

## **What food system opportunities exist in Kansas that need investment?**

Conservation! Soil, Water & Air quality

Invest in Extension

Double Up Food Bucks

Succession Planning

Permenant Farmers Market Location

Development of Local Food Hubs for Collaboration between growers/producers

Production - especially small & mid-sized farms

Some of state funding goes to school meals providing local foods

Need for education about healthy eating & impacts for all socioeconomic classes

Increased support for rural food system infrastructure

Increased support for state level Food & Ffarm Council/Coalition

Increased opportunities to help farmers markets produce & other value added products

Lawrence needs funding for permanent makers space

Grocery stores (co-op) in rural/urban food deserts

Community kitchen (incubator?) for processing

cooperative housing development in small towns

Rural communities need financial & market support to allow producers to access markets they can't reach individually but might be able to collectively.

Increased policy maker support for local food systems development

Cooperative development

marketing professional/legal & financial advisor @ county/regional level who can support local food entrepreneurs

Food waste diversion infrastructure

Investment in soil health and sustainability

Community composting intitatives

Collaboration w/ research, KU, K-State, Extension, etc.

Sustainability growth

Quality of life

Local grocery stores

Food aggregaion & distribution to make small producers/sellers viable

Human capital - Invest in food policy leadership and advocacy skill development so that resident stakeholders can craft lasting, high-impact solutions.

Education & hands-on work for high school to promote agriculture to future generations

Education about importance & value of local food

Communication channels that reach all populations - senior to youth

Partnerships of the "unusual voices"

Food Access

Food Deserts

Rural grocery stores

Disposal & reuse of uneaten food: getting corporate & public sectors trained, educated, and motivated to reduce food wast through composting, reuse, portion control, etc., etc.

Rural Broadband internet

Teaching facilities for KSU College of Agriculture

Distribution Centers

Continued education targeted within the entire community

Farmers market food coupons for seniors

Investment in Electronic Communication technology - broadband etc. for rural Kansas

Food waste reduction/recycling/composting

Investments in relationships between sectors

Improved processing and distribution channels for local growers

Small farm specialty crop production - needs to be promoted in schools as a viable career model

More local meat processors

SNAP at farmers markets

Need for increased awareness of what healthy eating is & how to increase personal health

Opportunities exist at every level. In the more populated urban areas - better collaboration & coordination between county and community would be helpful

Training direct support workers in healthy food preparation for those in their care

I am working with the Kansas Alliance for Wellness to produce relevant trainings statewide food policy councils (among other things)

Rural groceries utilizing locally-based supplier-farmers and mobility/delivery options to other towns

Fares, Producers, Community Gardens

KC Food Hub

Mobile & local farmers markets

Growing Growers Program @ CEC & @ LaHarpe where young adults learn about growing produce

Education/Training and capital support for new farmers

### **What are your goals for your community and Kansas?**

Community to be healthy physically, mentally, financially, and socially so that my grandsons will one day farm the land currently in our family.

to have a socially just and ecologically sustainable livelihood for farmers

For Wyandotte County residents to have access to healthy/fresh foods and want to eat them

Local farm & food marketing assistance education program

higher-paying, secure and self-determined jobs - Economic Democracy

Creating partnerships across the state to connect food systems

Connected FPCs across the state

Fresh, local, affordable food that makes a living wage for the producer

create meaningful & living wage job opportunities

Local food as part of current community development process/effort

Statewide local food coordinator

Help GKCFPC discern economic impacts of local food sales @ fm and via nutrition assistance programs

Improved access to healthy food for all members of community - inclusiveness, equity around local food

No sales tax on groceries

robust distribution system that encompasses rural & urban communities

Economic self-sufficiency

Income equality across all demographics

Permenant Lawrence farmers market location and structure  
Create connection between groups that might not ormlaly communicate but would benefit each other - for example, connection KU's Ecology dept. to local food & garden groups via Common Ground  
Build increased capacity for rural food systems - we strive to feed th eworld, why can we not feed ourselves?  
Help Commodity growers diversify  
Approach city council assist in policy as stakeholder regarding urban farming  
Higher reach in different food systems/projects  
Healthy, happy, productive people proud to be from Kansas!  
Affordable & Accessible produce for residents  
Functional FPC  
Supportive culture for entrepreneurs  
more regional efforts to build food systems - collaboration, mutually reinforcing activities  
Build food policy councils' capacity for adaptive leadership and policy, systems, and environmental change  
incorporate a standart 'local' symbol for KS to share product source  
understand how to communicate the market opportunities for part time farmers in my region  
More regional collaboration in order to boost each other up and keep things KS local (regional mobil market in NCK, too!)  
Healthy citizens  
Vibrant community - filled w/ Arts, access to healthy, local food, safe community  
To strengthen KS' reputation as a great place to live and work  
All community members have a seat at the table.  
Better access to food with an emphasis on economic development  
Preserve contiguous agriculture acreage  
Eliminating food deserts/swamps in KS  
To continue to grow to be a safe place to live  
To be a great place to raise a family  
Increase access to affordable fresh food & provide economic development opportunities  
Through the Kansas Legislature, create a professor and food systems economist position at the KS Dept. of Agriculture - Donn Teske  
Functioning FPC  
Better educated community & need for healthy eating  
Embraced diversity  
Achieving full and equitable access to healthy nutritious foods, no matter who you are or where you live/work  
To be a place proud to grow vegetables  
Improved access to healthy foods for all people  
To build state capacity for local foods procurement (institutional purchasing, food service, healthy vending)  
Lower sales tax  
municipal compost  
Food recovery for hungry

To create opportunities for all citizens to have access to healthy, affordable foods through sustainable, local ag. And keeping resources local.

Promote & improve economic opportunities in Republic County & the region

Stability & growth

Progressive forward-looking & proud

Increasing accessibility of local, whole & organic food to low-income families

A thriving community that maintains its population and can support good jobs

Healthier people!

Aggregated communications system so that communities can be informed of each others' work

Visionary leadership

robust social services

sustainable locally-owned businesses

Established fpc

Help food insecure areas

Education!

Capacity enhancement for individuals who make the choice to be involved

Sustainability (Eco, Enviro, Social) for perpetuity

Develop systemized networks of non-monetized exchange among community members - such as mutual labor exchange, shared equipment, community potlucks

Functional food system that operates regionally to meet the needs of consumers & producers

Increased infrastructure for distributing non-commodity crops (especially in rural KS)

Increased support & education on growing specialty crops

### **What are you doing next to Harvest Opportunity in Kansas?**

Connect local food policy councils across KS to one another to be able to share best practices and lessons learned

Encourage food policy councils across KS to engage in adopting food service guidelines in the public sector (agencies, parks, schools, institutions, etc)

Promote access to financial information classes for new/struggling farmers - "Understanding Financing and Taxes = Success"

Engage with people across my county to learn more about how we can best address the food desert in my county

Involve community leadership/stakeholders in what we do

Work with Extension Staff on this issue

[Kansashealthyfood.org](http://Kansashealthyfood.org) - provide funding to increase access to healthy foods & business opportunities in KS communities

Hold a workshop in Northeast KS on integrating specialty crop production & marketing into a traditional organic grain, forage & beef cattle operation

Collaborate with partners on additional strategies for impact on food systems throughout KS

Engage with Reno County food producers to know what they need to reach our residents

Working on NIFA grant to develop educational pathways for sustainable ag production in KS

Sharing summer local food sourcing guide with Summer Meal Program administration

Take ideas from deep dive for 1) Statwide policy group, & ) Votek farmers as ecol (sp?) to colleagues

Including more local food economics in my curriculum to enlighten KS students

Strengthen leadership & engagement in FPC

Increase accessibility to low income families by proposing the CSA I work for implement SNAP machines

I'm going to talk about this work like it matters, because it does!

Partner & promote KS Healthy Food Initiative

Find more ways to connect and partner with community foundations

Chat with MCDS in McPerson - give them some healthy, easy recipes for staff to prepare

Promote food policy committee with County Commissioners

Using the Harvesting Opp how-to modules and other resources to measure local food impacts in KS - highlight these in 2018 Farm Bill advocacy

County assessment mapping & visit with other resource providers outside of eco-devo - Resources are solid

Hound my rural partners on what they need

Review my County's comprehensive plan

Actively engage in our FPC

Educate myself

Continue searching for Lawrence Farmers Market permanent location and structure

Learn more about my local comprehensive plan including food planning. Then see what can be improved

Comp Plan

Advocate for inclusion of rural (really) communities to be part of the discussion

Encouraging active duty soldiers and veterans to consider farming as a vocation &/or therapy

Developing relationships in community to develop well-functioning FPC - get varied voices to the table

Sell some vegetables

I want to convince our commissioners of the importance of investing in our food system

Nutrition lessons & cooking classes in cooperation w/ local farmers market demonstrating how to use local produce and the importance of good nutrition

Inform colleagues & others of the value that exists in moving local food opportunity forward. I also will be looking at additional information to clarify some of the info/stats received today.

I will invite Helen & staff of DoCo Sustainability office to speak at a chamber event

We will begin speaking to ourselves (farmers) as agents of community development so that it reflects in our speech, actions, & biz direction. We have to believe it of ourselves before we can change others.

Develop list of Qs for citizens to ask candidates Qs (on local food systems) before 2018 election

Encourage conversation between KU Ecology members and community gardens. Learn more about Sunrise composting programs & figure out best implementation strategies with my community garden

Involve local food policy council

Invite Misty Lechner to be the featured speaker at the Allen County Farm Bureau Annual Mtg. in August to share about local food initiatives

I want to re-engage community members in the conversation about our food system as a whole

Follow-up with Becca to ask more questions about local food economics to help inform

Help plan food & farm conference

Support my local farmers & other businesses

Leave a legacy with my work as a summer intern to help with North Central Kansas' Community Food Assessment and continue to build regional networks as I start my masters degree in Minnesota

A KS Farmers Union & KSCAAC sponsored multi-July tours on outside-the-box agriculture - Donn Teske

