



# LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS

## Virtual Town Hall

April 26, 2023  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**K-STATE**  
Research and Extension

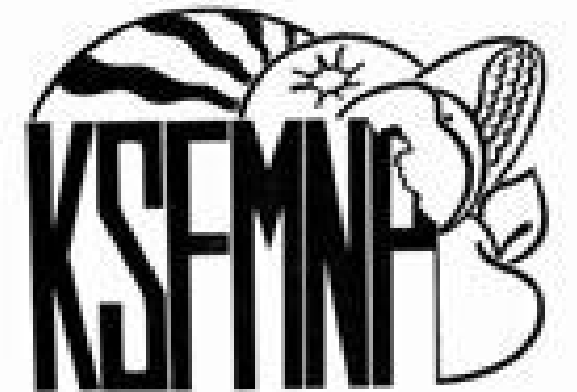
- 1) Five minute presentations by:
  - 1) Kansas Department of Health- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program update
  - 2) National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition- farm bill and local food systems
  - 3) Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center- local food systems-related projects
  - 4) Mid-Continent Public Library- recap of Food Business Conference held in March 2023
  
- 2) Open discussion about upcoming/ ongoing local food systems-related grants in KS:
  - a. KSRE USDA Regional Food Systems Program grant
  - b. Any others that would like to share
  
- 3) Brief announcements of upcoming local food systems events/initiatives in Kansas
  
- 4) Evaluation

– NOTE: Recordings and slides posted at: [www.rrc.k-state.edu/localfoods/index.html](http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/localfoods/index.html)

# Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Update

Courtney Koenig, KDHE

[Courtney.Koenig@ks.gov](mailto:Courtney.Koenig@ks.gov)



# The Farm Bill & Local Food

Sarah Hackney, Coalition Director  
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition  
[shackney@sustainableagriculture.net](mailto:shackney@sustainableagriculture.net)

# Hello! What/who is NSAC and why are we here?



NSAC: a grassroots alliance of 130+ member organizations (and hundreds more partners and allies) from around the country working together to improve federal food & farm policy for over 30 years!

**Kansas Rural Center is a coalition member, and Kansas farmers and food systems folks have a big role to play in the 2023 Farm Bill!**



## What is the Farm Bill?

About every five years, Congress develops a massive piece of legislation known as the “**farm bill**” which sets the ‘rules of the road’ for our nation’s food and farm system.

The farm bill contains policies, programs, and funding – everything from rules around who is eligible for a farm loan to funding for food assistance for low-income families.

# What's it Mean to be "IN" the Farm Bill?



- For included programs, the Farm Bill details things like:
  - ▣ Overall program 'authorization'
  - ▣ Definitions
  - ▣ Eligibility
  - ▣ Priorities
  - ▣ Funding (sometimes)
  - ▣ And more...

*Congress authorizes, USDA implements*

# HOW DOES FARM BILL SPENDING BREAK DOWN?

TOTAL: \$428 BILLION

**CONSERVATION, 7%**

Example: Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

**COMMODITIES, 7%**

Example: Whole Farm Revenue Protection Program (Whole Farm)

**CROP INSURANCE, 9%**

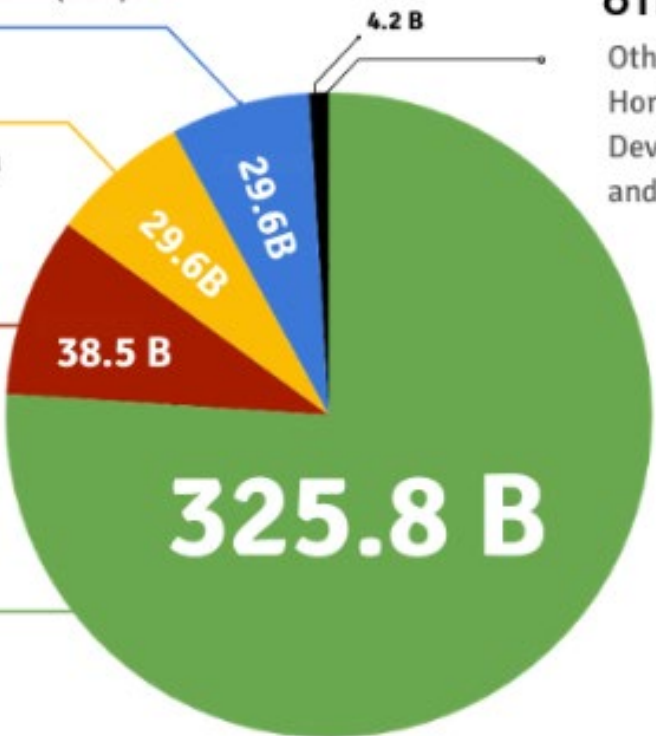
Example: Price Loss Coverage Program

**NUTRITION, 76%**

Example: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

**OTHER, 1%**

Other includes Miscellaneous, Horticulture, Forestry, Rural Development, Credit, Research, and everything else







EACH AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
DRAFTS, AMENDS, AND VOTES ON  
ITS OWN VERSION OF THE BILL



# Path to A New Farm Bill



EACH FULL CHAMBER ("THE  
FLOOR") DEBATES, AMENDS, AND  
VOTES ON THE BILL FROM ITS  
RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE



LEADERS FROM THE HOUSE AND SENATE,  
INCLUDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS, FORM A  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO COMBINE  
THE BILLS



THE FULL CHAMBERS ("THE  
FLOOR") VOTE ON THE  
COMBINED FINAL BILL



THE FINAL BILL IS SENT TO THE  
WHITE HOUSE FOR THE  
PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE





## Farm Bill Priorities: Just a Few of Many

- ❑ Tackle the climate crisis, including through expanded working lands conservation programs and accelerating the adoption of practices that reduce emissions and build resilience to changing weather patterns.
- ❑ Invest increased funding in and expand support for key local and regional food systems programs & infrastructure – for example, food hubs, farmers markets, livestock processing, marketing, food safety needs, and more.
- ❑ Advance stronger racial equity priorities across all USDA programs, including access to credit and land, for producers too long left out, especially farmers of color.
- ❑ Address needed structural reforms around crop insurance, commodity subsidies, and more to ensure fair competition and reduce consolidation.

# Local Food System Town Hall

April 26, 2023



WICHITA STATE  
UNIVERSITY

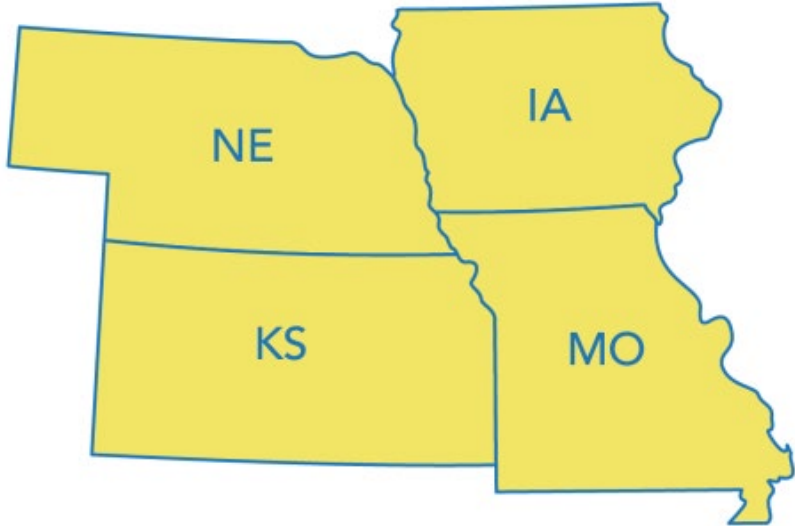
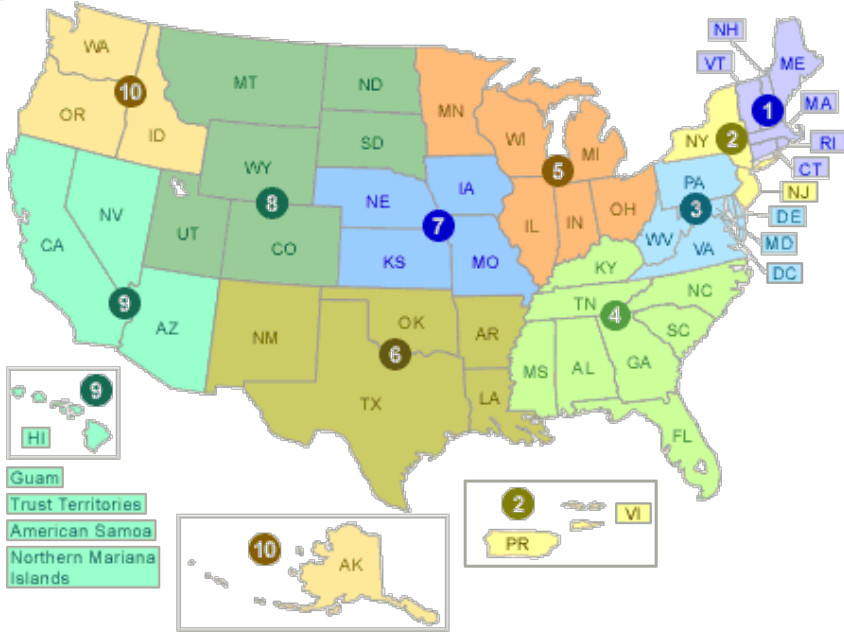
HUGO WALL SCHOOL  
OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

*Environmental Finance Center*



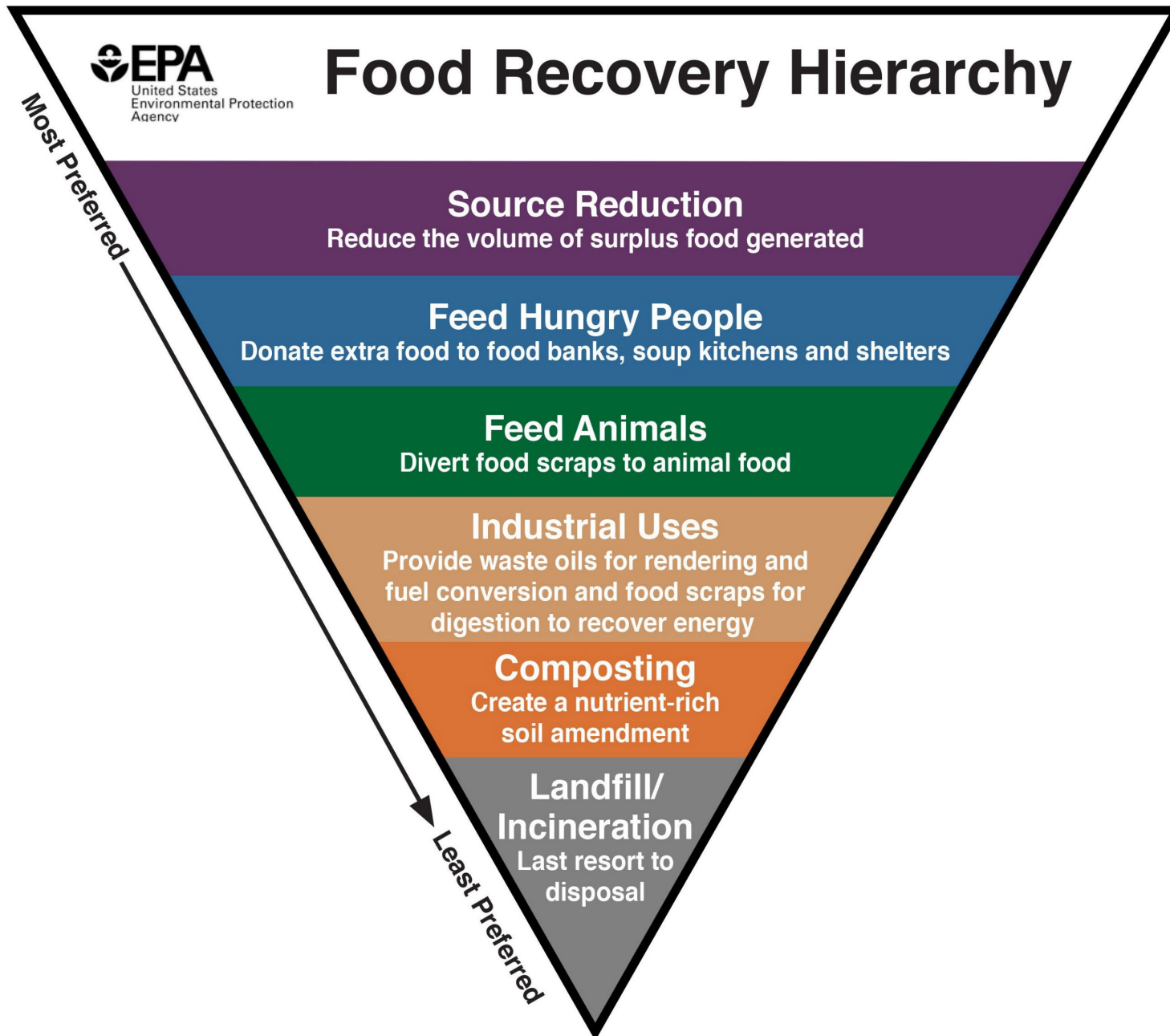
**ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER**

# Region 7 serves 4 states and 9 tribes



# REGION 7





## FOOD LOSS AND WASTE

- Source reduction
- Getting best use
- Connecting people and organizations



# FOOD SYSTEMS PROJECTS



Local Sustainable Management of Food Summits



Roundtables for the City of Wichita/Sedgwick County Food System Master Plan



Healthy Corner Store Initiative Steering Committee



*Thank you!*

**CONTACT**

**Michelle DeHaven**

[michelle.dehaven@wichita.edu](mailto:michelle.dehaven@wichita.edu)



# Food Business Conference Recap

Xander Winkel

Mid-Continent Public Library

[XWinkel@mymcpl.org](mailto:XWinkel@mymcpl.org)

<https://www.foodbizcon.com>



- 2) **Open discussion about upcoming/ ongoing local food systems-related grants in KS:**
  - a. **KSRE USDA Regional Food Systems Program grant**
  - b. Any others that would like to share
- 3) Brief announcements of upcoming local food systems events/initiatives in Kansas
- 4) Evaluation

– NOTE: Recordings and slides posted at: [www.rrc.k-state.edu/localfoods/index.html](http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/localfoods/index.html)

**Grant Program Administrator:** Rebecca McMahon; [rmcmahon@ksu.edu](mailto:rmcmahon@ksu.edu)

**Grant Project Coordinator:** hiring still in progress

## **Grant Program Overview:**

- Build new connections and partnerships across the state
- Upgrading our Local Foods Website
- Continuing the Quarterly Town Halls
- Holding community roundtables across the state – hopefully yet this year!
- Convene a statewide Local Food Summit in years 2 and 3
- Establishing a local food workforce development fellowship program
- Creating and curating resources to serve local food system needs across the state
  - Consumer education, marketing, beginning farmer, farm to school, and more!

## **Grant Program Overview - Subawards**

- Kansas Food Action Network - Working on the process of developing a statewide Food and Farm Council
- Kansas Black Farmers Association – Hosting 2 fellows each year to help serve the needs of Black farmers
- Kansas Rural Center – Providing trainings for farm to school and beginning farmers

## Interest in:

- Hosting/cohosting/assisting with community roundtables
- Hosting/hiring a fellow
- Ideas about resource needs
  - Publications
  - Webinars
  - Presentations
  - Website needs
  - Networking / connection needs
- Who do we need to connect with?

2) Open discussion about upcoming/ ongoing local food systems-related grants in KS:

a. KSRE USDA Regional Food Systems Program grant

**b. Any others that would like to share**

3) Brief announcements of upcoming local food systems events/initiatives in Kansas

4) Evaluation

– NOTE: Recordings and slides posted at: [www.rrc.k-state.edu/localfoods/index.html](http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/localfoods/index.html)

## 3) Brief announcements of upcoming local food systems events/initiatives in Kansas

- Upcoming KSRE events:
  - **FSMA Produce Safety Grower Training- free**
    - [May 23 and 24, 2023](#) - online
  - **GAPS Food Safety Plan Workshop**
    - [June 13, 2023](#) - online
  - **Introduction to EPA WPS- free**
    - [June 15, 2023](#) - online
    - [July 26, 2023](#) - online
    - [August 23, 2023](#) - online
    - [September 26, 2023](#) - online
    - [October 27, 2023](#) - online
- Many other events also available: <https://events.k-state.edu/ksre>
- Others

## **3) Brief announcements of upcoming local food systems events/initiatives in Kansas**

- **Others**



## 4) Evaluation:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2hQJbmHaEtMNb9k](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hQJbmHaEtMNb9k)

- **Next Kansas local foods virtual town hall: July 26, 11AM CST**

- Register

here: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tvkeonpab&oeidk=a07ejrm80va5a7338a9>

– NOTE: Slides and recordings posted at: [www.rrc.k-state.edu/localfoods/index.html](http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/localfoods/index.html)

## Contact Details

Londa Nwadike, Bi-State Extension Food Safety Specialist  
Kansas State University/ University of Missouri

[lnwadike@ksu.edu](mailto:lnwadike@ksu.edu)

913 307 7391

Rebecca McMahon, Local Foods Systems Program Administrator  
Kansas State University

[rmcmahon@ksu.edu](mailto:rmcmahon@ksu.edu)