

150th Anniversary of Kansas State University (1863 – 2013)
Information about
K-State Research and Extension Historical Dates:

- 1862 Morrill Act signed by President Abraham Lincoln
- 1863 Kansas State Agricultural College (KSAC) – chartered to have an Agriculture Department
- 1868 40 of the original 160 acres of campus were made into a plant nursery and used as a hands-on teaching and research laboratory
- 1868 Fruit orchard planted to 220 apple trees
- 1868 Farmers' Institutes invented by KSAC to extend information to citizens (**Extension**)
- 1870 The first ever paper presented by a woman (Mrs. Emma Bowen) at a Farmers' Institute
- 1874 Last Farmer's Institute (for a while) was held
- 1876 Farmers' Clubs were formed and started local Farmers' Institutes
- 1882 KSAC restarts its own Farmers' Institutes
- 1887 Hatch Act passed by Congress for support of agricultural experiment stations
- 1887 The Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station (**Research**) was established by the Kansas Legislature on March 4, 1887, two days after the enabling legislation was enacted by Congress.
- 1887 Legislature establishes the office of the Commissioner of Forestry
- 1897 Julius T. Willard was vice-director and director (1900) of the KAES and also head of the Dept. of Chemistry. He researched and published bulletins in the area that became soil science. In the 1940s, soil science moved to Agronomy.
- 1888 Professor E.M. Shelton serves as first KAES Director
- 1888 First bulletin of the KAES is published
- 1888 First annual report of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station (KAES) issued
- 1888 First tree seedlings distributed
- 1900 Professor J.T. Willard serves as second KAES Director
- 1901 First agricultural experiment station established - Fort Hays Branch Experiment Station. The station becomes the largest dryland agricultural research station in the world.
- 1902 Fort Hays Branch Experiment Station – experimental planting of Forest Tree Species
- 1903 Farmers' Institute Legislation creating County Farmers' Institute Association, which allowed for county funding of the Farmers' Institutes
- 1905 First Extension employee was John H. Miller, Field Secretary and organizer of the Farmers' Institutes
- 1905 Farmers' Institute train makes 135 stops around the state, covering 1030 miles
- 1905 First mention of youth project clubs – Corn and Canning
- 1906 John H. Miller named Superintendent of the Farmers' Institutes
- 1906 Charles W. Burkett serves as third KAES Director
- 1906 12 project club members (Boys Corn Club) visit KSAC
- 1907 Department of Farmers' Institutes and College Extension created
- 1907 Garden City Branch Experiment Station created
- 1907/8 State Farmers' Institute program – featured Home Economics in addition to Agriculture
- 1908 E.H. Webster serves as fourth KAES Director
- 1909 First Extension specialists (seven of them) hired
- 1909 Start of Home Economics Extension

- 1909 Frances L. Brown, appointed as the first Director of Home Economics in Extension
- 1909 Forestry transferred to KSAC, title changed to State Forester, appointed by KBOR
- 1909 Dodge City Branch Experiment Station created from a former forestry station
- 1910 Board of Regents authorized the Department of College Extension to provide instruction by correspondence in the various subjects relating to farm life
- 1910 Capper Girls Tomato Club organized
- 1911 First irrigation well developed with funding from the Garden City Industrial Club; initiates the first irrigation research studies in southwest Kansas.
- 1911 Tribune Branch Experiment Station created. Only 2.5% of Greeley County was under cultivation. Today in 2013, over 90% of Greeley County is under cultivation.
- 1911 John H. Miller made the first Director of College Extension
- 1911 Leavenworth Progressive Agricultural Club formed (forerunner of Extension Office)
- 1911 Capper Boys Corn Club established
- 1912 Division of College Extension is formed by the Regents, recognizing the many years of Extension work conducted at KSAC, starting with the Farmers' Institutes
- 1912 Home Economics Extension was one of four departments in the Division; six Extension Home Economists were on the faculty. Frances L. Brown, who earlier has been employed as a "lecturer in Domestic Science," was appointed the first Kansas Director of Home Economics in Extension in 1909. The teaching of homemaking skills was done by the demonstration method. Education programs for boys and girls were a part of the specialists' responsibilities, then as now.
- 1912-15 In ten counties, Agricultural Clubs or County Farm Bureaus were organized prior to the passage of the Kansas County Farm Bureau Law (1915), which provided for a county appropriation to assist with the County Farm Bureau and Extension program.
- 1912 P.H. Ross was employed as the first County Demonstration Agent - in LV County
- 1912 Capper Boys and Girls Poultry Contest held
- 1912 Capper Boys Baby Beef Project Contest held
- 1913 W.M. Jardine serves as fifth KAES Director
- 1914 Smith-Lever Act passes Congress, creating a national Cooperative Extension Service
- 1914 Kansas Cooperative Extension Service created at KSAC
- 1914 Colby Branch Experiment Station created
- 1914 Otis Hall appointed as first Boys and Girls State Leader
- 1914 The first Home Demonstration Unit was created when women from Leavenworth County requested help in food preservation from the national club leader. A mother-daughter canning club was formed in Glenwood, KS, now one of the oldest Extension units in the U.S. From 1915 to 1943, the clubs were sponsored by the Farm Bureau and were called Farm Bureau Units.
- 1914-28 Agricultural trains continued to be a very popular way to reach Extension audiences
- 1915 The name of the State Farmers' Institute is changed to "Farm and Home Week"
- 1915 County Extension work received support through the County Farm Bureau Law passed by the Kansas legislature, authorizing county appropriations. Home Demonstration Units were organized.
- 1915 The Director's Report cited almost 1500 women attending 48 five-day Extension Home Economics schools. Thus began Farm and Home Week.
- 1916-1920 First irrigation studies started at Colby Research Station. Modern, efficient pumping equipment had not yet been invented and the studies were quickly terminated.

- 1917 A small herd of Ayrshire cattle is transferred to the Garden City Experiment Station from the Dodge City Experiment Station, which is then closed down.
- 1917 The first improved wheat variety "Kanred" is released by K-State and was developed by H.F. Roberts, a Professor of Botany. Roberts planted 554 rows of wheat, each of them from one spike of the variety 'Crimean', in 1906. Selections were replanted in rows from 1907 to 1910 and in field plots from 1911 onward. Seed of the best line was distributed to 1,500 farmers for testing in 1914. The new variety was earlier in maturity, hardier, and more productive than "Crimean" or "Turkey."
- 1917 Technical wheat breeding began in Agronomy with the hiring of John Parker, the first crop breeder.
- 1918 F.D. Farrell serves as the sixth KAES Director
- 1918 For its regular work in Home Economics, the Division of Extension employed a State Director and 10 assistants.
- 1918 Mary Whiting McFarlane became Director of Home Economics Extension
- 1918 First mention of "4-H Club" used to describe Boys and Girls Club; 11 official projects listed
- 1919 Otis Hall authors the National 4-H Pledge
- 1919 F.E. Colburn first photographer appointed to the KAES
- 1919-1921 Thomas J. Talbert Supt. of Institutes and Extension Schools, Transferred to Ag Specialists Leader
- 1919 A Department of Home Demonstration Work was created in addition to the Department of Home Economics Extension
- 1919 First inspection of a crop variety field, Kanred wheat, by the Kansas Crop Improvement Association
- 1920 The number of county Farmers' Institutes, running from 1 to 3 days, decreased rapidly
- 1920 Extension Communications begins
- 1920 Mabel Caldwell was employed as the first Extension "journalist" in Kansas
- 1921 First Extension Editor appointed
- 1921 Nina Belle Crigler became State Leader of Home Demonstration Work Department
- 1921 First Agriculture Fair was held on campus
- 1921 The monthly printed publication, Extension News, became the official publication
- 1922 National 4-H Congress established in Chicago, IL
- 1922 Age for 4-H members changed to 10-20 years
- 1923 Amy Kelly became State Leader of the Home Demonstration Work Department and Head of the Department of Home Economics Extension
- 1923 Fair Organizations and Fairs were starting to take the place of Farmers' Institutes
- 1923 A film service was started with films from the Department of Agriculture and commercial organizations
- 1923 First year for Kansas 4-H Round-up at KSAC
- 1924 Radio Station KSAC starts broadcasting; early programs included "College of the Air" and a "Farm Hour" each day at noon which continued into the 1970s
- 1924 First Community 4-H club chartered – Lincoln County
- 1925 L.E. Call serves as the seventh KAES Director
- 1925 Duplication service/distribution of publications responsibility of the Extension Editor
- 1926 Maynard H. Coe appointed State 4-H leader
- 1926 Beginning of Music Appreciation activity and contest

- 1926 First 4-H Round-up picture taken
- 1927 J. Harold Johnson hired by Sedgwick County to become the first full-time 4-H agent in Kansas
- 1927 KSAC Collegiate 4-H Club organized on December 12 with 156 members
- 1927 4-H Uniform was adopted
- 1927 First National 4-H Conference was held in Washington, D.C.
- 1927 Lisle L. Longsdorf served as director of the KSAC radio station longer than anyone else. He was appointed in 1927 and remained responsible for it until 1953 when the department of radio and TV was established.
- 1927-1935 Louis C. Williams, Head, Dept. of Agricultural Specialists
- 1930 Wheat Festival Train – 58 stops; 106,150 in attendance
- 1930 4-H Secretary's book prepared and printed
- 1931 Beef Cattle Festival Train – 34 stops; 109,135 in attendance
- 1931 Clovia 4-H House established at KSAC
- 1931 All delegates to 4-H Round-up wore uniforms
- 1932 4-H Livestock Auction reported
- 1933 18% of students enrolled at KSAC were 4-H members
- 1933 17 4-H Camps were held with 1,230 attending
- 1934 New 4-H Encampment Building was completed at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson
- 1934 No county 4-H camps were held due to the economy – one day picnics were substituted
- 1935 Position of Research Forester created at KSAC
- 1935-1937 Louis C. Williams, Asst. Dir., Div. of College Ext. & In Charge of Agricultural Specialists
- 1935 Soil Conservation Act authorized formation of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). The KCES readily approved of the new organization, assigning Extension Specialists to assist in organizing county soil conservation districts. By 1950, all counties except Shawnee had a soil conservation district.
- 1936 Departments of Home Demonstration Work and Home Economics Extension were combined and named Home Economics Extension
- 1936 Extension Publicity and Radio combined into Extension Publicity and Information
- 1936 Livestock Auction held for 4-H at State Shows
- 1937 Georgiana Smurthwaite became State Home Demonstration Leader; title later changed to State Leader, Home Economics Extension; retired June 30, 1954.
- 1937 First USDA Forest Service Inventory – shows 1.2 million acres of KS forest resources
- 1937 Better Farm Homes Train – 37 stops; 67,192 in attendance (the last train program)
- 1937 Lisle L. Longsdorf, extension editor, reported the year's schedule of talks on KSAC radio had been laid out in advance, 3500 talks by 370 different speakers.
- 1938 First KAES editor hired
- 1938 All 105 counties were represented at 4-H Round-up, for the first time
- 1939 The Neighborhood Leader was published by Extension Information during WWII
- 1940 "Cow No. 29" set the world record for lifetime (1925-1940) milk production from a grade dairy cow (150,339 lb. of milk). She was an Ayrshire cow born and raised on the Colby research station.
- 1940 All Kansas counties had a County 4-H Council
- 1940's First beef cattle finishing trial conducted in western Kansas. This trial heralded the cattle feeding industry of western Kansas.

- 1941 Miriam Dexter conducted the daily KSAC "Farm Hour" radio program during WWII
- 1941-1951 5.1 million tree seedlings are produced at Hays for use in windbreak and farmstead plantings throughout central and western Kansas.
- 1943 Hays Buffalograss is released for use in revegetating cropland damaged by the drought of the 1930's. A chemical process is developed that increases germination from 7% to 85%.
- 1944 Farm Bureau Units became known as Home Demonstration Units to emphasize the relationship between the work of the County Home Demonstration Agents and the Extension Home Economics Program at KSC.
- 1945 J. Harold Johnson was appointed State 4-H Leader
- 1945 Statewide Committee on 4-H Camping appointed
- 1945 Almost half of the Kansas counties employed Home Demonstration Agents and there were almost 25,000 Home Demonstration Unit members.
- 1946 R.I. Throckmorton serves as the eighth KAES Director
- 1946 First KAES statistician hired
- 1946 Rock Springs 4-H Center started
- 1946 New annual 4-H project and permanent record sheets provided
- 1947 Wind Erosion Research Unit formed in conjunction with USDA ARS and K-State
- 1948 Eighty acre irrigation unit near Holcomb leased from the Garden City Co. until 2002
- 1948 4-H Project Pins used for the first time
- 1948 First International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) – Armin Samuelson, Shawnee County, traveled to Sweden
- 1948-1950 Paul W. Griffith, In Charge, Extension Agricultural Specialists
- 1949 Mound Valley Branch Agricultural Experiment Station created
- 1949 Artificial insemination project established
- 1950 High capacity irrigation well developed and intensive irrigation research started at Garden City Research Station
- 1950 30 Dairy cows were purchased to start Dairy Investigations at Mound Valley in SE KS
- 1950 Soil Investigational work and Farm Crop research began at the Mound Valley Station
- 1951 Kansas 4-H Journal started
- 1951 Turfgrass research starts when plots are established in the northwest area of campus
- 1952 A.D. Weber serves as the ninth KAES Director
- 1952 The Kansas 4-H Foundation was established to assist the Extension Service with the 4-H Club program
- 1952 First IFYE Conference held at Rock Springs
- 1952 Key Awards started by 4-H, sponsored by Cities Service
- 1952 Purple Award grouping started in judging of Kansas fair exhibits
- 1952 Up to 1952, KSAC radio was operated by part-time staff members and students under supervision of Lisle L. Longsdorf, extension editor
- 1952-1962 William G. Amstein, Head, Dept. of Agricultural Specialists & Specialists in Horticulture
- 1953 The Department of Radio and TV was established. Robert Hilgendorf was named head.
- 1953 Kenneth Thomas was named manager of KSAC radio and given a budget for full-time staff
- 1953 Master Farmers, Master Farm Homemakers Organization begins at K-State
- 1954 Extension Publicity and Information split into the Department of Extension Radio and Television and the Department of Extension Information

- 1954 Mae Baird becomes State Leader for Home Economics Extension
- 1954 National 4-H Alumni started
- 1954 4-H Wheat Shows started
- 1954 Horticultural Investigations of vegetables and trees began at the Mound Valley Station
- 1955 Glenn H. Beck serves as the tenth KAES Director
- 1956 Extension 4-H Advisory Committee began serious consideration of boys and girls clubs for urban and suburban areas
- 1956 An orchard and a vineyard were planted at the Mound Valley Station
- 1957 First irrigation studies started on with corn, wheat, grain sorghum, and potatoes by the Tribune Research Station. The work was conducted on farmer's fields.
- 1957 Irrigation studies restarted at Colby Research Station in response to the drought of 1954-1956 and the development of turbine pumps in World War II.
- 1958 Extension moved into Umberger Hall; a building designed and built for Extension
- 1958 Jack Burke joined the KSAC radio staff in 1958 and served as acting manager for more than a year.
- 1958 Joint KAES/KCES publications Distribution Center created
- 1958 Roger E. Regnier appointed State 4-H Leader
- 1958 A Christmas tree project was started to determine the best varieties of pine to plant and how best to grow them at the Mound Valley Station
- 1959 Margaret Koenig served as Acting State Leader from January 15, 1959 to January 1, 1961 and again from January to July 1964 when Miss Baird returned to India. Miss Koenig continued as acting State Leader until a new leader came in 1965.
- 1959-1999 Sheep research conducted at Colby Research Station. Extensive studies on all aspects of sheep production were conducted and the results widely disseminated.
- 1960's Research started on no-till crop production at the Garden City Research Station
- 1961 Motion picture production facilities and equipment were made available to produce feature-length films for group showings
- 1961 Extension Forester title changed to Kansas State Forester of State and Extension Forestry
- 1961 Membership age in 4-H lowered from 10 to 8 years of age
- 1961 Smurthwaite Scholarship House was built and named after Miss Georgianna Smurthwaite who was in Home Economic Extension for 30 years.
- 1961 Rock Ford Turfgrass Research Center founded on donated land
- 1961 "Agriculture Today" radio program begins
- 1961 The Colby off-campus regional Extension office was established
- 1961 Irrigation research unit leased near Tribune Research Station. The unit was permanently added to the station by purchase in 1981. A long-term study on nitrogen and phosphorus fertilization of irrigated corn was initiated and continues on the same plots to the present.
- 1962 C. Peairs Wilson serves as the eleventh KAES Director
- 1962 KAES/KCES merged into Division of University Communications
- 1962 Jack Burke was named Head of the Office of Extension Radio and TV
- 1962 K-State Pecan Experiment Field was established on 80 acres donated near Chetopa, KS
- 1963-1969 John M. Ferguson, Acting State Leader, Extension Ag. Specialists
- 1963 Wind Erosion Laboratory established on campus with USDA ARS
- 1964 County Extension programs had nearly replaced Farmers' Institute programs
- 1964 Wearing of the 4-H Uniform was discontinued statewide
- 1964 The Tuttle Forestry Research Area was leased from the Army Corps of Engineers

- 1965 Glenn H. Beck becomes Vice President of Agriculture
- 1965 Floyd W. Smith serves at the twelfth KAES Director
- 1965 The Home Demonstration Units were renamed Extension Homemakers Units (EHU)
- 1965 Shirley Marsh White becomes the State Leader for Home Economics Extension
- 1966 Glenn M. Busset was named State 4-H Leader
- 1967 Kansas 4-H Movie, *Happiness is 4-H*, was made
- 1968 EFNEP Program began in four counties with 19 paraprofessionals working with over 2,000 families. Forty-two percent were minorities. Fifty-four percent were receiving food stamps, and 40 percent were participating in WIC (Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Food Program).
- 1968 4-H TV Science Series attracted some 56,957 viewers
- 1968 Nichols Gymnasium was gutted by an arson fire, destroying the KSAC studios and offices. The studios had been on the third floor west of Nichols Gym from the time the station first went on the air in 1924 until that fateful Friday the thirteenth.
- 1969 Southwest Area Extension Office established in Garden City
- 1971 Merle Eyestone was appointed Executive Director of the 4-H Foundation
- 1971 Norma Redeker became Acting State Leader for Home Economics Extension
- 1972 Name change from Home Economics Extension to Quality of Living
- 1972 Betty Jean Brannan becomes Assistant Director of Cooperative Extension and head of Quality of Living
- 1971 Northwest Area Extension Office opened in Colby
- 1972 Southeast Area Extension Office opened in Chanute
- 1972 Northeast Area Extension Office opened in Manhattan
- 1972 South Central Area Extension Office opened in Hutchinson
- 1973 Five Area 4-H Specialists are hired
- 1973-1981 Wilber E Ringler, Asst. Director, Extension Ag Production
- 1974 Governor Robert Docking proclaimed April 22-26, 1975 to be Kansas Extension Homemaker Week
- 1975 KAES and KCES have their separate communications offices again - KAES Editorial Office separate from Extension Information
- 1975 First full-time turfgrass scientist is hired
- 1975 106 county agents reported they were appearing regularly on local radio stations and 30 agents were on TV stations
- 1976 John O. Dunbar named Director of the Cooperative Extension Service
- 1976 Gail Imig becomes Assistant Director of Cooperative Extension and head of Quality of Living
- 1977 Kansas begins participation in the Japanese LABO program
- 1978 4-H Round-up becomes Kansas State 4-H and Youth Conference
- 1978 In the late 70s, Jack Burke was manager of extension television and radio operations which included KSAC radio in Manhattan, the Kansas State University Radio Network, KSET-TV in Wichita, and a film production unit.
- 1980 John O. Dunbar named Dean of Agriculture, Director of KCES, and Director of KAES
- 1979 Quality of Living name changed back to Home Economics Extension
- 1979 Marjory Mortvedt becomes Assistant Director of Cooperative Extension and head of Home Economics Extension
- 1980 First Master Gardener programs started in Kansas

- 1980's Genetic improvements in corn allowed studies on dryland corn production to restart at the Tribune Research Station.
- 1980's Research on no-till crop production started at Tribune. Results show that the use of no-till management increases grain sorghum production by 100% and wheat production by 56%.
- 1981 Jim L. Ozburn named Associate Director of KAES and Associate Dean of Agriculture
- 1981 Fred D. Sobering named Associate Director of the KCES and Associate Dean of Agriculture
- 1981 KSU Ag Report was first published
- 1981-1987 Hyde Jacobs, Asst. Director, Extension Ag Programs
- 1982 First KAES/KCES graphic designer and art coordinator hired
- 1982 Kansas State 4-H and Youth Conference becomes 4-H Discovery Days
- 1982 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Program started
- 1983 Kurt C. Feltner becomes the Associate Director of KAES and Associate Dean of Ag
- 1983 Ag Media Days, created by Extension Information, with the KAES Editorial Office as cosponsor
- 1984 Emerald Circle Banquet established to announce State 4-H winners
- 1984 Radio KSAC Become Radio KKSU
- 1985 Walter Woods becomes the Dean of Ag, Director of the KAES, and Director of KCES
- 1985 Merger of Extension Home Economics with the College of Home Economics
- 1985 Ron Jones becomes the Assistant Director of the KSU Cooperative Extension Service and Associate Dean of College of Home Ecology
- 1986 Bill Riley appointed as Executive Director of the Kansas 4-H Foundation
- 1986 Extension Communications Department formed and Jack Burke is named head
- 1986 The first live interactive satellite program was originated and transmitted from the campus of K-State. The premier program was "Re-appraisal and Classification—Its Impact on Property Taxes," featuring Extension's Public Policy Specialist Barry Flinchbaugh.
- 1986 A desktop publishing system linking computers to a laser printer was installed
- 1986 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop started
- 1987 Marilyn Stryker Corbin becomes the Acting Assistant Director of Extension Home Economics and then became Assistant Director in 1988
- 1987 Robert G. Helgesen named Acting Associate Director of KCES and Assoc. Dean of Ag
- 1987-1990 Don Pretzer, Asst. Director, Extension Ag Programs
- 1987 Northwest Area Extension Office and the Colby Branch Experiment Station merged to form the Northwest Research-Extension Center.
- 1988 Stanley D. Farlin named Associate Director of KCES and Associate Dean of Ag
- 1989 George E. Ham becomes Associate Director of KAES and Associate Dean of Ag
- 1989 Installation of subsurface drip irrigation system at the NW Research-Extension Center – Colby; now the oldest continuously operated subsurface drip system for field crop research in the world.
- 1990 Home Economics Extension name changed to Extension Family and Consumer Sciences
- 1990 Marilyn Stryker Corbin becomes the Acting Associate Director of KCES
- 1990 J. Pat Murphy, Acting Asst. Director, Extension Ag Programs
- 1990 Southwest Area Extension Office and Garden City Branch Experiment Station merged to form the Southwest Research-Extension Center
- 1991 Richard D. Wootton becomes Associate Director of KCES and Associate Dean of Ag

- 1992 Marc A. Johnson becomes Interim Dean and Director of KAES and KCES
- 1992 Daryl D. Buchholz becomes Assistant Director, Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 1992 KAES and KCES Communications departments merged along with Ag Journalism to become the Department of Communications
- 1994 Marc A. Johnson becomes permanent Dean, Director of KAES, and Director of KCES
- 1994 New era for 4-H Nationally
- 1994 Mary Gray – Associate Dean, College of Human Ecology and Assistant Director of CES
- 1994 Mike Bradshaw, Acting Assistant Director of CES for Family and Consumer Sciences
- 1995 4-H/Army Youth Development Project started
- 1995 Administration merged for Colby, Garden City, Hays, and Tribune research stations under the umbrella of the Western Kansas Agricultural Research Center - Hays.
- 1995 Gary W. Gerhard becomes Assistant Director, Department of 4-H Youth Development
- 1996 K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) created at Kansas State University
- 1997 State and Extension Forestry renamed Kansas Forest Service
- 1997 First K-State Research and Extension website launched
- 1997 Ron Madl becomes the director of the Wheat Research Center
- 1997 William Hargrove becomes the director of the Kansas Center for Agriculture and the Environment (KCARE)
- 2000 Paula Peters becomes Assistant Director, Extension Family and Consumer Sciences, K-State Research and Extension
- 2000 Five Extension/KCARE Watershed Specialist positions were created across the state
- 2001 Forrest G. Chumley becomes Associate Director of Research and Technology Transfer
- 2001 Curtis L. Kastner becomes Director of the Food Science Institute
- 2001 Master Food Volunteer program started
- 2002 KKSU Radio Station sold to Morris Communications (WIBW) in Topeka
- 2002 K-State Radio Network created to distribute radio programming through digital means
- 2002 Ron Madl becomes the Director of the Bioprocessing and Industrial Value-Added Program (BIVAP)
- 2002 Randall A. Higgins becomes Interim Associate Director of Extension
- 2002 SC Area Extension Office Closed and consolidated with SE Area Extension Office
- 2002 James L. Lindquist becomes Metro Area Director
- 2003 George E. Ham becomes Interim Dean and Director
- 2003 Daryl D. Buchholz becomes Interim Assistant Director, Department of 4-H Youth Development
- 2003 4-H/Air Force Military Partnerships Project started
- 2003 Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) and 4-H Military Partnerships Project
- 2003 Military 4-H Club Grant program launched with grants to states for establishing 4-H Clubs on military installations
- 2003 4th USDA Forest Service Inventory shows 2.3 million acres of Kansas Forest Resources
- 2003 Beef steers produced at Hays, with the aid of ultrasound technology developed at the Ag Research Center, win “Best of the Breeds” national carcass quality contest.
- 2004 Fred A. Cholick becomes the Dean and Director
- 2004 Daryl D. Buchholz becomes Associate Director of Extension and Applied Research
- 2004 Pat McNally becomes Assistant Director, Department of 4-H Youth Development

- 2004 J. Pat Murphy becomes Interim Assistant Director, Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 2004 Gordon Hibbard appointed as President of the Kansas 4-H Foundation
- 2004 James L. Lindquist becomes Assistant Director, Extension Field Operations
- 2004 Operation: Military Kids started with 5 pilot states. By 2010, 50 states participated in the program. The program supports youth of National Guard and Reserve service members.
- 2005 Renovation and naming of 4-H Centennial Hall at the Kansas State Fairgrounds
- 2005 National 4-H Mission Mandates (4-H Science, 4-H Healthy Living and Citizenship) named
- 2005 Food Safety Forum organized by the Food Science Institute
- 2005 The Tuttle Forestry Research Area lease was renegotiated and runs through 2030
- 2005-2006 Kansas 4-H Celebrates its 100th Anniversary
- 2008 J. Ernest Minton becomes interim Associate Director of Research & Technology Transfer
- 2008 4-H/Navy Youth Development Projects
- 2009 Jackman Demonstration Forest established in Butler County – first Kansas state forest
- 2009 J. Ernest Minton becomes Associate Director of Research and Technology Transfer
- 2009 Steven M. Graham serves as the interim director of the Kansas Center for Agriculture and the Environment (KCARE)
- 2009 KSRE conducts training for the 1st Infantry Division Headquarters before it deploys to SE region of Iraq, near Basra
- 2009 KSRE conducts training for Kansas National Guard Agribusiness Development Teams (ADT) #1 and #2 before they deploy to Laghman Province, Afghanistan
- 2010 Gary M. Pierzynski becomes Interim Dean and Director
- 2010 Daniel L. Devlin becomes the director of the Kansas Center for Agriculture and the Environment (KCARE)
- 2010 Lisa Lauxman (Lyon County 4-H alum) named Director, 4-H National Headquarters, NIFA/USDA
- 2010 KSRE conducts training for Kansas National Guard Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) #3 before it deploys to Laghman Province, Afghanistan
- 2011 Daryl Buchholz becomes Interim Assistant Director, Dept. of 4-H Youth Development
- 2011 Barbara Stone becomes Assistant Director, Department of 4-H Youth Development
- 2011 Gregg Hadley becomes Assistant Director of Extension for Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Community Development
- 2011 KSRE conducts training for Kansas National Guard Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) #4 before it deploys to Laghman Province, Afghanistan
- 2012 125 Years of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station (1887-2012)
- 2012 March 10th – 125 Years of the Kansas Forest Service
- 2012 KSRE conducts training for the 1st Infantry Division Headquarters and the 4th Brigade at Ft. Riley before they deploy to RC East in Afghanistan
- 2012 Long-term research at Tribune, since 1980, determines the use of no-till crop management increases grain sorghum production by 100% and wheat production by 56%.
- 2012 Agricultural Research Center-Hays finishes a new greenhouse. The research projects that will use the new greenhouse include wheat breeding, plant pathology, sorghum breeding, and entomology.
- 2012 August 1 - John Floros becomes the Dean and Director
- 2013 Agricultural Research Center-Hays hosts its 99th annual Beef Cattle Research Roundup

K-State Research and Extension Publications and Special Links:

We have online historical AES publications, and a few Extension publications, including the history of the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service, 1914-1989.

<http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/historicpublications/>

Here is a link to the Cooperative Extension Historical publication that was done for the 75 year anniversary:

http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/historicpublications/Extension_History.htm

A link that talks about the trains that went out, as well as photos of early car travel:

http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/Employee_Resources/p.aspx?tabid=110