



The Kerr Center

for Sustainable Agriculture

Fall, 2019

Dear Friend,

On farms and ranches across the state and nation, as fall turns to winter, crops are in the soil. Some are seeds waiting to sprout. Some are shoots and roots already forming a protective blanket over the soil for the winter. All are readying the ground for the promise of spring's growth.

We've planted the seeds of our own programs through the coming year and beyond. Your support at this critical moment will help them flourish.

Farmers don't grab a bag of seeds at random when they head to the fields to sow. Rather, they plan ahead, to know what they'll be harvesting and why. In the same way, we try to give you as clear an idea as possible of how we use your generous donations.

In 2020, as we carry on our educational mission, we'll be expanding and deepening our work with...

...market gardening:

After a careful search, we've hired a new Education/Horticulture Program Manager, clearing the way for the horticulture program to grow. In 2020, look for an expanded schedule of workshops and trainings. You can also expect to see more videos on our website, along with other educational postings from a sustainable gardening angle.

In addition, we'll be expanding the range of equipment demonstrations on the horticulture farm. Coming soon, a 38 horsepower four-wheel tractor will appear alongside the popular BCS walk-behind tractor. This will let us showcase a wider range of the options available for managing small-scale market gardens in our region.

...small-scale ranching:

We're setting aside a 270-acre area of the ranch to be managed on its own. The size of many Oklahoma spreads, this area will offer a clear and understandable demonstration of the options available to ranchers at that scale. It's also close to the office and headquarters, for easy access to visitors, and visible to passers-by on the highway.

...neighbors and partners:

We know we can't be all things to all people. When others are already doing good work, rather than trying to duplicate it, we pitch in and support it.

For instance, we proudly support the **sustainable agriculture track of the annual Horticulture Industries Show**. HIS returns to Oklahoma in 2020, enabling us to spread the word about sustainable agriculture to a broad audience from around the region.

Your contributions now will help nourish these and many other facets of our educational outreach in the coming year.

Please consider investing with us in the future of sustainable agriculture.

Sincerely,

President and CEO

Please see reverse for a mail-in donation form, or donate securely online at www.kerrcenter.com.



Friends of the Kerr Center

2020

Your contribution is important to the future of sustainable agriculture!

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Together, we can continue Kerr Center's great progress through:

- **A farm and ranch** where visitors and students can see and learn sustainable practices
- **Conservation projects** that benefit wildlife and endangered pollinators
- Meaningful **research** that helps farmers and ranchers improve their land, profits and quality of life
- **Field days, conferences and workshops**
- A **comprehensive website**, www.kerrcenter.com, providing evidence-based answers so producers can improve their practices and profitability
- Newsletter and **educational publications**



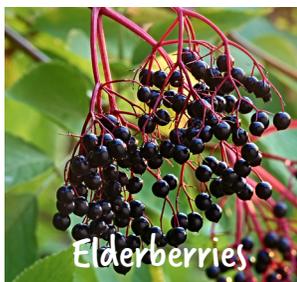
2019 Elderberry Workshop

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Won't you help us continue this exciting forward momentum?

Every single gift, no matter the size, will go to provide education to farmers and ranchers.



New publication added to our extensive agricultural resource library

Small-Scale Gardening Technology

This publication relates the Kerr Center's experiences with small-scale farming and gardening tools during a decade of bio-extensive management on the Cannon Horticulture Plots.

Tools evaluated include spades, digging forks, broadforks, hoes, soil rakes, cultivators, hay rakes, and wheel hoes.

2019 DONATION APPEAL

Please give what you can. We appreciate your support!

Yes, I/We want to support the programs of the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture at the following level (check enclosed):

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