

## Introduction for Ron Wilson

Ron Wilson is a cowboy poet with rural Kansas roots. He grew up on the Lazy T Ranch near Manhattan, Kansas.

Ron has a B.S. in Agricultural Education with an animal science specialty and a masters in mass communications from Kansas State University. He was legislative assistant for agriculture to Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum in Washington D.C.

He worked for the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and the Farm Credit Bank of Wichita. Since 1990, Ron has been director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at K-State.

Ron, his wife Chris, and family live on the family ranch near Manhattan. Ron and Chris have a daughter born in 1992 and triplet children, two boys and a girl, born in May 1998.

He has published two books of cowboy poetry and a CD, won first place at the Kansas Cowboy Symposium in Dodge City, has performed poetry at national and international meetings, appeared on RFD-TV, was named Horizon Award winner by the Heartland Chapter of the Academy of Western Artists, and was proclaimed by the Governor of Kansas as A Poet Lariat.®

Please welcome Ron Wilson.