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New Commissioners Elected to Kansas Commodity Commissions

MANHATTAN, Kansas — The Kansas Department of Agriculture has announced the results of elections for the state’s five grain commodity commissions — corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat. These elections took place in Districts VII, VIII, and IX in the eastern region of the state.

Kansas Corn Commission

District VII: Griff Howard, Hiawatha

District VIII: JD Hanna, Silver Lake

District IX: Chad Epler, Columbus

Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission

District VII: No candidates ran for commissioner. The Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission will appoint this position.

District VIII: Kevin Kniebel, White City

District IX: Nicole Small, Neodesha

Kansas Soybean Commission

District VII: Gary Robbins, Emmett

District VIII: Robert Haselwood, Berryton

District IX: Michael Froebe, Mound Valley

Kansas Sunflower Commission

No candidates ran for commissioner in Districts VII, VIII, or IX. The Kansas Sunflower Commission will appoint these positions.

Kansas Wheat Commission

Districts VII, VIII, IX: Nathan Larson, Riley

Commodity commissions are grower-led organizations committed to supporting the economic viability of their industries and fostering continuous improvement in their respective commodities. Commissioners serve three-year terms, which will begin on April 1, 2025. They oversee how check-off funds are invested in areas of market development, education, promotion, and research.

For more information on Kansas commodity commissions, including voter registration and the candidate petition process, please visit the Kansas Department of Agriculture website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/CommodityCommissions

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