Keith VanSkike was in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Era. He received his Bachelors in Animal Production and Masters in Animal Behavior Science from Kansas State University. He is married to his loving wife Karen and together they have three boys. Josh who works for Syngenta Genetics in Seward, Nebraska. Luke who works at the Sebelius Reservoir for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Their youngest is Jacob who is a music and youth minister in Rochester, Minnesota. All in all they have 6 wonderful grandkids ages 1 to 8 years old.

As an agent for over 40 years, Keith has focused his educational program on plant disease and insect issues, water quality, and natural resource management. Over the years, Keith's work has emphasized wheat management, particularly for producers making the decision for wheat fungicides and wheat varieties. Keith is known for his vast knowledge of horticulture and pest issues specific to Northwest Kansas and helps hundreds of homeowners each year. Aside from agricultural efforts, Keith also thoroughly enjoys his work with youth and the local 4-H program.

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