

PDC Strategic Opportunities Survey Local Program Needs – State Data

- Things that would add to quality of life in our community are issues that I hear about most often.
- I have young children, so anything to enhance their education would be appreciated. Otherwise, I don't have any personal needs. Of course, I am always hoping to see improvements in the farming industry.
- Need jobs, many drive out of town and take their spending with them. Youth need community support - bowling alley or skating rink, youth center possibly?
- EDUCATION DEALING WITH DRINKING AND DRUGS ESPECIALLY UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DRUG ABUSE.
- Making good agricultural management decisions based on simple economics.
- I feel there needs to be work with the elderly, and give them the tools to stay in their own homes as long as possible. Also to help the elderly adjust to the needs as they age.
- To teach the youth and adolescents to grow, preserve and prepare nutritious foods at their homes on a daily basis.
- Teach ways of preserving food safely and nutritiously.
- Increase involvement
- Extension needs to continue to market what it is and what educational programs it offers to help county residents.
- Stronger ethnic base of 4H club leaders and members
- Atchison County needs more time to carry out strategic planning. We are working on it but scheduling is a challenge sometimes. We could always use additional grant money and try to take advantage of it when we can.
- Provide means to maintain or improve local quail populations
- Attracting younger generations to return to rural communities after receipt of a college education.
- We have a lot of people that are low income in Bourbon County. It would be to our advantage as a community to help those people learn how to become the working class by applying for jobs and to think enough of themselves to want to work instead of want t
- Financial support for the community college agriculture department.
- Practical ways to stretch the family budget, especially with meals and clothing
- We need to breathe life back into the rural communities. Community is a key word. We seem to have lost the sense of community.
- Providing opportunities for youth activities during their down time. 4H helps out in that area, but we need other things to occupy their time. We currently have a movie theater, but that is it. Hopefully through community groups working together we ca
- We need to be educating the consumer more as to where their food comes from and how biotechnology helps that process. The consumer needs to know that agriculture is important. Food doesn't just show up on a grocery store shelf out of thin air. Consume
- Creating more job opportunities!
- Activities to keep kids off the streets and busy with trusted individuals in the community, building relationships.
- Connecting small farm producers with local consumers.
- Need educational material to keep everyone informed, Need the funds to make sure such material is available.
- Estate planning
- We need more local transportation for the elderly; more housing for the elderly (non income qualified); larger diverse job base (mostly ag related); more activities for children ages 10-15, broader base of adult and teenage volunteers to assist in our co

- The issues of local importance were all dead-on; however I am not sure Extension should play a key role in all of them, hence my ratings. I think we have some agencies already better equipped for some issues which KS Extension can certainly partner with
- 4-H is more than livestock
- This economic cycle is forcing many to return the most important basic things in life. 4H is in a very good place to support this but the focus may need to be sharpened. Perhaps public messages & advertising to maintain and increase visibility of our va
- It is very important to educate the community and try to show them the importance of bein involved to take care of their needs
- Programs to enhance the appeal of 4H to the community. We should be studing the members of the community for input on what they need and what and not survey a group of people already biased by thier involvement with extension. If we don't find methods
- Local goverment spending, helping people who are unemployeed
- To create a sense of caring and committment among individuals with in the community.
- Come up with ways to keep kids enrolled in 4-H and get the families involved. Cut down on some of the paperwork required for 4-H
- Program Value
- Industry, job potential.
- We need to promote items that are essential to urban adn rural living
- We need a better place for children to come and learn after school hours or in the summer
- How do we help the people that will be facing layoffs?
- Financing of local government
- More job opportunities for young people
- help find solutions to community decline in population and school enrollment; therefore, causing an adverse impact on local school budget
- Assist people to live in their homes as long as possible Working together of youth and adult in community Efficient energy practices Protect soil and water problems
- Producers need ways to make a profit w/out it having to be passed on to other consumers. Producers are also consumers. Environmental Stewardship - This cannot be done by the EPA - they are a bunch of idiots - most ag people are the best stewards there
- Concentrate more on local ag needs instead of economic development. Keep youth programs.
- creating good paying jobs in local community
- Need legislative policies which promote local (individual & community) renewable energy generation, solar, wind with net metering with rate reflective of capital investment
- Our county could definately benefit from activities and programs to get young people involved in and aware of all things extension has to offer. Extension has the potential to help a great number of individuals- young and old. Getting the information t
- maintaining family relationships ecofriendly products
- Promotion of locally grown food. Movement to small farms and marketing food to direct market incentives.
- Adressing the issues of the next generation of farmers. Teaming with local FFA and AG-Ed instructors to assess needs and long term growth and retention of those in the farming/ranching industry.
- a new 4-h agent that is not burnt out that will get along with the other agents
- keeping our local 4-H program active with teens/children/adults and families
- More involvement from community concerning livestock issues.
- Extension partner with companies large and small, farmer and ranchers to develop economic growth. Mainly develop smaller business to hire local people. Several smaller businesses may provide more tax base and easier to get than one large business. De
- To improve the quality of my family's life in all aspects.
- Housing issues for senior to stay at home longer and you families starting out on how finance their first home
- More information on our economy and how families should prepare for the tough times ahead.
- I would like to see the local farmer's market grow.

- Air quality issues will continue to increase as we are a community which still extensively uses agriculture burning on rangeland and other agriculture related forages.
- Recuitement and encouragement of the indivudals both adult and youth in clubs and organizations that benefit youth and community.
- My needs are met by taking part in weight lifting & programs like Walk Across Kansas & Diet Programs
- Provide oportunties for our Youth to returen to their communitites.
- I feel that this survey is one sided with all questions directed to teh same answer, which is #5. All questions are directed to a positive response.
- Need to educate the general public about the importance of agriculture and what would happen to our world without agricultural impacts.
- I feel it is very important to be conservation minded with production agriculture. However, I am concerned in our haste to become better stewards that the 'green movement' if not managed properly could have detrimental ramifications for agriculture. Far
- value added products economic downturn partnering with other entities with common goals citizenship of youth
- The capability to hire enough agents to support our existing programs and secure Extension's future in Cowley County.
- Concern that a large portion community/county is not aware of the already available resources that extension provides.
- I think one of our biggest needs is to help our community be sustainable and resilient with the way the economy is in rural america.
- improvement of the quality of child care and adult/elderly care plus improvement of the licensing requirements for these facilities beef up the inspections in these facilities
- To cut the local budget by getting rid of at least one of our 3 county agents that all they do is get the info from ksu and read it or print what they received.
- Health conscious Agriculture Elder care
- The above questions addressed our local issues.
- create a better understanding of impact of substance abuse and develop programs to educate you on the long term impacts substance abuse need to educate all ages on the positive health and wellness benefits of maintaining a exercise program develop
- I believe that we need to do everything that we can to possibly set up partnerships with schools as it relates to the development of activities for kids. I also think it is necessary to try and reach out to students as much as possible as it relates to
- Alternative sources of energy is all the rave and education is needed in this area that is not coming from a dealer of wind turbines or a utility company. Energy Conservation and water conservation are hot topics that education on the topics could hel
- With Dickinson county being such a large county (sq. miles) that include five school districts and people concentrated in the north and south ends, we need to provide oportunities for collaboration. Obviously, school rivalries exist but how can we ensu
- Mabe to come up with more ways to help protect the food chain and production in the us.
- Economic development Employment oportunities
- Economic development or 'how to keep them down on the farm'
- mainly making it better for our young people to be involved and love their community and take pride in it and wanting to make it better
- We need more jobs.
- community dev. needed, increase in exercise programs needed, fincial mgt. needed
- Need community development / business and places for people to work. There isn't a tax base due to the low number of business in the area and we won't see economic growth in our area until there are business where the youth can work and stay in the coun

- Better understanding between city and country people. Example - animal rights and PETA vs livestock producers. Consumers need to know what it takes for farmers to produce their food.
- Programs to help your people now how to manage life and money. Programs to help the elderly feel part of the community.
- More parental involvement in children's lives
- We need a way to attract more younger women to Extension Units.
- Control the drift of 2,4-D which has been damaging speciality crops for 62 years. Practical education on food preservation, canning freezing. Developing renewable energy sources like tree plantations for heat and building. I saw many tree plantations
- Healthy agricultural economy usually drives a healthy community economy, so concentrating efforts for profitable agriculture is good for Kansas and it's communities.
- Genetically modified foods - education, it is necessary, safety of consumption, etc. Vaccinations for animals - development, education, etc.
- I feel that it is important for individuals to understand the importance of other aspects of the state. For example: Residents in the larger cities should realize how much the state depends on agriculture in rural Kansas.
- Educate young girls about preventing teen pregnancies.
- To keep our young people. There is currently nothing here for our kids to come back to after college. (This really should fall under the Edwards Co. Eco. Dev.). We need to go out and recruit businesses to come to Edwards County, show the companies tha
- Need of industry to our community to encourage young families to move here
- Ways to protect or quality of life in a declining economy.
- Our older generation of farmers are retiring and renting there farms to the bigger operators. What youth we have that might want to farm have to move on and go to the cities to find there way of life.It takes so much capital to farm anymore that it is im
- Continue to keep people informed on the Extension helpfulness and the information the Extension has for the average individual.
- Parenting Skills
- Housing shortage/prices and need more people to fill available jobs--although we are beginning to see that turn with the current economy.
- Consumer education.
- I feel the illegal aliens are getting to many handouts from the federal, state & local community and not paying any taxes or giving anything back to the local community.
- more area wide daycare options
- Better use of local funds and donations to benefit the local community rather than sending the money out of town. More communication between local organizations.
- To come together as a community and make things happen
- Marketing of crops and livestock during volatile market times.
- We have a great need for increased local daycare options for young parents. Ag is a major part of our local economy. Anything thing that can help producers will help our community.
- Improved quality of life through environmental awareness in our surroundings. This includes: water quality & quantity, recycling, and profitable agriculture.
- New immigrants Working poor Obesity
- Any assistance we can provide for diverse cultural populations in our community.
- working more with youth to be more proactive in their actions so we are not always trying to fix it after the fact.
- Partnering with the Hispanic community.
- Reach the spanish speaking population
- reach spanish speakers
- Assistance to non-English speaking residents with nutritional information needs.
- To have a good relationship between city and county residents on BMP's in agriculture.

- Increased funding
- HELP LOCAL CATTLE PRODUCERS DEVELOP NEW MARKETS, PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING OF THEIR PRODUCT
- career planning and development for the youth.
- Promotion of 4-H to younger youth to help build the program for the future.
- There needs to be more interaction between teens and younger kids. When I went to camp last year, one of the kids that was in my group said that some of the kids don't feel like they belong because they think that teens don't care enough. I think that if
- We need to continue to determine ways to increase 4-H membership and retain the members we currently have
- The need for parents to take responsibility in care of their children.
- Information about increasing healthful habits.
- Educating the community to the ideas expressed in this survey is an on-going opportunity and the Extension office provides a quality resource.
- Lack of planning in urban growth
- Maintenance of conservation structures such as terraces and grass waterways.
- Water quality
- Community Arts needs more support, as does science education.
- Energy crisis would be my top priority and then family relationship building
- Not all the questions on the survey are the sole responsibility of Extension. Other community assets need to be utilized and in some cases coordinated to work with extension. Extension cannot be all things to all people without spreading themselves to
- Creating financial security for a long life; and how to handle finances in case of job loss.
- Obtaining and utilizing financial information for self, family and community.
- Lawn/garden is a big item with local residents. More education for homeowners regarding pests, fertilization, soil testing, etc. Pouring on more Sevin and roundup isn't the answer to all your problems!
- Substance abuse/avoidance of addictive behaviors Parenting/grandparenting skills
- our community needs more economic development.
- I believe our local extension office is doing a great job.
- The community seems to like info on health issues and farming. One thing I would like is to help get knowledge of community service available for the teens in our community. They seem to not be able to come up with very many.
- What farming and ranching practices have been successful and what hasn't. What new things have been tried.
- The need to promote community individual awareness of the need for individuals to develop life-long activities and passions/hobbies/interests to aid in maintaining lifelong mental & physical wellness.
- Economic stabilization within our county. Encourage our youth to become more involved within our communities, staying in our rural environment. Not moving away to larger cities.
- 1. Improve upon delivery of programs and assistance for specialty crops such as sesame, etc. 2. Additional demonstration plots within the county to emphasize better agronomic, horticultural and animal husbandry practices.
- English instruction for non english speakers
- A more accessible location for local extension office with room for meetings and hands on instructions of programs. More programs offered to people that work during normal business hours, who can not attend programs and events offered during those hours
- I think pretty much of the needs were covered in the survey
- Improve the roads for the people living out in the country.
- We need better county roads.
- As I'm getting older - aging is of great importance.
- Economic opportunities for young people so they will want to stay here.
- Economic Development, Alternate Energy
- More community get/togethers city parties, community parties to get to know neighbors

- working with people of other languages. Spanish especially, but many other languages as well.
- Help people adapt to the constraint of the economic downturn and begin to rebuild for the future.
- A couple of the questions were asked with a bias towards global warming. I would like to make it clear that I do not agree with the too common belief that there is such a thing as global warming. Also, while I support alternative energy sources, I also
- Extension should help provide a free service and work with other agencies so that efforts are not doubled up resulting in a waste of resources.
- Building stronger leaders through youth development.
- Ensure that those living in poverty without transportation would have equal access to these programs.
- The need to learn more about my community services for my own benefit, as well as making this information available to the community as a whole. During this difficult economic time many are seeking assistance and do not know where to turn. One example wo
- I believe most of the citizens are struggling to maintain their standard of living. The support that the Extension provides helps in many ways. I feel that publicity of the fact that Extension offers that support is crucial.
- I think there is an imbalance between how urban kids see the focus and needs of our agricultural lands in Kansas. How do we teach that to the urbanized kid so that we can sustain the future of our states resources?
- It is important that we reach a variety of people in order to improve their health and well being. Nutrition is very important and getting the best food for the dollar is what many people are needing at this time. Getting the word out on the programs o
- keeping the community united as it struggles with growth.
- Assist Hispanic people to understand and to participate in the upcoming census. They trust the University system more than the federal government due to their experiences in their home countries.
- Hispanic related programs.
- Bring in more shops and businesses to our county for jobs in our community. Also we need a hotel or motel for accommodations for people traveling thru and staying in our county.
- I think we need help developing job opportunities in rural communities. We are losing people to higher paying jobs in urban areas.
- social education of poverty level children
- Things for older youth to do in the community that are safe? Financial help to get back on track with spending and getting the best for our money.
- To provide programs to help meet the needs of our community.
- I feel good about our community, but would like to see continued support for small business and agricultural income opportunities
- prison communities
- Increase safety awareness. Things like farm safety - chemical handling, machinery operating, and livestock safety etc. Also, with increased traffic in our county there is a need to strengthen awareness of deer hazards and the rules, regulations, and h
- Actually have a Economic Development meeting once during the year would be nice.
- stronger, financially sound, resilient families assistance for families with disabilities
- highly transient community
- Get more information out to the life long benefits of the whole 4H program in areas where 4H is not the normal avenue. Help reach children in cities and also ethnic cultures.
- I love the story of the lady trying to get school kids with programs for food at school and learning how to prepare.
- Helping the farm community deal with the current economy
- A need for a building to make it nicer for the community to meet in and to hold the local fair This building should have air conditioning to better accommodate the weather and community members.
- Because of the poor economy we have now we need to reach community members with information about healthy eating, money management and information about resources available.
- The survey has covered needs very well.

- Identifying opportunities and assisting individuals to develop new career paths linked to the natural resources, culture or history of the area primarily in terms of self employment or new business partnership opportunities.
- Low income and low-resource people need help to get the education that will allow them to develop self-reliance more than they need or want handouts. Our extension system needs help in establishing contact and working with underserved populations in o
- A better way of getting the word out about what extension can offer all citizens.
- Reaching minority audiences to get word out about what Extension can offer. Help keep our ag producers profitable and sustainable. Increase employment opportunities. Keep expanding the 4-H program while not forgetting that there are a lot of traditional 4-
- poverty, unemployment
- Maintain our local population bases by promoting our communities to potential incoming populations related to the NBAF in Manhattan. We are close enough for workers tied to this facility to drive to work daily, we need to be able to promote our small co
- better opportunities/activities for children in the community whose parents work full time
- Already identified
- Ways to continually make adults and children aware of the economic impacts and personal impacts which agriculture has in their lives and community. 2. Target audience: Ways to reach/motivate children and parents in the general population to become
- Identify, develop and encourage use of sustainable practices to be adopted by individuals, families, businesses and organizations. All entities should strive to become more sustainable in all facets of their existence. 2. Enhance spiritual program
- Develop leadership opportunities for youth, especially those under high school level.
- German and Hispanic language barriers.
- Bilingual resources to help all of the population. More advertising and exposure for the program so that more people will know about it and be able to take advantage of its opportunities.
- increase 4H membership increase local businesses school enrichment programs at secondary level
- Would like to see some programs for older population on exercise.
- I feel the survey targeted very important issues with agricultural communities in Kansas and I believe bringing as many resources to those communities to continue the agricultural growth is most important.
- Need better community involvement with youth; the older residents do not appear to support the youth of the community.
- The biggest challenge I see was not mentioned in the survey which is daycare. The state of Kansas needs to rethink how they license daycares. As their current structure is limiting the number of daycares in the rural area which in turn is creating one
- I think the survey covered it.
- educate on opportunities - and understanding that you must seize the opportunity and not think it will stop and ask you to ride along.
- Everything has been covered in the previous questions.
- More involvement of youth in the decision making process for communities Leadership training in school system
- We need resources for families and youth to develop skills for lifelong success in a changing world.
- More business , more youth activities
- Getting more young adults involved. Our Homemakers Clubs are all elderly women.
- Community support and funding to build new fair grounds
- To let local people know more about NEKAP and other options we have available in our county.
- Building a strong, sustainable local economy, including local food economy. Promote an eat local mind set to benefit all sectors of the community, including producers and consumers, all age and economic groups, and other local entrepreneurs. Extension sho
- More hands on type of programs

- Increase the understanding of methods to insure rights of majority and minority opinions of issues and in organizations.
- work on attracting people to the services of extension. Attendance and participation in extension programs locally are on the decrease, need inspiration to attract residents to use the extension service as a resource.
- I do not have any specific needs that were not already covered in the other questions.
- We need to have these committees revitalized. Few if any people show up at our Ag PDC.
- We need to hire an Ag agent and we can't because of the state hiring freeze.
- Additional sources of fun recreation - learning for youth to keep them on the right path. Education for our teachers, parents, and students on how to deal with bullying. Counseling for children/youth who are doing the bullying as well as the victims.
- None other than what has been covered.
- To keep local youth involved in the community and local groups and clubs
- activities for teenagers and young adults in the community in evenings and on weekends are very limited here. The kids have to drive to the city for movies or for a variety of restaurants, shopping-other than Walmart.
- marketing
- Counseling and assistance for those families experiencing stress overload from job loss.
- This question was not answered on the form I am submitting for a PDC member.
- Employment and/or entrepreneurial opportunities that will help retain or interest young people in staying/returning. Support/resources that will allow aging individuals to remain in their homes. Businesses that are good for the economy and the environm
- To have a better understanding of the extension council.
- Perhaps there needs to be a nutrition/genetic research done to see if we have genetically modified wheat to contain too much protein from the original cultivars for 'esthetics'/'consistency' instead of health which led to increase in wheat gluten allergy
- Support the community and 4-H through extension in each county
- To make the citizens aware of the programs available at this time.
- city understanding need of rural shoppers to continued business in city
- We need to have entrepreneurs who will take advantage of opportunities that exist here. We need laws which respect private property and personal income and provide a safe working and living environment. We need to preserve our natural resources such as
- In Morris County, the numbers of youth in the 4-H program have slowly diminished. I feel that it is very important to get the youth back involved. We need to instill in the youth that 4-H is about learning & growing as a person, NOT about winning. I f
- To provide education on new agricultural developments to help better market pork and beef, and educate consumers to buy products.
- I would like to see our community become more involved with the 4-H programs.
- Everything was covered in the previous questions.
- More education for our school age children on the importance of agriculture and how we all are dependent on agriculture even if we are not actively involved in agriculture. We also need more support for developing industry and businesses in small comm
- The questions above pretty well covers the issues that are important for our community.
- Involvement of community people in more volunteer services. Especially yound people.
- Keep public informed and active in programs.
- State and County funding - We have been warned that there may be more state funding cuts coming. Rural counties are also having a tough time with finding dollars to support the extension programs.
- In our smaller communities we need to find a way to grow our population base to support all of our programs and education systems. The aging of our small communities is a concern. When I look around me at church or other events it becomes painfully obv
- teach or hold informational classes for those people that are low income or how to stretch their food stamp purchases and how to make wise food purchases and preparation of those purchases.

- Bringing new businesses to rural economies.
- better medical options; need doctors!
- grow-serve local markets to schools, hospitals, senior centers, etc.; promote sustainable family farms
- What is 'very important' is different than what extension should focus.
- Managing household resources efficiently in the current economic environment.
- We need agents with animal science knowledge to provide educational opportunities for our 4-H'ers and livestock producers.
- Garden/Orchard produce
- I work with young families who struggle with putting nutritious food before their families. They need help with planning and what is the most resourceful for their family.
- Profitability for agriculture, local shopping where possible
- Estate planning, generational transfer of Ag assets/operations.
Engaging youth and young adults in leadership roles in the community. Sustaining and growing local businesses.
- Communication of the importance of Agriculture to our community and country. To many special interest groups control ag practices.
- Urban sprawl/urban spread issues
- Shopping wisely since the nearest grocery store is 20 miles away.
- Identify needs of poor and aged to help them live life better. To Help families to recognize the importance of raising Children in an Emotional healthy Environment in their home's.
- Maybe some families could be more self-supporting and not depend so much on government assistance. As a food source, for example, maybe they could put out a small vegetable garden.
- Ways for the community to be more knowledgeable about agriculture. 2. Figure out ways for the community to stimulate more jobs for Reno County. 3. Figure out how to get property taxes down. 4. Ways to keep young professionals in our community.
- I feel very fortunate. I have a college degree, a healthy family and feel secure financially. I have a strong faith and friends which gives me a support system in time of need....Others are not so fortunate....I have been involved in Extension all of my
- Sustainable community and economic development without the requirements of constant growth and resource depletion. More local activities for youth development. Not everyone can go to camp at Rock Springs.
- Emergency Planning program to assist families in developing emergency disaster kits.
- Integrating our non-mainstream citizens so that we may assess and meet their needs in our community as well as help create contributing members of the community.
- To make the 'Haves' realize things cannot remain at the status quo
- support and education on local and sustainable agriculture
- Science education so that we don't have a 'chicken little', or knee-jerk mentality concerning food safety, the responsible use of fertilizers and relatively safe pesticides, and genetic engineering.
- How to involve people without making them feel overwhelmed/too busy.
- Have a Local Resource Fair (once or twice a year) that will include info for Riley County residents but will also target rural areas of Riley Co. Resources on Emergency Assit., Advocary,Counseling, Childcare,Basic Assis, etc.
- getting people involved
- elected officials to be responsible for their actions
- Keeping our youth involved and working in our local community
- The need to work together with other communities within our district; find a way to keep the young people from leaving our area.
- POST ON EVENTS ON THE ELK COUNTY FORUM.
- Improve the quality of our water supply. Complete education on wind generators, the government's involvement and the long term consequence and true benefit to our community.

- Consistent application of support from KSU, without the constant changing of policies and funding levels. KSU has spent too much time working for the betterment of KSU and leaving the County level extension offices to fend for themselves. KSU needs to
- diversification of the local beef and ag industries
- The survey was very comprehensive but very broad. This is the problem with the Extension programs is the 'topics' to cover are too vast and broad for all to be addressed properly.
- Risk Management tools for ag/food producers.
- I would like better PR in order to better promote the Extension Services to ethnic groups.
- Engage with local educational and business organizations to develop and implement strategies to positively impact the built environment.
- Educate consumers as to what they can do to improve the quality of our surroundings by recycling, using environmentally friendly products and techniques...
- Continue to support farmers' markets and vendor opportunities. Provide information on plants suitable for local climate.
- Build improved relationships among the wide variety of ethnic groups in the market.
- Improve information sharing and accessibility to seniors for available resources associated with the aging process.
- support of 4-H in after school program, school programs and at the Air Force Base - High Importance.
- Promote healthy lifestyles starting in pre-school. Promote exercise, activity, healthy foods. Teach kids to avoid fried, non-nutritious fast foods, and sugar so we will end up with healthy adults! Healthy activity, healthy nutrition will help with mental
- Working together as a community, with our diversity. Our county is a majority Latino and we need to work toward one community, not us versus them
- Help small communities be resilient and good quality of life centers.
- I believe the survey covered most issues we try to focus on. Some are being 'covered' on a larger scale through other resources, so there may be some redundancy.
- I work at a school. We have identified that we need parenting classes. Parents are asking for workshops on parenting skills. We have not been able to find any in Topeka that are free or at least affordable.
- to get more knowledge about extension to the public
- There are numerous efforts locally to have health and wellness initiatives to all ages. I think there are adequate programs to promote health and wellness to youth, but we need to develop more programs for the Baby Boomer generations and aging citizens
- Finding quality resources for the best prices. Educating the public about financial responsibilities.
- We need to find a way to empower even more volunteers. As our baby boomer generation starts to retire, we need to find ways to keep them engaged. We also need to develop MORE school enrichment programs, designed to fit our ever changing educational needs
- I have not identified any other than what was asked on this survey
- Getting information to seniors about services available to them to keep them in their own homes or apartments longer. Activities for youth to keep them off of the streets. Example: 4-H
- A 'grassroots' network of individuals from the smaller outlying communities in Shawnee county who have a passion for finding what works and then implementing it, family by family, in even the smallest, unincorporated village.
- Maintaining quality education (for all ages) during hard economic times (mailings and technology, etc.)
- technology
- *Integrated Pest Management *The effect of GMO's on human and animals *Reduction of chemical pesticides and more organics
- Value of Historic Preservation of buildings to a community, not only in its heritage but also in the area of economic development.
- Find way for home owners to grow own food and then an easy way to store it.

- With mandates on No Child Left Behind curriculum and testing, we need to identify Extension projects that support the core knowledge that must be taught and try to link these requirements to life skills the units offered (today they include making bread,
- For our area, being a mostly urban/suburban county, we need to better adapt ourselves to the changing dynamics of our community. Specifically, using technology and other alternatives to reach the 22-40 years of age crowd, and adapting programs so that t
- I think the main concern at this point in time is helping people within the community create businesses. Our community needs a strong economic force in order to draw others into living here.
- Health Aging
- Aging issues Money management
- Job creating business or industry that will draw and keep young people.
- Working closer with families and children Anything with aging
- more community involvement
- Production costs management Leasing rates Fertilizer management
- production costs fertility management
- Pasture management
- Marketing crops and livestock
- We are in the process of having wind energy in our county.
- youth financial management
- Updating or replacement of current health care facilities.
- Better integration of / communication with diverse community groups
- Stevens county needs another extension agent. Mrs. Honig is doing a super job, however, the needs of the county certainly require more than one agent.
- We need to connect the youth and older people so that they can learn from each other. We need to encourage parents to help their children choose the important events to participate in.--Families are on over-load.
- Our agents do a good job trying to get information out to producers, consumers and the community as a whole. I have no additional comments or concerns. Keep up the good work!
- Keeping youth in the rural areas so that they don't lose their existence.
- Strong need to Agriculture is so vital to our area. This is the strongest need that we have because it reaches and affects every person in our area.
- Action on the part of the committee.
- my comments here refer to my question as to what this survey is actually about...does it ask me if I think extension should supply this help in the community as a result of the answers or if these points need are important to me? Most of the issues asked
- FARMERS MARKET, CONFERENCES ON AG SCIENCE
- Developing specific strategies that will work in each community to remain sustainable in an ever changing world.
- Extension cannot be all things to all people but they can be a catalyst to bring the city to the county---create opportunities by either doing programs themselves or bringing in experts to answer questions, provide resource. And timeliness---ext. needs
- The list is never ending. Politics, it is all politics
- Dealing with the possibility of abandoned coal bed methane gas leases in this economy.
- The wording of some of these questions was a little opaque to me. I wasn't sure what 'systems' you were referring to that Extension Programs could affect, or 'grow'. I suspect that a local need I may have is someone to explain the survey, and if I have
- Enhancing the knowledge of local community members in relation to grants or special loans available based on location, farm type, gender/race, etc. These programs are sometimes available but not known about or how to obtain them until it is too late.

- I don't feel I have any local needs at this time. AS I age I may have needs for home health care and living in the country some times presents a problem. People living in the country are unable to have meals on wheels and I see this as a problem to som
- We need to find ways to keep families in our small towns and rural areas by finding need ways to make money on the farms and by expanding the number of companies that are in our small towns.
- To assist with Urban program planning
- The local needs would be to encourage consumers to participate in programs that are available to them.