

Total contact reach
126,946

Total dollar value of service
\$3.1 million

Total volunteer hours
113,982

Total pounds
of produce donated
25,374

Total continuing
education hours
19,866

Total social media reach
8,934

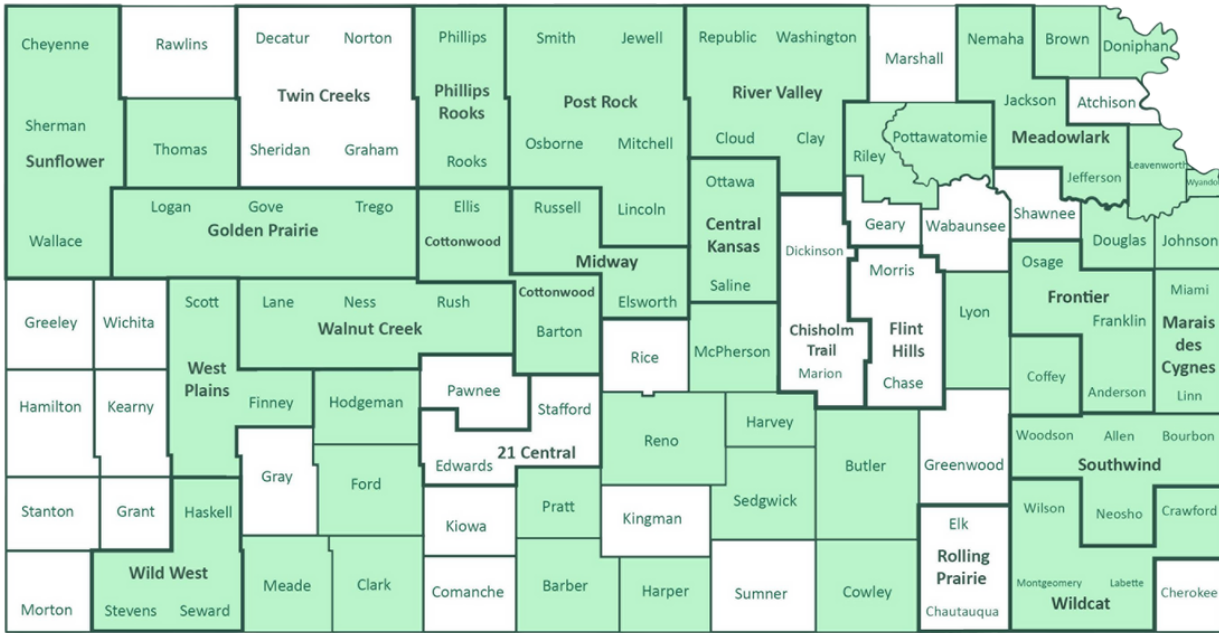
Total number of volunteers
1,889

Total new trainees
252

Total number of counties
56



Growing Master Gardeners in Kansas



Master Gardener programs are present in 72 of 105 Kansas counties.

New volunteers were trained in 30 local Extension units, representing 50% of Kansas counties.

Community Projects

Pollinator Garden Education

Western Kansas

The Sunflower District Master Gardeners assisted with creating a demonstration garden and educational community space where youth and other community members can learn about pollination and gardening. A larger pollinator garden was enhanced, which included learning about preferred native nectar and host plants for a variety of butterflies common to western Kansas. Volunteers worked to source these plants. Educational programs for youth included learning about and hatching butterflies, and the importance of pollinators. Volunteers worked with approximately 50 summer school youth per day during the month of June alone. (Karen Nelson, 2022 Report)



Residents Donate Produce

Central Kansas



With the help of volunteers from the K-State Ag Extension office in Cowley County, twelve Winfield Correctional Facility Residents are the first to undergo a program tailored after the Master Gardener program of K-State. The organically managed gardens are yielding produce that include radishes, potatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, three varieties of basil, zucchini, yellow squash, spaghetti squash, watermelons, cantaloupe, honeydew melons, okra, cucumbers, lettuce, dill, cilantro, and a variety of peppers. The program has harvested more than a thousand pounds of produce since it began this summer, donating the produce to the local Winfield Food Pantry. (D. Thompson, 2022)

Plant Sales Support Mission

Eastern Kansas

Despite three days of rain and a micro burst destroying tents, the Marais des Cygnes Master Gardener plant sale boasted record-breaking sales. Plants were displayed on 65 tables as shoppers enthusiastically remarked on the quality of the plants and the reasonable pricing. Volunteers also provided one-on-one instruction with customers needing specific plant answers and landscape design assistance. A total of \$35,043 was raised, surpassing previous sales records. The plant sale helps to support the Master Gardeners mission to provide the public with science-based horticultural information. (MDC Newsletter, May 2022)

