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### **KRC Announces Kohlmeier as New Field Organizer**

Whiting, Ks. – The Kansas Rural Center (KRC) is pleased to announce that Lyle Kohlmeier, Strong City, Kansas, has joined KRC as its newest Field Organizer in the Clean Water Farms/WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy) Project.

Lyle will be working primarily in the WRAPS Watersheds in central and southeast Kansas, including: Twin Lakes, Clarks Creek, Neosho Headwaters, Upper Neosho, Melvern, and Marion WRAPS. Lyle will be organizing educational workshops and field days, and working one on one with farmers and ranchers to provide whole farm conservation planning assistance, and assisting watersheds with their cost-share programs.

Lyle comes to KRC after retiring from a long career in USDA NRCS, most recently as Resource Conservationist in the Emporia Area Office. There he worked in 24 counties in southeast Kansas. “We think Lyle's background and experience in Kansas agriculture, federal and state conservation programs, and working with farmers makes him an excellent addition to our staff and the WRAPS watershed process,” stated Mary Fund, Acting KRC Director. “Lyle retired from NRCS but will continue to put his years of experience to work with farmers and ranchers.” Lyle joins other KRC part-time field staff Dale Kirkham, Eureka, Ks., Mary Howell, Frankfort, Ks., and Ed Reznicek, Goff, Ks

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