



LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS Virtual Town Hall

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

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Agenda for today

- Five minute presentations by:
 - Kansas Department of Health- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program update
 - National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition- farm bill and local food systems
 - Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center- local food systems-related projects
 - Mid-Continent Public Library- recap of Food Business Conference held in March 2023
- Open discussion about upcoming/ ongoing local food systems-related grants in KS:
 - KSRE USDA Regional Food Systems Program grant
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- Evaluation

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Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Update

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The Farm Bill & Local Food

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

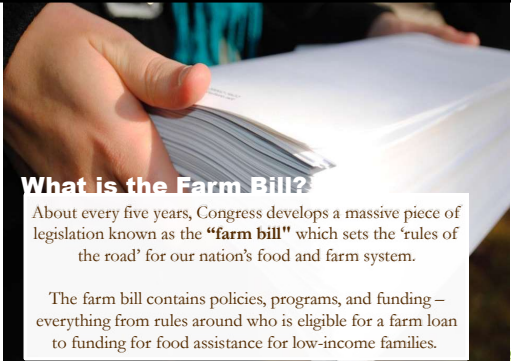


NSAC: a grassroots alliance of 130+ member organizations (and hundreds more partners and allies) from around the country working together to improve federal food & farm policy for over 30 years!

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!

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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.

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

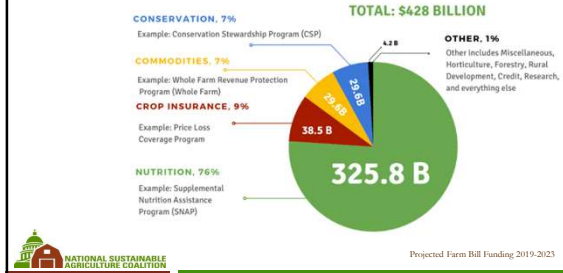


- For included programs, the Farm Bill details things like:
 - Overall program 'authorization'
 - Definitions
 - Eligibility
 - Priorities
 - Funding (sometimes)
 - And more...

Congress authorizes, USDA implements

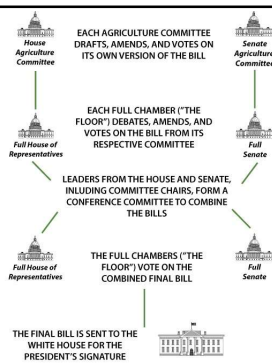
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HOW DOES FARM BILL SPENDING BREAK DOWN?



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Path to A New Farm Bill



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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.
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Environmental Finance Center

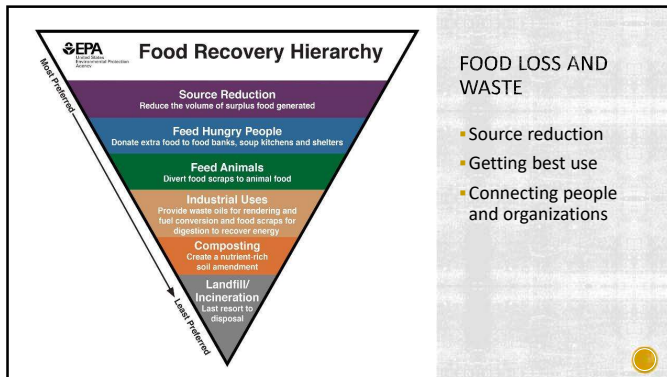


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Region 7 serves 4 states and 9 tribes



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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

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Thank You!

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Food Business Conference Recap

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Grant Staffing

Grant Program Administrator: Rebecca McMahon; rmcmahon@ksu.edu

Grant Project Coordinator: hiring still in progress

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Grant Programming

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!

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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

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How to Get Involved

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?

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 - 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 14, 2023 - online
 - July 25, 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

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4) Evaluation:
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>

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