



A Look at *Kansas* Agriculture

Capital: Topeka

Population: 2,818,747

Founded: January 29, 1861 (34th)

State Bird: Meadowlark

State Tree: Cottonwood

State Flower: Sunflower

Number of Counties: 105

Largest City: Wichita - 344,284

Nickname: The Sunflower State

Number of Farms: 65,500

Average Farm Size: 707 acres

Total Farmland: 46 million acres



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Climate & Soil

- Average Yearly Precipitation: 25.52 inches
- Average January Temperature: 28.7 degrees
- Average July Temperature: 79.6 degrees
- Average Yearly Rain in Western Kansas: 17 inches
- Average Yearly Rain in Eastern Kansas: 42 inches
- Average Topsoil Depth: 7-16 inches
- Number of Soil Series: 390 (A series is defined as a group of soils that have similar horizons and properties.)
- State Soil: Harney Silt Loam.

Crops & Livestock

- In 2009, Kansas ranked first in sorghum grain produced, 2nd in wheat flour milled, all wheat produced and cropland. As of Jan. 1, 2010, Kansas ranked third in cattle and calves on farms and feedlot with 8,370,000. The state also ranked third in sunflowers produced, fifth in hay production, seventh in corn grain and ninth in soybean production.
- In 2009, approximately 9.3 million acres of wheat were planted in Kansas. The state harvested 8.8 million acres.
- In 2009, approximately 4.1 million acres of corn were planted in Kansas. Approximately 4 million acres were harvested.
- Kansas' dairy cattle produced 2.4 billion pounds of milk in 2009.
- As of Dec. 1, 2009, there were 1.8 million head of hogs in Kansas.

General

- The average Kansas farmer is 57 years old.
- Approximately 88% of the state's land is under agricultural production.