Approved: February 13, 2007
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe McLeland at 1:30 P.M. on February 5, 2007 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research
Mike Corrigan, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Dee Heideman, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Jon Wefald, President, Kansas State University, Kansas State University Medical Center, and Kansas State University Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Program
Paul Johnson, Legislative Liaison, Kansas Catholic Conference

Others attending:
See attached list.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2007 minutes. Representative Grant made a motion and it was seconded by Representative O'Neal. Motion carried on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative O'Neal and seconded by Representative Horst to pass **HB 2016** favorably to place on the consent calendar. The motion passed on a voice vote. Committee discussion followed.

Audrey Dunkel gave a staff briefing with a short budget overview of Kansas State University, Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Center and Kansas State University Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Program.

President Wefald gave a presentation concerning Kansas State University, the Veterinary Medical Center, and the Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Program.

Mr Johnson speaking for the Kansas Catholic Conference believes it is necessary for the independent farmer and the city dweller to find common ground for farm policy (Attachment 1). The Conference supports an interim committee study topic that would research the oppportunities for expanding local food sales.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2007.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

GUEST SIGN-UP SHEET
HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
February 5, 2007
1:30 P.M. 313-S

Howard Smith	Pittsburg State University
DKPrideaux	FHSU.
[illegible] Roy	KACCT
Michael Netherton	Representing Sen. Mike Petersen
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Paul Johnson	Ks Catholic Conference
Doris Wright Carroll	KSU College of Educ
Alyssa Starkey	KSU College of Ed
Jennifer Brantley	K-State
Kerri Keller	K-State
Donna Menke	K-State
Sara K. Keams	K-State
SUE PETERSEN	KC - STATE
Sheila Frahm	KACCT

KANSAS HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
TESTIMONY ON K-STATE RESEARCH & EXTENSION BUDGET
PAUL JOHNSON – KANSAS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE – FEB. 5, 2007

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the K-State Research & Extension budget. My name is Paul Johnson and I am testifying for the Kansas Catholic Conference that believes it is 'more necessary than ever for the independent farmer and the city dweller to find common ground for farm policy: one that nurtures flourishing rural communities, clean air and water, and safe and affordable food. Agriculture White Paper, Kansas Catholic Bishops, Feb. 2002

Has this Committee reviewed the 2005-2009 Five-Year Work Plan for K-State Research and Extension? Are we meeting the strategies laid out under the 12 program areas? In asking for this information, I was told that the budgeting systems of research and extension are not compatible to give detailed reports on this work plan. I am sure that hundreds if not thousands of hours were spent to develop this work plan. **When the 2010- 2014 Work Plan is developed, can a budgetary report be developed to track the progress on these goals?**

Fundamental change has come to Kansas' agriculture over the last 30 years. The number of hog farms has fallen from 13,329 in 1978 to 1,648 in 2002 while the number of dairies has fallen from 5,691 to 1,042 in that same time period. Federal farm payments now comprise a large percentage of farm income with 83% of the farm payments going to just 20% of Kansas' farmers in 2004. The 2007 Farm Bill will have tremendous impact on the future of Kansas' farming, consumers and rural communities. **The Kansas Catholic Conference and the Kansas Family Farm Coalition have requested a Farm Bill Forum at KSU.**

Kansas has the opportunity to benefit from increasing local food production. The new USDA food guidelines promote increased consumption of fruits and vegetables. Kansas imports 98% of the fruits and vegetables consumed in the state. USDA numbers show that Kansas has 6,800 acres in vegetable production. It would take 68,000 acres to meet a 100% target of Kansans eating locally. Grocery sales in Sedgwick, Johnson and Shawnee Counties totaled $1.044 Billion in 2006 while restaurant/catering sales totaled $1.152 Billion. If Kansas could capture 5% of these sales with local foods it could mean millions of dollars flowing through our local communities. **The Kansas Catholic Conference supports an interim committee study topic that would research the opportunities for expanding local food sales. The Conference was an early supporter of the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops (KCSAAC) at KSU. The budget for KCSAAC should be increased from $75,000 annually to $200,000 with the highest priority given to promoting the expansion of local food opportunities.**

House Education Budget Committee
Date: 02-05-2007
Attachment #: 1

USDA subsidies for farms in Kansas totaled $7.9 Billion 1995 through 2004

Year	Conservation Subsidies		Disaster Subsidies		Commodity Subsidies		Total USDA Subsidies	
	recipients	payments	recipients	payments	recipients	payments	recipients	payments
1995	33,950	$155,917,023	6,391	$11,429,687	89,018	$253,387,895	103,737	**$420,734,604**
1996	33,552	$152,813,664	1,079	$1,819,709	107,124	$399,445,375	116,646	**$554,078,748**
1997	32,526	$153,051,658	1,542	$2,113,479	107,020	$374,084,212	116,203	**$529,249,350**
1998	29,607	$117,417,567	49	$14,229	105,299	$762,068,069	112,781	**$879,499,865**
1999	28,203	$108,904,813	12,765	$43,441,286	105,610	$1,248,732,842	113,230	**$1,401,078,942**
2000	27,835	$104,225,242	14,972	$30,809,763	105,743	$1,099,660,062	112,689	**$1,234,695,068**
2001	29,270	$110,695,753	36,715	$130,973,509	103,551	$827,213,668	112,107	**$1,068,882,930**
2002	30,061	$108,093,526	30,462	$62,264,017	95,117	$286,191,166	111,750	**$456,548,708**
2003	30,336	$110,938,105	45,579	$227,638,671	102,066	$468,840,259	110,855	**$807,417,035**
2004	31,959	$119,338,988	6,418	$13,606,112	95,085	$507,389,124	104,336	**$640,334,224**
Total	58,147	**$1,241,396,340**	79,872	**$524,110,463**	159,316	**$6,227,012,671**	177,101	**$7,992,519,474**

Concentration of USDA Subsidy Payments

Pct. of Recipients	Pct. Of Payments	Number of Recipients	Total Payments 1995-2004	Payment Per Recipient
Top 1%	17%	1,780	$1,355,350,082	$761,433
Top 10%	66%	17,806	$5,269,563,965	$295,943
Top 20%	83%	35,612	$6,656,972,380	$186,931
Remaining 80% of recips.	17%	142,449	$1,346,618,566	$9,453

****Resources**

Midwest Sustainable Agriculture Working Group
www.msawg.org (Farm Bill commodity—Plant Breeding)

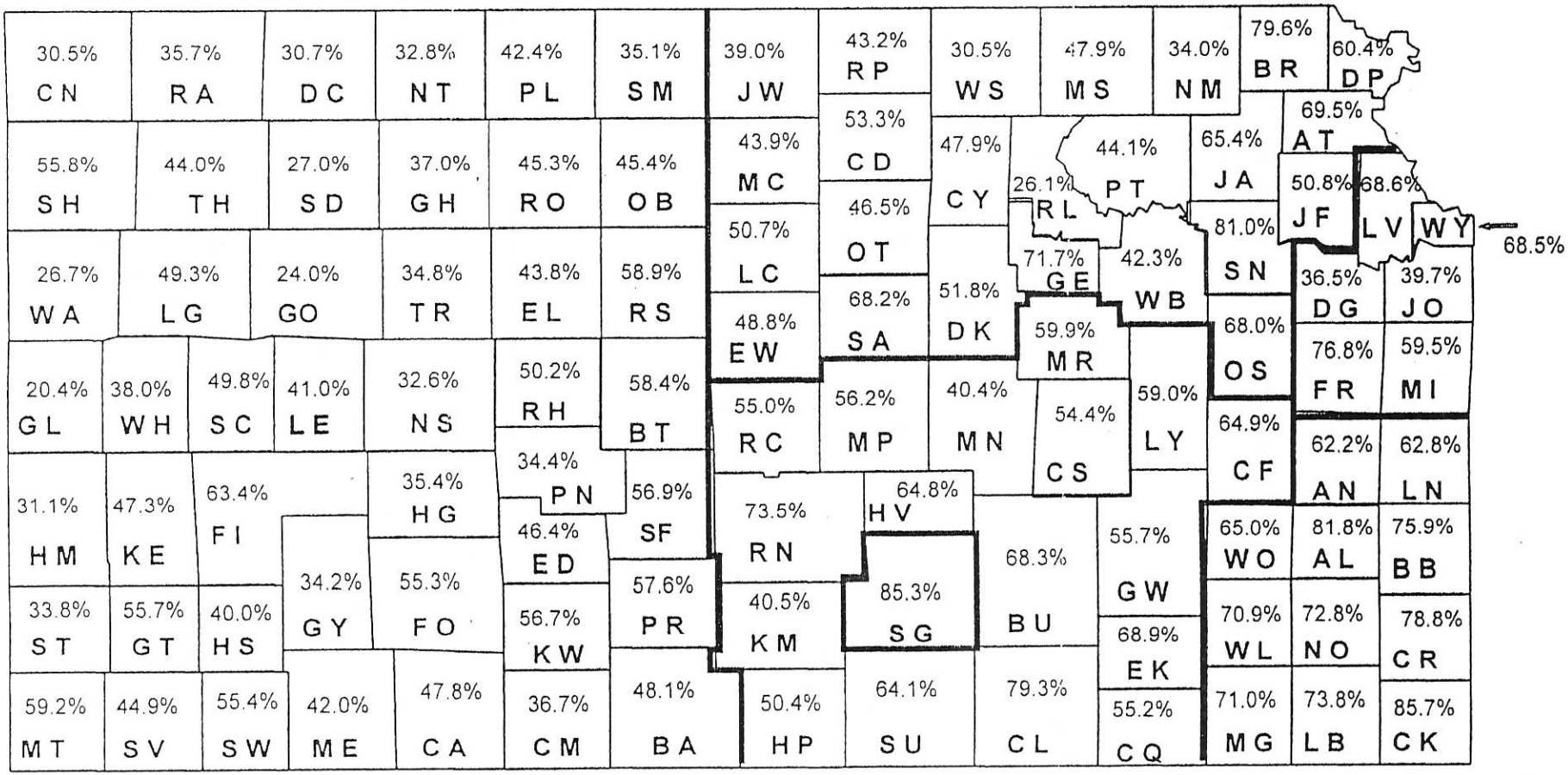
For a broader discussion and analysis of farm bill law and administrative actions concerning rural development and asset-building programs, you can receive quarterly Rural Action Briefs from the Center for Rural Affairs by emailing Jon Bailey at jonb@cfra.org.

For an update on Farm Bill and Agricultural Policy contact National Catholic Rural Life Conference (515) 270-2634, www.ncrlc.com.

Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Integrated Service Delivery
Economic and Employment Support

Estimated Food Stamp Participation Rates in SFY2006

July 2006



USDA Food Stamp Participation Rate for Kansas in 2003: 55.0%

USDA National Food Stamp Partipation Rate in 2003: 56.0%

Estimated FS Participation Rate for Kansas in 2006: 64.5%

NOTE: Counties with estimated FS participation rate below 50.0% are displayed in red..