# 2025 KDS RECIPIENTS

## KELSEY WENDLING

**Kansas Tourism**

**8-5: Agritourism Program Manager**

**Biography:** A proud native Kansan, Kelsey grew up in Wichita and has enjoyed living in communities across the state from Hays to Lyndon and many places in between. She joined the Kansas Tourism team in 2021 as the Agritourism Program Manager, working with farmers, ranchers, and producers to help share their stories and highlight the unique ways agriculture welcomes visitors and strengthens rural communities.

Kelsey is passionate about the agriculture industry and loves nothing more than visiting agritourism operations, connecting with producers, and experiencing firsthand the joy and hospitality that define Kansas.

**What do you like best about Kansas Tourism?** "What I like most about Kansas tourism is how it connects visitors to our rural communities and the heart of agriculture. Agritourism gives people the chance to step onto a working farm or ranch, hear directly from producers, and experience the genuine passion Kansans have for what they do. It's more than just an activity it's an opportunity for visitors to understand our state's roots and leave with a deeper appreciation for Kansas and the people who call it home."

