

METRO AREA

- *Integrated Pest Management *The effect of GMO's on human and animals *Reduction of chemical pesticides and more organics
- Agricultural producers need to be taught or encouraged to be involved in proactively addressing the many positive aspects of their profession. 2. Need attitudes of producers to change from 'Ag a way of Life' to 'Agriculture a Great Profession', we need
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- An increase in local citizen participation in the future of their communities. Local producers who look into the future by adding value to their products, as individuals or as a group, to enhance their economic stability in volatile commodity prices. Dev
- As populations shift, we must have large print information available to seniors, and find ways to communicate information and increase participation within the immigrant communities. 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.
- Build improved relationships among the wide variety of ethnic groups in the market.
- Building stronger leaders through youth development.
- 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
- Continue local service at county office.
- Continue to support farmers' markets and vendor opportunities. Provide information on plants suitable for local climate.
- 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
- Developing working relationships with KSU and Fort Riley to discount concerns about NBAT or Army activities.
- Diversity training Customer service training for rural business Limited resource farm training Servant leadership
- Diversity within community regarding influx of military families. Understanding their dynamics and providing programs that are meaningful and impactful for them

- Doing more with less. Agents need direction from the specialists on top priority programing. We do not have time to develop a complete different set of programs.
- Educate consumers as to what they can do to improve the quality of our surroundings by recycling, using environmentally friendly products and techniques
- Educating the people who choose to move to the country and have hobby farms.
- Engage with local educational and business organizations to develop and implement strategies to positively impact the built environment.
- Ensure that those living in poverty without transportation would have equal access to these programs.
- Ensure the community is aware of all the resources and guidance available at the KSU Extension Service.
- 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.
- Find way for home owners to grow own food and then an easy way to store it.
- Finding quality resources for the best prices. Educating the public about financial responsibilities.
- 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
- Genetically modified foods - education, it is necessary, safety of consumption, etc. Vaccinations for animals - development, education, etc.
- 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
- getting people involved
- 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.
- Healthy agricultural economy usually drives a healthy community economy, so concentrating efforts for profitable agriculture is good for Kansas and it's communities.
- Help people adapt to the contrainst of the economic downturn and begin to rebuild for the future.
- Hispanic related programs.
- How do we help the people that will be facing layoffs?
- How to involve people without making them feel overwhelmed/too busy.
- I believe all were covered in previous questions.
- 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 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 can't think of anything else, this is a very comprehensive survey. Thank you, Kathy Mulinazzi

- 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.
- 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
- I have not identified any other than what was asked on this survey
- 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?
- 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.
- I would like better PR in order to better promote the Extension Services to ethnic groups.
- I would like to see curb side recycling increase. Perhaps the local waste management companies would provide more receptacles for people who wish to sort their recycling. If folks do not wish to do that maybe the waste management companies could charge
- 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.
- Improve information sharing and accessibility to seniors for available resources associated with the aging process.
- Improve walking and biking trails to empower people to walk instead of using their cars.
- In many communities, small and large, there are too many cases where code enforcement hinders small business development. Therefore, we need to be proactive in bringing the needs of creative entrepreneurs and city governments together, in order to foste
- Industry, job potential.
- 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.
- Local government spending, helping people who are unemployed
- Maintaining quality education (for all ages) during hard economis times (mailings and technology, etc.)
- 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.
- Program Value
- 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
- 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

- Risk Management tools for ag/food producers.
- 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.
- Shopping wisely since the nearest grocery store is 20 miles away.
- support and education on local and sustainable agriculture
- support of 4-H in after school program, school programs and at the Air Force Base - High Importance.
- 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.
- technology
- The local needs would be to encourage consumers to participate in programs that are available to them.
- 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
- 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 o
- To assist with Urban program planning
- To create a sense of caring and committment among individuals with in the community.
- to get more knowledge about extension to the public
- Value of Historic Preservation of buildings to a community, not only in its heritage but also in the area of economic development.
- We need a better place for children to come and learn after school hours or in the summer
- 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
- We need to promote items that are essential to urban adn rural living
- With mandates on No Child Left Behind cirriculum 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,
- working with people of other languages. Spanish especially, but many other languages as well.