Sustainable Agriculture
At Johnson County Community College
Collaborative start

- 2007 USDA Grant application “to link local food growers, chefs and the entrepreneurship program.”
- K-State Horticulture Research and Extension
- JCCC
  - Horticulture
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Hospitality Management (Chefs)
- “Sustainable Agriculture Entrepreneurship Certificate (Market Farming)”
First year

2008: Practicum at K-State Horticulture Research Station
Shifting Partnership

2010, K-State partner moved on, needed new site for student farm
JCCC Campus Farm

Fall 2010, cover crop only
2011: First full growing season
Emphasize organic practices (most sustainable ecological methods)

Recognize and teach options for carefully managed synthetic inputs (financial sustainability)

Some discussion of social sustainability (cooperative marketing, CSA, equitable labor practices)
Future directions

- Expanding beyond entrepreneurship (other elective emphases)
- Becoming our own program (out from “under” Horticulture)
- Further grant opportunities
- Additional partnerships
- Organic certification component
- Associates degree
Challenges

- Enrollment roller coaster
- Tight budgets
- Suburban, commuter campus
- No transfer program to K-State
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