



Thanks to the 2020 Kansas Ag Heroes!

Dr. Fadi Aramouni

Dr. Fadi Aramouni has been a long-time advocate of value-added foods producers in Kansas, including From the Land of Kansas members, and the Kansas food safety community. He and his program have provided a tremendous service to all Kansas food businesses. He has helped multiple businesses with food product development, process authority, nutritional labeling and regulatory compliance to only name a few. His vast knowledge in this sector has helped businesses weather recalls, find new equipment and source products. Other State Departments of Agriculture always tell us how lucky we are that we have such a great food processing authority at our fingertips. They wish they had someone local to send their businesses too.



Then, COVID-19 happened and overnight there were many companies that needed and wanted to start selling directly to consumers. Dr. Fadi worked to get the Value Added Food Lab approved as an essential business so he could keep testing products, doing nutritional labels, etc. so Kansas businesses could make sure their products were safe and get the products into consumers hands. Having an expert to help them thru the process and making sure they were approved to sell to consumers was an important task that Dr. Fadi tackled. He always took calls and worked hard to process all requests quickly so Kansas food companies could keep selling.

Thus, for all these reasons and more, we feel Dr. Fadi Aramouni has been an everyday hero for years for the agricultural community and only more so during COVID-19.