



New Staff Positions at Kansas USDA Rural Development

The USDA Rural Development State Office in Kansas has announced two new staff members. They are Kent Evans and Jessica Bowser. Evans serves as the Community Programs Director and Bowser serves as the Public Information Coordinator.

L.D. “Kent” Evans is a 1991 graduate of C. E. Murray High School, Greeleyville, South Carolina, and a 1996 graduate of South Carolina State University. He has worked for the USDA Rural Development for more than seventeen years, most of those years in South Carolina.

Evans’ lifetime dream has been to return to his community and become a “change agent”, one who truly gives back to his community in service and action. He moved back home and began working at the Williamsburg County USDA Office in December 2007. Since returning, Evans was elected as the District 3 Representative for Williamsburg County School Board, where he was initially sworn in as secretary and ultimately left as School Board Chair.

He has a positive vision for communities in Kansas, and he looks forward to collaborating with all stakeholders to ensure a better quality of life in Rural Kansas. Evans believes that hard work, dedication and a solid education will lead to one’s success.

He has two sons, Lorenval Evans II and Cornelius Kent Evans. He attended New Beginning Christian Church, in the Santee-Sutton Community of South Carolina, and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.



L.D. “Kent” Evans

Jessica Bowser grew up on a small farm outside of Holton, KS. She graduated from Kansas State University in 2004 with a bachelor’s degree in agricultural communications and journalism. In 2006, she completed her master’s degree in agricultural education from Iowa State University.

Bowser began her career working for Monsanto as an Agronomic Information Specialist covering Monsanto producer relations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. In 2008, she began working for the Kansas Department of Agriculture as a Rural Development and Outreach Coordinator working with specialty crop producers, renewable energy, and leading the department’s outreach efforts. In 2010, she began her career with USDA, which was a life-long dream. She worked for the Natural Resource Conservation Service as a Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator, and then transferred to her current position with USDA Rural Development in April 2011.

Bowser and her husband, Nicholas, own a farm in Mayetta, KS., where they raise corn, soybeans, sunflowers, wheat, cattle and hogs.



Jessica Bowser

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