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**WORKSHOP IN TONGANOXIE HIGHLIGHTS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR WINTER FEEDING AREAS**

*Tonganoxie, Kansas*—The Leavenworth County Conservation District and the Kansas Rural Center will host a “Best Management Practices for Winter Feeding Areas” workshop at 10 am on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds Administration Building, Tonganoxie. Registration begins at 9:30 am and the free workshop will conclude at approximately 2 pm.

The workshop, organized through the Lower Kansas WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy), features topics related to implementing best management practices (BMPs) that allow farmers and ranchers to reduce input costs and protect water quality.

“Don’t miss this opportunity to gain insight into the needs of our watershed and to become a partner in the solutions to address these needs,” Jerry Wooley, Water Quality Coordinator, Leavenworth County Conservation District, said.

Topics and speakers include:

- Winter Feeding and Grazing, Dale Kirkham, Clean Water Farm Project (CWFP) Field Organizer, Kansas Rural Center (KRC)
- Reducing Hay Waste, Jody Holthaus, Livestock/Natural Resources District Agent, Meadowlark Extension, K-State Research and Extension
- Alternative Feeding Sites and Alternative Watering Systems, Will Boyer, Watershed Specialist, K-State Research and Extension
- Funding and Service Opportunities, Jason Schmidt, CWFP Field Organizer, KRC, and Jerry Wooley, Water Quality Coordinator, Leavenworth County Conservation District

A free lunch is included in the workshop. Door prizes include: 150 feet of geo-textile fabric plus gravel; 150 feet of geo-textile fabric, and an alternative watering site tank.

Sponsors of the workshop are Frontier Farm Credit; Leavenworth County Fair Board; Leavenworth Cooperative Association; Leavenworth County Farm Bureau; K-State Research and Extension; Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams (KAWS); State Conservation Commission (SCC); Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE); Leavenworth County Conservation District and the Kansas Rural Center.

For more information or to RSVP by February 12, please contact Jason Schmidt, with the Kansas Rural Center, at 864-417-0272 or the Leavenworth County Conservation office at 913-682-2133.