Sustainable Agriculture at JCCC

Growth and development of a program
The seed

- USDA Grant application 2007
- Collaboration between
  - K-State Horticulture Research and Extension
  - 3 JCCC programs:
    - Horticulture
    - Hospitality Management
    - Entrepreneurship
- “Sustainable Agriculture Entrepreneurship Certificate (Market Farming)”
The Sprout

• Curriculum rushed into place

• First classes offered 2008

  • Small enrollment

• Classes in several locations

• Practicum at K-State Research Center
The seedling

Moved Practicum to campus in 2010 when K-State researcher moved on.
The Garden

First season on campus – Fall – limited space for practice
Campus Farm

Administration granted request to develop 2 acres in corner of campus for demonstration small market fresh produce farm
Future growth

• Program revision in works – more options, electives
• Enrollment growing steadily
• Movement toward broader agricultural offerings
• Goals:
  • Climate change conference
  • Consortium
  • 2-year degree
Questions?