



MEMORANDUM

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: JIM HOBART

RE: KEY FINDINGS FROM STATEWIDE SURVEYS IN KANSAS AND TEXAS

DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2018

Key Findings

1. ***Voters in Kansas and Texas strongly support key programs that have typically been funded by the farm bill.***

Overwhelming majorities of voters in both of these states favor programs that fight hunger, help create farmers markets, and help farmers reduce farm pollution.

KANSAS

	% Strongly Favor	% Total Favor
Programs that fight hunger	59%	95%
Programs that help create farmers markets	53%	95%
Programs that help farmers reduce farm pollution	48%	91%

TEXAS

	% Strongly Favor	% Total Favor
Programs that fight hunger	66%	94%
Programs that help create farmers markets	58%	94%
Programs that help farmers reduce farm pollution	56%	92%

2. ***There is also strong support for allowing cities and counties to set toxic pesticide standards for local parks and playgroups.***

Voters across party lines in both Kansas (74% favor/26% oppose) and Texas (72% favor/28% oppose) back giving cities and counties the right to set toxic pesticide standards.

3. ***Finally, there is widespread agreement in both states that farm subsidies should be for family farmers and those who work on farms.***

Eighty-seven percent (87%) of voters in Kansas and 86% in Texas say that farm subsidies included in the farm bill should be for families farmers, and not for millionaires and billionaires who own large corporate farms.

Similarly, 86% of Kansas voters and 85% of Texas voters agree that only people who live and work on farms should receive farm subsidies.

Methodology

Public Opinion Strategies conducted online statewide surveys of 515 registered voters in Kansas and 800 registered voters in Texas. The surveys were conducted November 3-6, 2018.