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From Llamas to Lodging

My brother in law that resides in Connecticut, is always dreaming up ways for us to make more money on the farm. One year, after he had been to a series of funerals, thought we should start a cemetery. In an effort to educate him, I signed him up for some free Ag publications. Then came the question, “do your calves have scores”. All I could think of was when baby humans get the Apgar score at birth.

My sister, native to our language, interpreted, “he means scours”. We had a good chuckle about that one!

If you’ve ever thought about exploring the possibilities of an ag-based business. There is a great opportunity coming to Topeka. The program is entitled, “From Llamas to Lodging”, it is going to be held in Topeka at the Ravenwood Lodge, February 28th from 9 to 4.

A wealth of knowledge will be shared from leading experts on Agritourism, zoning, environmental considerations, hydroponic greenhouses, Gary’s Berries, The Harveyville Project, Ravenwood Lodge and much more.

You can learn what resources are available to you from the Kansas Department of Ag, How to develop a business plan from the Kansas Small Business Development Center, even available loans.

The registration is \$25 before February 10. Registrations are available at Shawnee.k-state.edu.

You’ve seen some of these home grown businesses, u-pick berry farms, pumpkin patches, vineyards and wineries, meat goats, alpacas, barns with stall rentals, and barns marketed as wedding venues. The only limit is your creativity!