
High Plains Farm Credit Customer Shares Homegrown Products with Lawmakers in Washington, D.C.

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As part of a national Farm Credit Marketplace on November 15, 2023, KCK Farms from Anthony, Kansas brought beef sticks to Washington, D.C.

The Marketplace was the centerpiece of Farm Credit's legislative fly-in aimed to educate Members of Congress how Farm Credit fulfills its mission to support rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services.

KCK Farms' beef sticks was part of nearly 100 Farm Credit-supported products from across the country. Katie & Gregg Carothers are fourth-generation farmers in south central Kansas. The Carothers relationship with High Plains Farm Credit began in 2018 as Gregg and Katie utilized the Young, Beginning, Small farmer program to meet the needs of their growing operation. But KCK Farms doesn't stop at the farm gate. In addition to their exceptional farm-fresh proteins available through their direct-to-consumer retail farm business, they offer an array of services. In 2021, the Butcher's Block, a processing facility for chicken, pork and lamb was added with capital procured through financing programs offered by High Plains Farm Credit. Katie said, "We just told High Plains Farm Credit our needs and they made it work." The Butcher's Block is a testament to craftsmanship, and is now providing custom lamb and hog processing, ensuring even more delicious and responsibly sourced choices for their community. A store front was added in 2023, allowing direct customer sales in addition to the widely successful online shopping experience.

Beyond meat and poultry, KCK Farms offers freeze-dried goods, capturing the essence of their farm's bounty for on-the-go convenience. Locally grown flowers from their land bring beauty and vibrancy to homes. And for those seeking companionship, they even offer golden doodle puppies. And you can even take it all in with a stay at their premier on-farm cabin experience!

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