

KANSAS WATER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Water Sources and Uses: North Central Regional Profile

Region Population: 212,680 Statewide Population: 2.9M

Region Annual GDP: \$11.2 Billion Statewide GDP: \$175 Billion

Major Economic Drivers:

- Beef Industry (ranches, feedlots)
- Energy (oil & natural gas)
- Grain Production
- Food processing
- Manufacturing

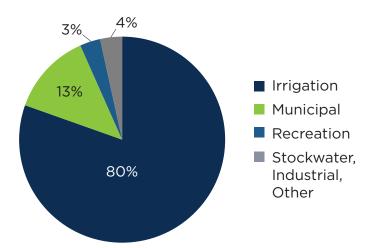


North Central Kansas Water Uses by Category



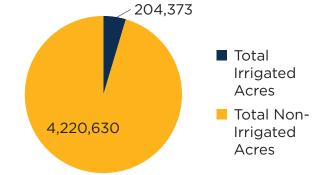
Total Farms in North Central Kansas

663



7,852 Total Irrigated Farms Total Non-Irrigated Farms

Total Cropland Acreage in North Central Kansas

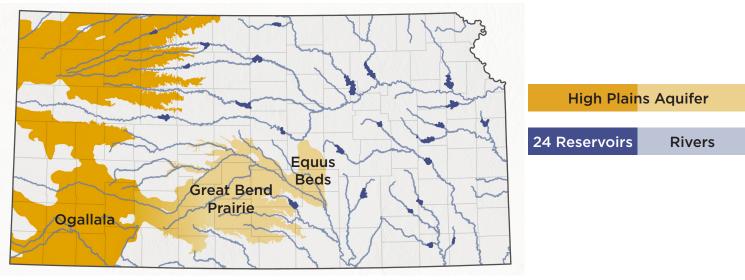


Irrigation Statewide in Kansas

- ≈ 3 million acres irrigated
- ≈ 14% of all cropland
- ≈ 33% of crop production

Source: K-State Research & Extension

Water Sources for Our State



There are two sources of water - groundwater found in an aquifer and surface water, such as rivers, lakes and reservoirs. The High Plains Aquifer contains multiple connected aquifers, including the largest, the Ogallala, which is found in the western portion of the state and the Great Bend Prairie and Equus Beds aquifers found in south central Kansas. The 24 reservoirs in the state as well as lakes and rivers provide water for the remaining areas of the state.

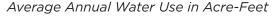
Regional Map

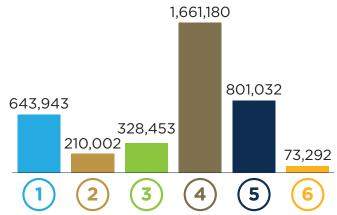


Regional Average Annual Water Use Per Capita

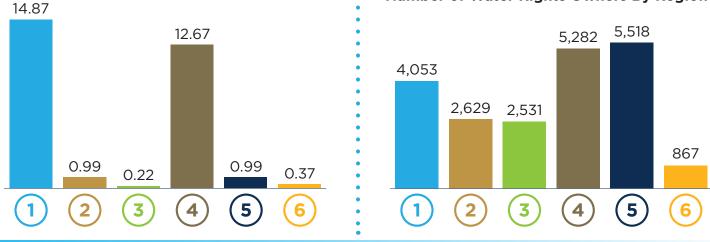
Average Annual Water Use in Acre-Feet Per Capita

Total Water Use by Region





••• Number of Water Rights Owners By Region



Water rights are required for any purpose other than domestic use, such as for municipal, irrigation farming, or industrial use.