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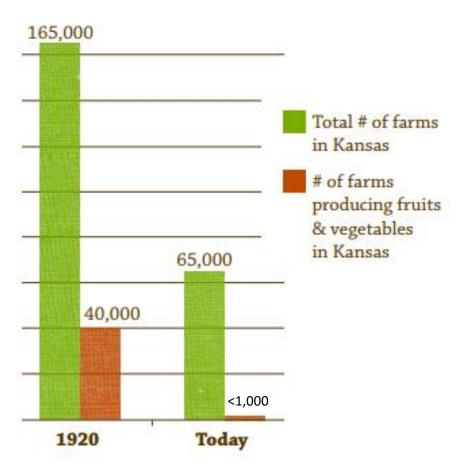


# **Food System Assessment**











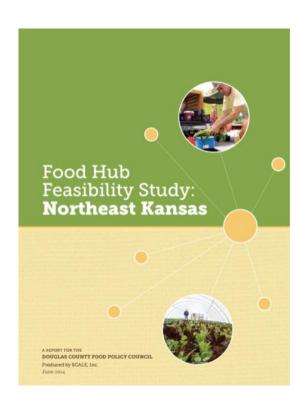




# The Local Food Movement...

...runs the risk of stalling, or being absorbed by larger, non-local food corporations, unless a concerted, locally rooted initiative is launched to overcome current obstacles and build a new base of customers and supporters.











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- Crop Selection
- Labor
- Management
- Rules and Regulations
- Risk Management
- Financing
- Marketing and Sales
- Packing and Handling
- Transportation
- Transition Over Time

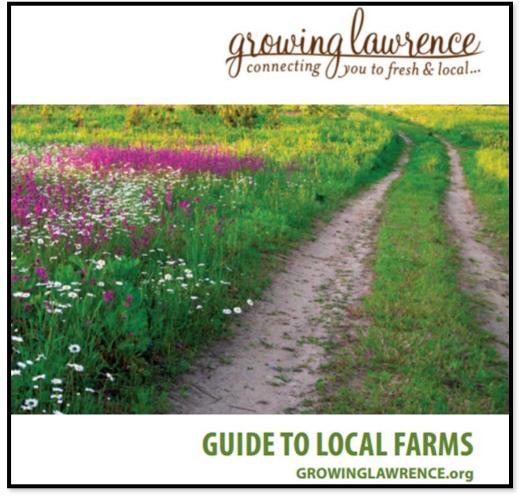












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