Climate & Soil
• The state has a typical midwestern climate with temperature extremes in the summer and winter, while the average January temperature is 28.9 degrees, and the average July temperature is 78.7.
• Average yearly precipitation is 27.23 inches, with an average in Western Kansas 20 inches and Eastern Kansas 36 inches.
• The average topsoil depth is 7-16 inches of predominantly harney silt loam, which is very suitable for growing crops and providing grasslands for livestock.

Crops & Livestock
• The top five agricultural products grown or raised in Kansas (in order of value) include: cattle and calves, wheat, corn, sorghum, and soybeans.
• Kansas is a recognized leader in agriculture production:
  1st in grain sorghum (64% of the nation’s crop) and 2nd in sorghum for silage.
  2nd in winter wheat production, growing 24% of the nation’s crop.
  3rd in cattle production and beef processing.
  4th in sunflower production.
  16th-ranked dairy state for milk production and is home to 173,000 dairy cows on over 210 dairy farms.

General
• In 2017, 58,569 farms generated more than $18.7 billion in agricultural output.
• Family-owned farms and ranches are the backbone of Kansas agriculture:
  84.6% family, 6.2% partnership, 5.3% corporation and 3.8% other-cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.
• The face of agriculture is changing as the average age of the Kansas farmer is 58.1.
• Agriculture is the largest economic driver in Kansas, with a total contribution of $76 billion to the Kansas economy.
• The agriculture sector in Kansas supports more than 256,000 jobs through direct, indirect and induced effect careers or about 14% percent of the entire workforce.
• There are 45,759,319 acres of farmland, accounting for 87.5% of all Kansas land.
• Kansas agriculture is not just growing crops and raising animals. The Kansas agricultural sector includes renewable energy production, food processing, research and education, agribusiness and more.
• Kansas is part of the animal health corridor. Between Columbia, Missouri and Manhattan, Kansas is the single largest concentration of animal health interests globally.
• Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses are feeding the world. Kansas exported over $5.3 billion in agricultural products in 2021 to 187 foreign markets. The leading exports include meat and edible offal, cereals, oil seed, residues and wastes, and beverages, vinegar.

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