

Farm & Food Statistics

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Farming in Kansas, 2007

- ❖ 65,531 farms, \$14.4 billion total sales
- ❖ 315 farms = 50% of total Kansas farm sales
3,268 farms = 75% of total Kansas farm sales
- ❖ \$8.5 billion -- cattle
\$4.5 billion -- grains
\$376 million -- dairy
\$506 million -- hogs
- ❖ 27,565 cattle farms
275 farms = 50% of total Kansas cattle sales
2,141 farms = 75% of total Kansas cattle sales

(USDA Census of Agriculture)

Farming in Kansas

- ❖ Hog farms in Kansas
1978: 13,329
Today: 1,454 (319 hog farms = top 95% of hog sales in Kansas)
- ❖ Dairies in Kansas
1978: 5,691
Today: 420 (20 dairy farms = 65% of dairy cows in Kansas)
- ❖ Produce in Kansas
1910: 140,000 Kansas acres in produce
Today: 21,453 -- 77,000 acres are needed to feed Kansans
(USDA Census of Agriculture)

Farming in Kansas

- ❖ Farm payments, 1995-2009:
85% of all Kansas farm payments went to 20% of Kansas farms
1 / 3 of Kansas farms received no farm payments
- ❖ Kansas farmer age:
7% of Kansas farmers are age 35 and younger
32% are over age 65
Average Kansas farmer age is 57
- ❖ Off-farm employment:
24,419 Kansas operators farm full-time
41,112 work off-farm some amount

(USDA Census of Agriculture)

Food in Kansas

- ❖ Of the 675 cities in Kansas, 51% have no supermarket
(David Proctor, K-State Center for Engagement & Community Development)
- ❖ In Kansas communities under 2,500 population, 82 of 213 supermarkets have closed in the past 5 years (since 2007)
- ❖ 3,800 Wal-Marts in Kansas = 25% of total U.S. supermarket sales
Of Wal-Mart's \$260 billion total U.S. sales, 1/2 is food
- ❖ Total 2010 Kansas food expenditures = \$7.5 billion / \$2,577 per person
(U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010)
42% of that is outside the home

Food in Kansas

- ❖ Amount Kansans spend yearly on produce: \$767 million
Amount of that grown in Kansas: \$32 million
Sales at 102 Kansas farmers markets, via food stamps = \$27,000
- ❖ Amount Kansas spend yearly on meats: \$985 million
No figures available for local meat sales
Kansas meat plants: 48 custom, 42 state-inspected, 16 small/medium federal, 5 mega-plants
- ❖ Amount Kansans receive in food stamps = \$450 million (303,000 recipients)

Food in Kansas

- ❖ 60% of Kansas adults and 1/3 of children are overweight or obese
Annual cost of obesity disease in Kansas: \$561 million
(Kansas Health Institute, khi.org)
- ❖ Only 10% of Kansans eat at least 2 vegetables and 3 fruits daily
(Centers for Disease Control)

Other models

- ❖ “Farm to Fork”: Building North Carolina’s Food Economy
10% Campaign --

4,423 individuals and 414 businesses have spent \$9.5 million locally since July 2010

<http://www.ncsu.edu/project/nc10percent/index.php>