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Community Food Solutions Initiative

Feeding Kansas

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GOAL

Engaged, healthy communities across the state and a Kansas food and farming system that will increase our residents' access to and consumption of healthy food.

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How We Get There

Empower Kansans to take the lead in advancing new and identified public policy and actions that better incorporate the state's farms and ranches into the supply chain thereby improving Kansas's economy, community, environment, and health status.

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Community Food Solutions for a Healthier Kansas

2013-2016

Feeding Kansas: Statewide Farm & Food System Assessment with a Plan for Public Action



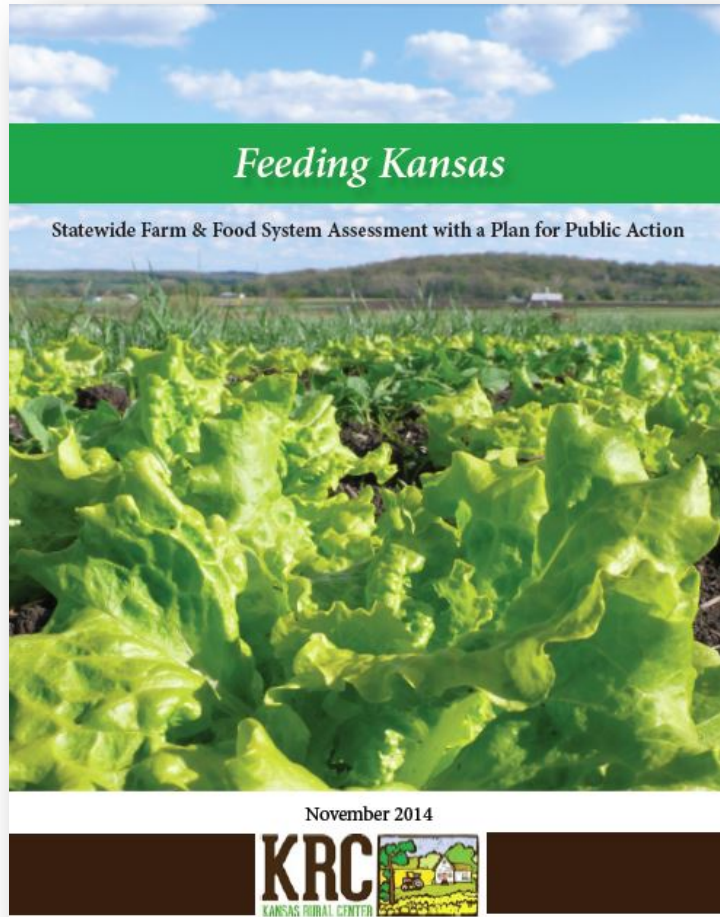
Community Food Solutions: Civic Agriculture for Civic Health in Kansas

2016-2019

Fuel positive mobilization & change that connects health to agriculture in Kansas

Focus on needs of specific regions and sectors

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1. Partner Engagement
2. Feeding Kansas Report & Plan for Action
3. Educate & Advocate

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A word cloud of terms related to rural farming and agriculture. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with larger words being more prominent. The terms include:

- Remote
- generosity
- Stinky
- Peaceful
- Farming**
- Small
- Processing
- Great Corn
- sandhills
- Comfort
- Rural
- sunrise
- homey
- farm
- dry, hot
- Rural**
- forgot
- work
- Worship
- Diversity
- Fruitful
- love
- Place
- grain
- Cattle**
- Sky
- Fun
- Good
- space
- spacious
- Distance
- home
- Dying
- Ever
- Ember
- Wholesome
- peace
- Flat**
- ranching
- prairie
- Best
- people
- arid
- Open
- western
- others
- dusty
- area
- boring
- livestock
- Resources
- Folks
- unique
- comfortable
- safe
- Poor
- Midwest
- desert
- Cows
- Meat
- friends
- isolated
- Family**
- treeless
- towns
- USA
- feedlots
- conservative
- Sunsets
- Farms
- relaxed
- together
- Resourceful
- Free
- Wind**
- Sun
- waves
- Desolate
- Beautiful
- Farmland
- Hot windy**
- America
- Community**
- growing

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Purpose:

Tool to help farms, communities, businesses, and other food, farm & health advocates provide access to more locally produced fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains, and proteins. And increase availability of these foods in retail and home settings for all Southwest Kansans.

Coalesce the many food and farm systems activities in the region and state, provide context for stakeholders, encourage networking, expand connections and partner with new individuals who may have similar interests and needs.

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Farm & Food System Assessment with a roadmap for Public Action

- Snapshot of history, immigration, Industrial & local food system, and food access
- Stories
- Roadmap of connections and collaborations
- Recommendations for continued dialogue, policies, public action

Other Food & Farm Systems Reports & Recommendations

- Local Food and Farm Task Force (2015)
- Local Food and Farm Task Force (2016)
- KDA Ag Summit Outcomes (2016)
- Several Local/County Level Food Systems Reports



CHAIRPERSON: Ron Brown (Ft. Scott)

OTHER MEMBERS: Senator Dan Kerschen (Garden Plain), Representative Adam Lusker (Frontenac), David Coltrain (Garden City), Cary L. Rivard (Olathe), Loren Swenson (Concordia), Annarose White (Wellington), and ex officio member Senator Tom Hawk (Manhattan).

STATUTORY DIRECTIVE: The Local Food and Farm Task Force shall prepare a Local Food and Farm Plan containing policy and funding recommendations for expanding and supporting local food systems and for assessing and overcoming obstacles necessary to increase locally grown food production.

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