

**PDC Strategic Opportunities Survey  
State-Wide Data  
564 Surveys Received**

	<b>Number Of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Ag And Natural Resources	130	23.0
Community Development	117	20.7
Family And Consumer Science	157	27.8
4-H Youth Development	160	28.4

	<b>Number of Respondents Indicating Important or Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Respondents</b>
<b>SUSTAIN PROFITABLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SYSTEM</b>		
Develop Animal And Crop Production Systems That Thrive In The Variable Conditions Of The Great Plains	471	85.3
Develop Horticulture, Forestry And Alternative Green Enterprises That Thrive In The Variable Conditions Of The Great Plains	387	70.1
Advance New And Improved Systems Of Agricultural Production To Meet The Needs Of Producers And Consumers	492	89.1
Enhance The Value Of Agricultural Products	489	88.6
<b>PREPARE PEOPLE IN KANSAS TO THRIVE IN A GLOBAL WORKFORCE AND ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE</b>		
Improve Life-Long Money Management Skills To Create Financial Security	505	92.0
Build Harmonious Relationships To Create Resilient Families	451	82.2
Help Children And Youth Develop Competence, Confidence, Integrity, Compassion And A Sense Of Belonging	520	94.8
Engage Youth In The Sciences To Improve Life For A Sustainable World	487	88.7
Assist People To Successfully Live In Their Homes As Long As Possible	430	78.3
<b>IDENTIFY PATHWAYS FOR EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY USE</b>		
Identify And Assess Opportunities For Economic Development Through Alternative Energy	463	84.4
Increase Sciences-Based Knowledge On Energy Resources And Technologies	466	84.9
Enhance Knowledge And Skills About Efficient Energy Practices	495	90.2
<b>ENSURE AN ABUNDANT AND SAFE FOOD SUPPLY FOR ALL</b>		
Improve Access To High Quality Foods, Including Local Foods, Especially For Consumers With Limited Resources	458	83.6
Increase Food Variety And Value By Developing New And Enhanced	360	65.7

Food Products		
Enhance The Safety Of Our Food Supply By Reducing Or Eliminating Hazards From Food Production To Consumption	470	85.7
Improve Protection And Defense Strategies To Safeguard The Food Supply	467	85.2
<b>ENHANCE EFFECTIVE DECISION-MAKING REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP</b>		
Improve And Protect Soil And Water Quality In Agricultural, Rural, And Urban Landscapes And Watersheds	492	90.3
Conserve And Prolong The Life Of The Ogallala Aquifer And Other Important Surface And Groundwater Resources While Sustaining Communities Dependent On Those Water Resource	469	86.0
Improve Understanding Of Sources, Fate, And Transport Of Air Emissions From Confined Animal Feeding. Agricultural Burning And Tillage , Soil Erosion, And Other Activities	406	74.5
Improve Understanding Of Natural Resources, Environmental, Economic, And Social Impacts Of Changing Climate And Energy Needs	425	77.9
<b>ASSIST COMMUNITIES IN BECOMING SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT TO THE UNCERTAINTIES OF ECONOMICS, WEATHER, HEALTH, AND SECURITY</b>		
Grow Communities' Capacity To Identify And Meet Local Needs	443	81.4
Improve Participation Of Children, Youth, And Adults In The Life Of The Community	504	92.7
Enhance Community Leadership And Entrepreneurship	469	86.2
Help Residents, Organizations, And Communities Identify Opportunities For Partnerships	444	81.6
<b>CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT PEOPLE IN KANSAS TO IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</b>		
Partner With Communities To Facilitate Preparation For, Response To, And Recovery From Emergencies And Disasters	456	83.9
Build Capacity Of People To Optimize Their Personal Health And Well-Being And To Avoid Or Manage Chronic Health Conditions	454	83.5
Promote Healthy Eating And Physical Activity In Children, Youth, And Adults	506	93.0
Empower Individuals And Families To Adapt To Changes Associated With The Aging Process	438	80.5
Connect Individuals And Families To Mental And Emotional Support Systems And Resources	408	75.0

<b>State Priority List</b>	
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Enhance Knowledge And Skills About Efficient Energy Practices	90.2
Advance New And Improved Systems Of Agricultural Production To Meet The Needs Of Producers And Consumers	89.1
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