damaged they never recovered. Comparative labor intensity is a major consideration for fruit producers. For example, apple, grape or strawberry production requires a minimum of 100 hours of labor per acre per year. However, only 3 hours or less per acre per year are required to produce wheat. Also, most fruit crops require 2 to 4 years from the year the planting is established until the plants or trees are mature enough to bear fruit and produce a financial return.

The present fruit acreage in Kansas is somewhat less than 5,000 acres. Innovations in fruit production result in increased production per acre with intensive plantings. Pest management results in high quality fruit with increased storage periods. Other technologies adapted by Kansas fruit growers, combined with Kansas sunlight, provide high quality fruit.

Most Kansas grown fruit is marketed through retail sales. You may drive to the grower farms and pick your own farm fresh fruit, select fruit at a Community Farmers' Market, or you may select it in growers' Farm Markets. For a wide selection of high quality fruit, you should visit all of these sites to select your farm fresh fruit.

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KFGA Mission:

***Supporting the Kansas fruit
industry though service,
education and advocacy.***

President's Message

Dear Kansas Fruit Growers:

My name is Erik Olson, President of the Kansas Fruit Growers Association. I am married with four children and manage two farms in Otoe County Nebraska. *Arbor Day Farm* is one farm that is 30-acres primarily in apples. The other farm is *Kimmel Orchard and Vineyard*. This farm is 90-acres and consists of apples, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, peaches, pears, plums, and wine grapes.

I know many of you have diversified farms like this or would like to have the knowledge to diversify your farms more. Many of you were devastated by the Easter freeze and have many questions on pest and fungal problems that could arise from last years growing season. Many in the state were upset from the Non Insurable Crop Insurance settlement that you received. That is why it is important to support and be part of the Kansas Fruit Growers Association.

Some of the benefits of membership are:

- Fruit industry promotion
- Financial support for horticulture research
- Opportunities for networking with growers
- Membership directory
- Educational seminars
- Promotion at the Kansas State Fair
- Farm field day tours
- Your farm will be listed on KFGA's web site
- Swap & Sell Page on web site

Please join and take part in the Kansas Fruit Growers Association. We will be having a summer tour at the Olathe Station on June 7th. Your ideas and concerns are always welcome. I wish you all a safe and successful growing season.

Sincerely,

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Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Kansas Fruit Growers Association Meeting Lied Lodge, Nebraska City, NE January 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Vrbas at 4:30 p.m. Seventeen members were in attendance

Minutes of the previous KFGA Annual meeting (1-18-07) were reviewed and approved by the membership.

Rick Vrbas presented a treasurer's report on behalf of Ken Krause, indicating the healthy financial status of the organization (\$23,600 in the bank) and the relatively low income from dues due to low membership.

Rick Vrbas introduced Stu Warren, new head of the Department of Horticulture Forestry and Recreation Resources at Kansas State University. Stu recently joined K-State from North Carolina State University. He spoke of the symbiotic relationship between K-State and the horticultural industry and recognized that the K-State side of the relationship had been weak in recent years due to the lack of a fruit specialist. It was his hope that the fruit and grape growers would present a united front in order to get the university to place a high priority on filling this position.

Donnie Gerhardt presented a brief report on the Mid-America Fruit Growers Conference. There were 60 attendees, 20 speakers and 10 exhibitors. Additionally the Kimmel Foundation and UPI were recognized and thanked profusely for their financial contributions to the meeting as follows: Kimmel Foundation (\$5,000) and UPI (\$2500).

Elections for President and Board.

The position of President was open, Rick Vrbas having completed his two-year term. Frank Gieringer nominated Erik Olson for President. Richard Ryer seconded. Mike Gerhardt moved that the nominations cease. Richard Ryer seconded. There being no one in opposition, Erik Olson was elected unanimously as President.

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Mark Your Calendars!

June 7 Summer Fruit Tour

Begins at the K-State Research & Extension Center, Olathe, ending at Gieringer's Orchard just down the road for a tour of his peach orchard and barbeque dinner.

2009 Dates

January 9 & 10 Great Plains Vegetable Growers Conference & Trade Show, St. Joseph, MO

January Mid-America Fruit Growers Convention & Trade Show, Columbia, MO

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 eggplant, hot peppers, sweet pep-
 pers, tomatoes, sweetcorn, zucchini

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 pears, pecans, plums, pumpkins,
 raspberries, strawberries, tomatoes,
 asparagus, rhubarb, walnuts,
 watermelon

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A slate of candidates for Board positions was put forward as follows:

JoAnn Kuhlman, Vice-President
 Ted Carey, Secretary
 Ken Krause, Treasurer
 Frank Gieringer, Board Member
 Richard Ryer, Board Member
 Rex Rees, Board Member
 Scott Tryon, Board Member

Mike Gerhardt nominated the slate and this was seconded by Scott Tryon. There being no opposition, the slate of directors was elected unanimously.

Frank Gieringer requested that the KFGA draft a letter to the FSA protesting the way the NAP program has been administered in the State of Kansas in the aftermath of the total loss experienced this spring. There was discussion about this program and other crop insurance programs. The membership delegated Frank Gieringer and Mike Gerhardt to draft a letter on behalf of the association, presumably the KFGA president.

Membership Drive

Mike Gerhardt moved to give a free KFGA cookbook to each county agent who recruits a new member of the KFGA. Rex Rees seconded this, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mid-America Fruit Growers Convention

Mike Gerhardt presented information about the MAFGC location this year and in the coming years. There was general satisfaction with the conference and venue in 2008. In 2009 the conference will be in Columbia, MO as part of the MO Hort Society's 150th anniversary. In 2010, the location remains to be determined, but there was some discussion of going to St. Joseph or returning to the Lied Lodge. It was suggested that the membership could be surveyed about their preference during the membership renewal drive.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ted Carey, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Explanation of Balance Sheet

In 2008 we converted our 2007 net profit, checking and savings account into an additional \$5,000 CD. We now have a total CD value of \$21,193 and that will produce a yearly income of \$1,059.65. The interest income can be used for scholarships and research. We have a total inventory of 245 cooks.

Balance Sheet as of April 23, 2008

Assets

Kansas State Checking Account	\$ 2,631.61
Capitol Federal Acct. CD #5674103	\$ 3,280.26
KSB CD #7750	\$ 5,000.00
KSB CD #7810	\$12,913.16
1120—Cookbook inventory	<u>943.60</u>
Total Current Assets	\$24,768.03

Liabilities & Equity

3900—Retained earnings	\$24,027.84
Net income	<u>\$ 740.19</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$24,768.03

The 2008 Midwest Small Fruit and Grape Guide and the 2008 Midwest Tree Fruit Spray Guide can be ordered from:

http://www.hort.purdue.edu/hort/ext/sfg/sfg_sprayguide.html

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KFGA Awards and Donations

The KFGA is proud to have established Scholarship and Research funds to help support fruit-related educational and research activities in Kansas. The first recipient of the annual Frank D. Morrison Scholarship was named in 2001. Also, in 2001, generous donations were made to both the Scholarship and Research Funds, helping KFGA to build a permanently endowed resource.

Contributors to the KFGA Scholarship and Research Funds

Scholarship Fund

2001	Norris Rees	\$5,000
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Research Fund

2001	Norris Rees	\$2,000
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Recipients of the Frank D. Morrison Scholarship

2001	Jane Sparks	2005	Not awarded
2002	Not awarded	2006	Elizabeth Schrum
2003	John Markham	2007	Not awarded
2004	Esther Miller	2008	Not awarded

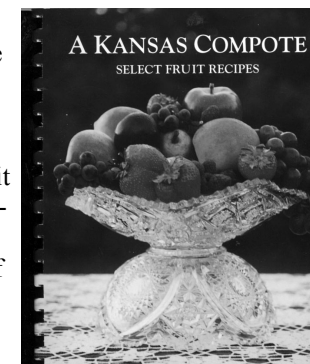
KFGA Cookbook

This cookbook is remarkably different from your usual "run-of-the mill" cookbook. It is very unique and extremely useable with more than 425 recipes from Kansas growers.

It has a large section devoted to preservation of fruit crops that are grown in Kansas with recipes for drying, canning, and making jellies and jams. In addition, it gives the approximate time of availability of various different fruit crops. It has recipes for cookies, pies, cakes, main dishes, appetizers, etc.

The intent of the cookbook is to provide additional funds for the Kansas Fruit Growers Association. It is priced at \$10.00 per copy and members may sell it for whatever price they desire. It also is intended to provide members an outstanding product which they can resell in their respective markets to promote the fruit they grow.

If you would like to have some cookbooks for gifts, your market, or personal use, contact Shannon Rees at (785) 246-3257 reesfruitfarm@aol.com



KFGA Constitution and Bylaws (revised 1997)

Article I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Kansas Fruit Growers Association (KFGA).

Article II: OBJECTIVES

1. To foster and promote fruit growing in the state of Kansas.
2. To distribute timely information and instruction to the membership.
3. To conduct an annual meeting, field trips, and coordinate with other organizations in efforts to increase the skills and knowledge of Kansas fruit growers.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

The membership is open to anyone interested in fruit growing. Two types of membership shall be available.

1. Active Member - Any person actively engaged in fruit production in the state of Kansas. This membership is dues paying and has voting privileges and can sit on committees; one vote per member.
2. Honorary Member - The Executive Committee may nominate to the membership for their vote individuals who have made a significant contribution to fruit growing in Kansas. A majority of 51% of members present at the annual meeting is required to confirm. Honorary members shall be non-voting and no-dues paying, but may be an advisor to committees (ex-officio).

Article IV: OFFICERS

The officers shall be a president, vice president, treasurer, and executive secretary. The officers shall be active members and elected and confirmed by a 51% vote of the membership. The president, vice-president and treasurer shall have a term of two years and may serve no more than two consecutive terms. At the end of their elected term, all records and data collected shall be turned over to the successor. The executive secretary shall have a term of four years and may serve consecutive terms at the pleasure of the membership.

Article V: DIRECTORS

Directors shall be six active members elected and confirmed by a 51% vote of the membership at the annual meeting for a three-year term. Two shall be elected at each annual meeting and two each of the following years.

Article VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall consist of elected officers, the immediate past president, and the directors. The president may call periodical committee meetings that require a quorum of five present to conduct business. It may appoint special committees to arrange and coordinate activities that further the objective of the KFGA.

Article VII: ANNUAL MEETINGS

An annual meeting shall be held within 60 days of December 31 of each year. Members shall be notified as to time, place and proposed program three months prior to the scheduled meeting. An annual business meeting shall be held to review financial reports, discuss activities of the organization, and elect new officers and directors for the coming year by a majority vote of 51% of voting members present.

Article VIII: CONSTITUTION

The organization shall be governed by procedures prescribed by the constitution and bylaws and the latest edition of the Roberts Rules of Order. Any proposed amendments shall be distributed to the membership three months prior to the annual meeting and require a 2/3rds majority vote of the members present to approve of a change.

Article IX: BYLAWS

Membership

All members shall be entitled to attend all functions, meetings, and receive all publications. They may also be informed of details of transactions as the executive committee deems necessary. Membership is automatically cancelled by the non-payment of dues. It may also be rescinded by a 2/3rd vote of members at the annual meeting if in their opinion, a member engaged in conduct that reflected discredit to the organization.

Officers

The President

The President shall preside at all regular meetings, shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee, and recommend to the Executive Committee for approval of special committees as are deemed necessary to further the objectives of the KFGA. The President shall report progress and make recommendations to the membership annually. If an officer is unable to complete their elected term, the President, or in that person's absence, the Vice President, or the Executive Committee, shall appoint a successor to serve until the next annual meeting at which time an election shall be held to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Vice-President

The Vice President shall serve in the absence of the President and shall assist the President when asked and be a member of any special committees. The Vice President shall appraise committee activities to determine if the established objectives are being met.

The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive all dues and special assessments. He shall establish a bank checking account with co-signing authority with the President for the deposit and disbursement of funds necessary to conduct KFGA business. The Treasurer shall also deposit funds not immediately needed in higher interest bearing savings account arrangements. The Treasurer will also maintain a list of members in good standing and report annually of the financial condition of the organization. At the completion of the treasurer's term, signing authority shall be terminated and a closing report shall be furnished to the successor.

The Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary shall keep the official minutes and record of the organization, notify membership of the ongoing activities and concerns of the KFGA, as well as the annual meeting details. The Secretary shall also be a point of contact for information from members, as well as governmental agencies, other like organizations, commercial or research organizations and suppliers.

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the KFGA from annual meeting to annual meeting. In matters of policy, a special meeting of the membership may be called. Their duties include:

1. Arranging and coordinating the annual meeting.
2. Establishing and distributing a newsletter to the membership.
3. Establishing KFGA tours, educational and informational meetings, as well as special meetings.
4. Approve special committees to work with the members of KFGA.
5. Establish as needed "Standing Committees" of a semi-permanent nature to exist until dissolved by the President, such as research and education, legislative, annual meetings, and nominating.
6. Maintain the membership roster.
7. Establish and maintain a file of items of interest to the membership, such as catalogs, items for sale.

Dues

Dues shall be established by the Executive Committee. Any proposal to increase dues shall be presented at the annual meeting for approval by a 51% majority of members voting. Dues are payable no later than January 31, and are not refundable. If dues have not been paid by April 1, the member is not in good standing and all rights and privileges of the membership cease.