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A presenter shares information to a group of local farmers during last year's FACT conference.

FACT Conference to provide critical insight

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The 11th annual Farmers, Agriculture, Conservation and Technology Conference will include many hot topics and an exciting line-up of speakers.

This year's conference will take place Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seward County Activity Center, and among the topics producers can learn about are:

- o Passing on the Family Farm;
- o Biofuel Feedstock Production in the Great Plains;
- o 2008 Farm Bill updates;
- o Changes in Soil Strength as a Result of Crop Rotation in No-Till;
- o Immigration Issues;
- o Farm Loans;
- o Weed Control;
- o Food, Feed and Fuel;
- o A Winning Combination for Farmers and Consumers;
- o Irrigation Incentives; and
- o Many tillage issues.

A keynote speaker for this year's conference is Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Adrian Polanski.

"It is an honor to have the secretary come to our area and speak," said Seward County K-State agent Mike Hanson in a recent issue of the extension's newsletter. "We have a line up of speakers from extension services in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado as well as presenters from the banking and agriculture industry. We feel that we have our topics to help answer questions on some of today's most pressing issues."

Other featured speakers include

- o Gene Pflughoft of Grant County Economic Development;
- o Dr. Chad Godsey of Oklahoma State University;
- o Dr. Scott Staggenborg of Kansas State University;
- o Dr. Jason Warren of Oklahoma State University;
- o Dr. Barney Gordon of Kansas State University;
- o Denise Smith of Synergy Inc.;

- o Bob Hiss, investment advisor;
  - o Rick Kochenhowe of OK Panhandle Research & Extension;
  - o Jere White of the Kansas Corn Growers Association;
  - o Dr. Troy Dumler of Kansas State University;
  - o Dr. Tom Robb of Abengoa Bioenergy;
  - o Dr. Randal Taylor of Oklahoma State University; and
  - o Mike Groene of Brothers Equipment Company;
- Hanson encouraged everyone to attend the conference. To register and for more information, go to [www.gpa.notill.org/](http://www.gpa.notill.org/) or call 624-5604.

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