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### **WRAPS Tours Set for August 23 and 24 in Jewell and Clay Center**

Strategies to restore and protect the quality of water in the lower Republican watershed and Milford Reservoir will be the focus of two workshops and tours to be held August 23 in Jewell County and August 24 in Clay County.

The Jewell County Tour will be August 23 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Jewell Community Building. Programs for the day will be an overview of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) Program, crop buffer strips, cover crops, no-till wheat strategies, and livestock feeding area buffer strips. Demonstrations will include no-till, guidance systems, precision ag, and a livestock trailer washout facility. The day will include a discussion and tour of the improvements at the Jewell City Lake.

The Clay County Tour will be August 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the 4-H Conference Center located on the Clay County Fairgrounds in Clay Center. Programs for the day include an overview of the WRAPS program, factors and decisions in relocating livestock winter feeding facilities, livestock windbreaks, crop buffer strip design and benefits, no-till crop considerations, and a look under the soil surface in a soil pit. Demonstrations will include no-till, precision ag and guidance systems.

Each tour will include a free BBQ Beef or pork meal. There is no cost to participate but registrations are limited to bus capacity so register early to reserve your spot on the tour.

Reservations are due by Friday, August 19 by calling the Jewell County Conservation District at 785-378-3961, the Clay County Conservation District at 785-632-3550, or the River Valley Extension District at 785-632-5335. Reservations may be made via e-mail to [jforshee@ksu.edu](mailto:jforshee@ksu.edu).

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