What food system opportunities exist in Kansas that need investment?

Conservation! Soil, Water & Air quality
Invest in Extension
Double Up Food Bucks
Succession Planning
Permanent 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 & Farm 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 initiatives
Collaboration w/ research, KU, K-State, Extension, etc.
Sustainability growth
Quality of life
Local grocery stores
Food aggregation & 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 waste 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 normally 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 the world, 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 - 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, & 2) Votec 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 sio'd
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
Involving local food policy council
Invite Missty 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 multiJuly tours on outside-the-box agriculture - Donn Teske