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## Kansas Counties SPARK Webinar

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# Agriculture in the Kansas Economy

- Includes traditional economic contributions from beef cattle ranching, wheat, corn, sorghum, soybeans and dairy.
- Also includes food processing, pet food, landscape and horticultural services, farm machinery manufacturing, and more.
- Critical Infrastructure
- Agriculture contributes to the workforce 245,539 jobs, or 12.7% of the workforce



# Coronavirus Aid Relief & Economic Security Act

County has the unique position to positively and directly impact local economy through

- Strategic local infrastructure investment
- Direct support to local business
- Enhance quality of life
- Expand market access



# County Office Suggestions

## Conservation & Watershed

**Districts:** Laptops, virtual meeting equipment (OWLs), projection equipment and screens, PPE

**County Extension Office:** virtual meeting equipment for remote programming, PPE

**Noxious Weed Department:** UAV with remote sensing, laptop & weed recognition software, PPE



# Agri-Business Support

- Food & meat processing facilities
  - Grants for expansion of cold storage
  - Employee training & education
  - PPE
- Direct-to-Consumer Producer funding
  - Greenhouse expansion
  - Technology updates
  - PPE
- Direct-to-Consumer markets
  - Farmer's Market infrastructure
  - Locally owned grocery funding
  - Restaurant funding for online access
  - Online portal/sales funding
  - PPE
- Agri-Tourism Support
  - Marketing/Advertising funds



# Animal Facilities

- Livestock Auction Markets
  - High Frequency ear tag readers
  - Employee training & funding
  - PPE & safety infrastructure
- Small Animal Shelters
  - Increased funding for elevated needs
  - Equipment for online access
  - PPE
- Animal Operations (boarding facilities, feedyards, dairies)
  - Access to PPE
  - Continuing Operation Planning/Training



# Other Suggestions

- Childcare Facilities/After school programing
  - Training, new employee expenses (background check fees)
  - Assistance for essential employees with childcare
  - Increased cleaning needs
  - PPE
- Broadband
  - Resident grants for “last mile” coverage
  - Provider dig-ready projects
  - Service booster equipment businesses & residents
- Community Events
  - PPE
  - Infrastructure modifications
  - Handwashing stations
  - Cleaning fund grants





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# Questions?

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