NORTHWEST AREA
FINAL PDC STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES SURVEY

Surveys Received

	Number Of Respondents	Percentage
Ag And Natural Resources	40	26.8
Community Development	22	14.8
Family And Consumer Science	57	38.3
4-H Youth Development	30	20.1

	Number Of Respondents To Important Or Somewhat Important	Percentage Important Or Somewhat Important
SUSTAIN PROFITABLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SYSTEMS		
Develop Animal And Crop Production Systems That Thrive In The Variable Conditions Of The Great Plains	135	92.5
Develop Horticulture, Forestry And Alternative Green Enterprises That Thrive In The Variable Conditions Of The Great Plains	97	66.5
Advance New And Improved Systems Of Agricultural Production To Meet The Needs Of Producers And Consumers	134	91.8
Enhance The Value Of Agricultural Products	137	93.8
PREPARE PEOPLE IN KANSAS TO THRIVE IN A GLOBAL WORKFORCE AND ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE		
Improve Life-Long Money Management Skills To Create Financial Security	138	94.6
Build Harmonious Relationships To Create Resilient Families	129	88.3
Help Children And Youth Develop Competence, Confidence, Integrity, Compassion And A Sense Of Belonging	140	95.9
Engage Youth In The Sciences To Improve Life For A Sustainable World	134	91.8
Assist People To Successfully Live In Their Homes As Long As Possible	118	80.9
IDENTIFY PATHWAYS FOR EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY USE		
Identify And Assess Opportunities For Economic Development Through Alternative Energy	131	90.3
Increase Sciences-Based Knowledge On Energy Resources And Technologies	129	89.0

Enhance Knowledge And Skills About Efficient Energy Practices	135	93.1
ENSURE AN ABUNDANT AND SAFE FOOD SUPPLY FOR ALL		
Improve Access To High Quality Foods, Including Local Foods, Especially For Consumers With Limited Resources	123	84.8
Increase Food Variety And Value By Developing New And Enhanced Food Products	108	69.0
Enhance The Safety Of Our Food Supply By Reducing Or Eliminating Hazards From Food Production To Consumption	124	85.5
Improve Protection And Defense Strategies To Safeguard The Food Supply	124	85.6
ENHANCE EFFECTIVE DECISION-MAKING REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP		
Improve And Protect Soil And Water Quality In Agricultural, Rural, And Urban Landscapes And Watersheds	134	92.4
Conserve And Prolong The Life Of The Ogallala Aquifer And Other Important Surface And Groundwater Resources While Sustaining Communities Dependent On Those Water Resources	130	89.7
Improve Understanding Of Sources, Fate, And Transport Of Air Emissions From Confined Animal Feeding, Agricultural Burning And Tillage , Soil Erosion, And Other Activities	103	71.0
Improve Understanding Of Natural Resources, Environmental, Economic, And Social Impacts Of Changing Climate And Energy Needs	108	74.5
ASSIST COMMUNITIES IN BECOMING SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT TO THE UNCERTAINTIES OF ECONOMICS, WEATHER, HEALTH, AND SECURITY		
Grow Communities' Capacity To Identify And Meet Local Needs	126	86.9
Improve Participation Of Children, Youth, And Adults In The Life Of The Community	137	94.4
Enhance Community Leadership And Entrepreneurship	133	91.7
Help Residents, Organizations, And Communities Identify Opportunities For Partnerships	119	84.1
Partner With Communities To Facilitate Preparation For, Response To, And Recovery From Emergencies And Disasters	128	88.3
CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT PEOPLE IN KANSAS TO IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING		
Build Capacity Of People To Optimize Their Personal Health And Well-Being And To Avoid Or Manage Chronic Health Conditions	130	89.7
Promote Healthy Eating And Physical Activity In Children, Youth, And Adults	135	93.1
Empower Individuals And Families To Adapt To Changes Associated With The Aging Process	122	84.2
Connect Individuals And Families To Mental And Emotional Support Systems And Resources	119	82.0