



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



Sustainability

- ❁ 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

Questions?



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