



2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



MISSION-DRIVEN, COMMUNITY-FOCUSED

As a mission-driven financial cooperative, our commitment to serving rural America goes beyond financing those who farm and ranch. We make a difference in the rural communities where we live and work through volunteering, local contributions, grants and more.

We put our time and resources where they have a direct impact on agriculture and our communities – agricultural education and young and beginning producer programs, hunger and nutrition and rural disaster relief and essential services.

In support of this focus, our employees dedicated more than 790 hours to community service work in 2022. Frontier Farm Credit also contributed more than \$376,000 to projects and programs that impact agriculture, including nearly \$113,000 through our Working Here Fund grant program.

The impact map in this report illustrates our local commitment to the individual projects, programs and organizations supported in 2022. We also share inspiring success stories made possible by our community partners and our generous employees.

Along with our Board of Directors, I am truly proud of Frontier Farm Credit's ongoing commitment to building strong communities across eastern Kansas.



Mark Jensen
President and CEO



- 4-H Stall Cards:** Provided 2,950 stall cards to livestock exhibitors.
- Employee Match:** This program provided matches of up to \$300 for each employee and Director contribution to causes that were meaningful to them, totaling more than \$9,000.
- Employee Volunteers:** Frontier Farm Credit employees volunteered over 790 hours for nonprofit organizations in their local communities through virtual and in-person volunteer efforts.
- Expanded Grants:** Up to \$10,000 per grant, totaling \$60,400 for hunger and nutrition, ag education, rural disaster and essential services, and young and beginning producer programs.
- FFA Support:** Provided funding for FFA programs and projects to support eastern Kansas FFA chapters.
- Grants:** Provided 29 Working Here Fund grants totaling \$52,595 for hunger and nutrition, ag education, rural disaster relief and essential services, and young and beginning producer programs.
- Local Contributions:** Each of our six offices impacted communities with funding support for local programs and initiatives.
- Scholarships:** Awarded eight \$2,500 land grant university scholarships, seven FFA \$2,000 scholarships and four \$2,000 community college scholarships to students pursuing a career in agriculture.
- Key Partnerships:** Funded support for Kansas communities and the Kansas State Ag Research and Innovation Center.

For more information about our community involvement, visit frontierfarmcredit.com/community.

CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY

Gridley Elementary’s Tower Gardens Promote Agricultural Learning

The Tower Garden Flex Growing System, equipped with LED indoor grow lights, net pots, a support cage, rockwool cubes and mineral and pH-balance blends, allows students to become young and beginning producers at an early age.

Students will learn about specific plants and use that knowledge to make planting decisions each year. Growing practices will be tailored to each plant to maximize the students’ harvest.

This project serves students as well as the Gridley community. Students will share their harvests, taking fresh produce home to their families.

With the support of Frontier Farm Credit, the small Kansas school strives to provide a solid educational foundation for their students by incorporating agricultural experiences that also support the community.



“We can teach our third and fourth grade students about gardening and providing a sustainable way to grow food for themselves and our community members.”

Chelsea Williams
Third Grade Teacher



AG SUPPORTING AG

New Rural Rescue Equipment Keeps Volunteers Safe

Two fire departments have new equipment to assist with rescues thanks to support from Frontier Farm Credit.

The City of Coffeyville Fire Department (CFD) and Marshall County Fire No. 7 purchased specialized equipment for entrapment situations. New rescue-and-rope devices and carabiners help minimize the stress, and impact on victims and rescuers, making extractions safer and more efficient. All members of the department will be trained to operate the new equipment. To increase community awareness, CFD will also hold a community training event.

Marshall County Fire No. 7 used its Working Here Fund grant to buy flashlights, reflective vests and road cones to improve safety conditions at rescue scenes. These emergency tools will be used to ensure the safety of firefighters during accidents and search and rescue responses.

“This hardware, combined with our current equipment cache, lets us perform an effective rescue with the amount of people we have on shift. Before, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to perform a rescue with just the responding personnel trained in technical rope rescue.”

Mike O’Connor
City of Coffeyville Fire Department Fire Captain



BREAKING THE HUNGER CYCLE

K-State Grows Global Food Rescue Program

Global Food Systems Leadership (GFSL), a secondary major offered only at Kansas State University, continues to grow, thanks to ongoing support from Frontier Farm Credit.

Since 2017, more than 500 students from various disciplines have enrolled in the program, learning the fundamentals and uncertainties of large, complex food systems and exploring ways to impact global food security.

Students have applied some of their learnings to campus. They and their professors have collaborated with housing and dining services, Cats' Cupboard and the Office of the Vice President for Student Life to provide free and reduced-price meals in the student union. "Swipe Out Hunger" cards are now available to provide healthy food options to food-insecure students.

The program also has led to the formation of a new student group. Food Security Scholars focuses on volunteering and hands-on service opportunities that foster a more food-secure world.

To keep up with growing interest, the program expects to hire a dedicated director and graduate assistant. The goal is to expand the program to include annual study-abroad opportunities and conferences on issues related to food systems.

“Global Food Systems Leadership challenged me to think globally through diverse perspectives, applying curiosity to better understand our food system, but ultimately empowered me to act locally to create a more equitable food system in the communities I am part of.”

Hattie Polson
K-State Ag Econ Junior



Fresh Mobile Pantries Provide Food Security to Communities in Need

Second Harvest Community Food Bank plans to distribute up to 6,000 meals in Leavenworth County with grant funds from Frontier Farm Credit.

The free meals will be delivered through the food bank's Fresh Mobile Pantry program. The mobile pantries distribute fresh produce and lean protein to four different locations each month. Individuals drive to the scheduled location, and food is put into their car by volunteers. It provides a low-contact way for community members to receive healthy food.

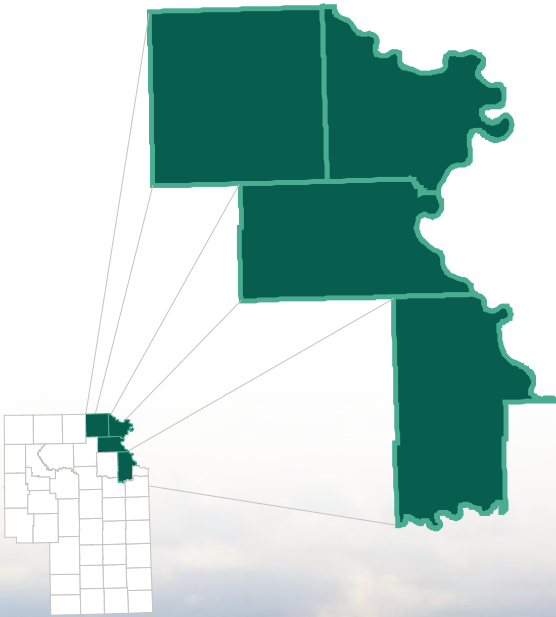
“Second Harvest’s Fresh Mobile Pantries are open to the public and everyone gets equal access to food. The events are located in public parks and parking lots, so the locations are easily accessible. Each vehicle is allowed to pick up for another family so those who are homebound or without transportation can also have access to fresh food.”

Michelle Fagerstone
Chief Development Officer, Second Harvest Community Food Bank

Second Harvest Community Food Bank’s mission is to provide nourishment and hope to the hungry while engaging and empowering communities in the fight to end hunger.

Second Harvest counties served in eastern Kansas:

- **Atchison Co.**
- **Brown Co.**
- **Doniphan Co.**
- **Leavenworth Co.**



HANDS-ON LEARNING

Students Raise Swine at Home as Part of a Supervised Ag Experience Program

Frontier Farm Credit recognizes that agricultural education is important. That's why, every year, Frontier Farm Credit provides grant support to promote applied learning opportunities in various agriculture and animal science fields.

Students enrolled in the ag education program at Riverton Unified School District No. 404 in Cherokee County are required to select and implement a hands-on project through the school's Supervised Ag Experience (SAE) program. As part of an affiliated membership program, the students are members of the Riverton FFA Chapter and have equal access to educational opportunities.

Either alone or in a group, students in the ag education program will be able to borrow one of four sets of portable hog panels to raise and monitor swine at home that could then be exhibited at the county fair or consumed by their families. The panels will be designed, constructed and painted by students enrolled in the ag welding and ag fabrication classes, which creates additional educational opportunities.

“Our goal is to guide students towards leadership, growth and career success through ag education. Our students learn about swine production and will be able to educate others.”

Jacob Larison
Agricultural Education Instructor and
Riverton FFA Chapter Advisor

The Swine Life Cycle



Gestation (pregnancy)

3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days

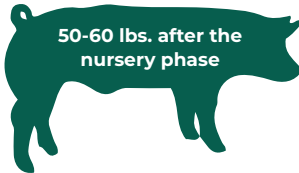
- Gilts (female pigs) reach maturity and are bred at 170 to 220 days of age.
- After delivering their first litter of pigs, gilts are called sows.



Farrowing (birth to weaning)

3 weeks

- Sows and gilts move to a farrowing barn when ready to give birth (farrow).
- Usually, a sow or gilt will have 12 to 13 pigs per litter.



Nursery

6 to 8 weeks

- Piglets move to a nursery or to a wean-to-finish barn.
- Specialized temperature and ventilation support the newly weaned piglets.
- Piglets are fed a corn/soybean meal diet, eating 1.4 lbs. to 4 lbs. per day.



Growing and Finishing

16 to 17 weeks

- Pigs move from the nursery to a finishing barn. If pigs are in a wean-to-finish barn, they remain there.
- In the grow/finish phase, pigs consume 6 lbs. to 10 lbs. of feed daily.
- A diet typically consists of corn and soybean meal, as well as vitamins and minerals to ensure proper health and growth of the pigs.

Source: <https://porkcheckoff.org/pork-branding/facts-statistics/life-cycle-of-a-market-pig/>

AG EDUCATION

Kansas FFA Publication Preserves Organization's Stories and Legacy

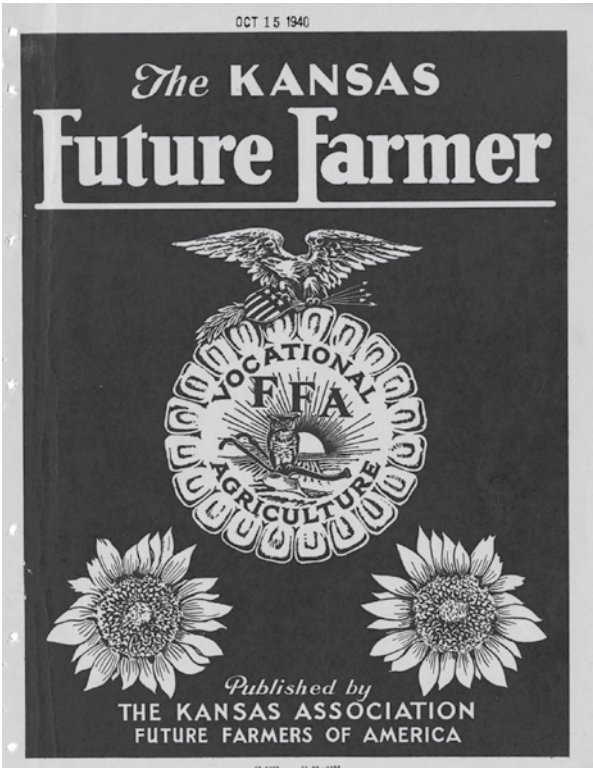
Kansas FFA has a rich and deep history. The organization brought back its quarterly Kansas Future Farmer magazine to celebrate and highlight its legacy with readers across the state.

Originally published from 1929 through the 1980s, the magazine kept members and partners across the state informed when instant communication wasn't available. The publication covered news on Kansas FFA chapters, individual accomplishments and National FFA Organization updates.

“Support from Frontier Farm Credit has been used exclusively to develop our Kansas Future Farmer magazine,” says Beth Gaines, executive director of the Kansas FFA Foundation. “For many years, we relied on only digital communication, and we decided that we needed to get back to in-hand materials for students, teachers, parents and our industry partners.”

Three issues of Kansas Future Farmer were published in 2022 following the publication's official relaunch in the fall of 2021. The outlet will allow Kansas FFA to continue to connect with and highlight members, chapters and supporters from across the state.

Readers can also explore past publications via the history section of the Kansas FFA website. The collection features issues from 1929 to 1982 and demonstrates the changes in youth development in agriculture and rural life in Kansas in the 20th century.



SCHOLARSHIPS

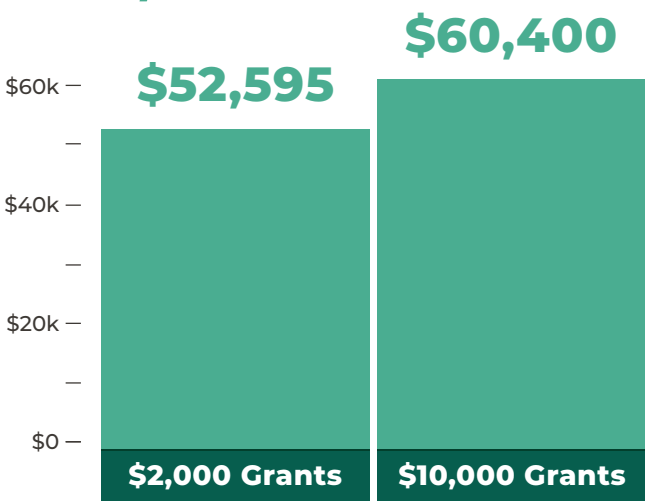
19 recipients

\$42,000 awarded

Land grant universities
Community colleges
FFA students

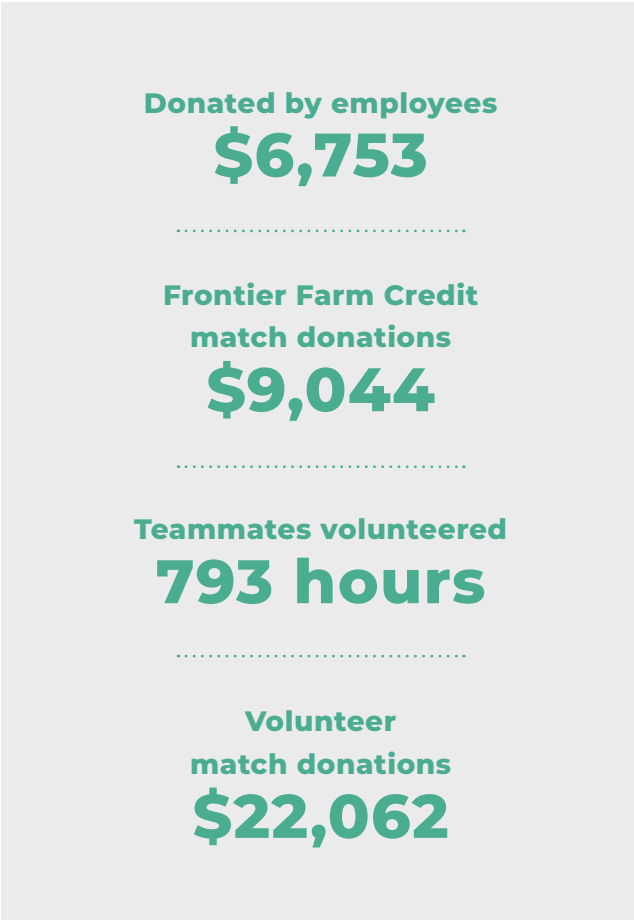
GRANTS

40 grants totaling \$112,995



EMPLOYEES GIVE BACK

2022 brought Frontier Farm Credit teammates into the community through individual and group volunteer efforts.



Nonprofit Donations by Frontier Farm Credit

Below are some of the nonprofit organizations Frontier Farm Credit provided donations to in 2022. For a more comprehensive list of more than 180 nonprofit organizations, visit www.frontierfarmcredit.com/communitydonations.

Ag Education

- Agriculture Future of America
- Allen Community College
- Allen County Extension
- Attica High School
- Burlington Elementary School
- Chase County Extension
- Coffey County Extension
- Doniphan County Women In Ag
- Fredonia Jr./Sr. High School
- Frontier Extension District
- Hiawatha Sr. High
- Highland Community College
- K-State Research & Extension
- Kansas State University
- Labette Community College Foundation
- Marion County Fair Association
- Marshall County Fair Association
- Osage County Extension
- Riley County Extension
- Woodson County Extension

Agriculture Organizations

- Kansas Cattlemen's Association
- Kansas Livestock Foundation
- Lyon County Conservation District
- Marion County Conservation District
- Nemaha County Conservation District

Disaster Relief and Essential Services

- American Red Cross
- Chautauqua County Rural Fire District #1
- City of Coffeyville Fire Department
- Galena Firemen's Relief Association
- Galesburg Relief Fund
- Lyon County Fire District #5
- Marshall County Fire #7
- Oketo/Balderson Rural Fire District #5
- Waterville Fire Department

Hunger and Nutrition

- Abilene Area Food Pantry
- Abundant Harvest
- Allen County Food Bank
- C4 Food Pantry
- Community Food Pantry
- Eleanor's Food Pantry
- Flint Hills Bread Basket
- God's Storehouse
- Harvesters – The Community Food Network
- Kansas Food Bank Warehouse
- Main Street Ministries Food Bank
- Marion County Food Bank
- Nemaha County Food Pantry
- River Bend Food Reservoir
- Second Harvest Community Food Bank
- Severy Harvest House

Volunteer Match Donations

- Alzheimer's Association – St. Louis Chapter
- American Red Cross Blood Services
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation
- Camp Alexander
- Caney Valley Agape Network
- Caring Ministry
- COF Training Services
- Emporia Friends Of The Zoo
- Face Masks For Baldwin City
- Foster Care Closet
- Great Plains Health Care Foundation
- Junior Achievement USA
- Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Learning Connection of The Flint Hills
- National Pony Express Association
- Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
- Noyes Home for Children
- Operation 22 Til Freedom

Volunteer Match Donations

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- Power of the Past Antique Engine and Tractor Show
- Salvation Army-Kansas & Western Missouri Divisional Headquarters
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Benedictine College Chapter
- The Arts and Recreation Foundation of Overland Park
- United Way of The Flint Hills
- Wamego Community Foundation
- Whispering Roots

Young and Beginning Producer Programs

- Central Kansas 4-H
- Doniphan County 4-H
- Douglas County 4-H Foundation
- Franklin County 4-H
- Kansas 4-H
- Kansas FFA Foundation
- Leavenworth 4-H
- Louisburg FFA
- Pottawatomie County 4-H Foundation
- Richardson County 4-H And Extension Foundation
- Riley County 4-H Foundation
- Riverton FFA
- Rock Creek FFA
- Washington County FFA
- Yates Center FFA



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