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Grand Challenge: Health

Title: K-State Research & Extension, a Leading Institution in the Area of Food Safety and Food Preservation

Why is this issue important?

According to NIFA (National Institute of Food & Agriculture) each year, millions of American's suffer and thousands die from foodborne illnesses. This is damaging not just to the individual but to the economy. It is preventable!

How did Extension address this issue?

Susan Fangman, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, receives training from KSRE on science-based principles related to food safety and preservation. KSRE has a variety of publications and resources available to the public to educate about the different aspects of food-safety. Publications can be accessed on the Shawnee County Extension office website, in the office, or by contacting Susan.

What was the impact?

Susan answers about 50 questions each year related to food safety. Frequent questions are about food preservation, especially proper canning techniques, as well as after a major power outage residents wonder what can be saved from their refrigerator/freezers. Being able to provide answers to these questions keeps clients safe from food-borne illness as well as helps them save money on their grocery bill.

