

Enhancing FOOD SECURITY and Strengthening AGRICULTURAL LIVELIHOODS

THROUGH EDUCATION, ACTION AND ADVOCACY

An innovative space for collaboration, research, and civil discourse on methods to reduce consumption and increase resilience that supports food security initiatives

A hands-on learning laboratory to develop academic programming in regenerative agriculture in the sciences, business, communication and social work fields

A training and collaborative resource center for farmers to access capacity-building funding and support to transition to more sustainable, regenerative practices and engage in discourse that can lead to systemic change



Community
Resilience Hub
Kansas Wesleyan University



**BUILDING
RESILIENT HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES IN KANSAS AND BEYOND**

Our AREAS of IMPACT

- EDUCATION
- AG WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
- FOOD SECURITY & EQUITY
- CLIMATE STABILITY
- SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
- HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES
- AWARENESS & ACTION



Our STRATEGY

EDUCATION

- Train the next generation of sustainable farmers
- Prepare a workforce supporting farmers and food system security
- Increase student opportunities for practical, applied fieldwork

ACTION

- Move toward more sustainable, regenerative farming practices by:
 - Championing capacity-building initiatives to assist with farming transitions
 - Leading data-driven research
- Develop and lead food security initiatives to expand food access

ADVOCACY

- Increase farmer and community awareness of healthy soil practices and sustainable methods to manage our natural assets and secure the state's food system
- Increase overall understanding of resiliency and how to achieve it



Kansas Wesleyan University, with key local, national and global agricultural partners, is poised to lead efforts to establish resources and provide support, research and education that will lead to a more stabilized, secure and equitable food system. The Community Resilience Hub (CRH) has potential to transform the health of hundreds of thousands of Kansas residents, and with its replicable programming, change the landscape of rural communities across the nation.



PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS FRESH FOOD ACCESS TO NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS

As a key partner in a grant from the USDA through the Kansas Rural Center, KWU will manage the operations of a new farmer cooperative creating a network of farmers markets on the I-135 corridor and expanding fresh food access to rural areas from Wichita to Salina.



Kansas produces one-fifth of the country's wheat, yet 90% of the food Kansans consume is produced outside of the state's border.

It all starts with the soil.

Soil is a precious yet vulnerable natural resource. Both the positive contributors and the damaging disrupters of soil health have ripple effects across nearly every industry, most particularly agriculture and healthcare. They affect the supply chain and the economy. By learning to work with nature, rather than against it, every human being will benefit.

