

News column – week of April 27, 2026
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Recognition of Post Rock Extension District wheat demonstration plot cooperators during National Volunteer Month!

Volunteers are an essential part to the everyday success of rural communities and the agriculture industry. These supporters devote their time, skills and energy to provide services and programs in our communities.

The Post Rock Extension District's Wheat Demonstration Plot program would not be possible without our continued and generous producers and their dedicated time for the program. The program provides producers information about specific wheat varieties as well as the growing conditions during the growing season along with disease and insect concerns and issues as well as fertilizer management. The variety plots provide a visual demonstration of how crop varieties perform in a particular area of the state along with yield potential of that variety. This is known as "seeing is believing! Producers who observe the demonstrations and the latest methods or practices, then may apply them to their own situations. Producers can then compare the yield data from the many K-State Research and Extension experiment fields across the state of Kansas, to this local yield data, in selecting the most adaptive and productive wheat varieties.

On May 21, 2026, we will holding a tour of each of the three wheat plot locations in Jewell, Mitchell, and Smith counties with 21 different wheat varieties in each of the demonstration plots. Our 2026 Post Rock Extension District wheat cooperators include Justin Angleton and Jason Ryan, Jewell County; Mike and Gregg Jordan, Mitchell County; along with Art and Linda Befort for Smith County. We certainly would like to thank these cooperators and recognize them for their continued commitment to our Post Rock Extension District wheat demonstration plot program!

If you have more questions or would like to volunteer for a wheat demonstration plot, stop by or give me a call at any of our Post Rock Extension District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne, or Smith Center. This is Sandra Wick, K-State Research and Extension, Post Rock District Crop Production Agent, have a great day!

