

The vibrant, strong sunflower is recognized worldwide for its beauty, but it is also an important source of food.

Sunflower oil is a valued and healthy vegetable oil and sunflower seeds are a healthy, tasty snack and nutritious ingredient in many foods.



The Sunflower Commission, formed by the 2002 Kansas Legislature, is responsible for regulation and policy development for sunflowers and sunflower-based commodities.



Research projects funded by the Kansas Sunflower Commission in cooperation with the National Sunflower Association and sunflower growers across the United States:

- Mitigation of Yield Losses to *Dectes Texanus* in Rain Fed Sunflower
- Sunflower Response to the Herbicide KIH-485
- Use of an Experimental Compound to Replace Paraquat as a Harvest Aid in Sunflower
- Production Practices for Late-Planted Sunflower in Eastern Kansas
- Strip-till and Sunflower: Is it Beneficial?
- Evaluation of Sunflower for Resistance to Stem and Seed Pests in the Northern and Central Plains
- Screening Sunflower for Reaction to Sunflower Midge Infestation

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KANSAS Sunflower Commission





The Kansas Sunflower Commission is a non-profit, commodity organization *working to improve and expand sunflower production through promotion, market development and education.*

Funds for the commission are provided through check-off dollars, which in turn, support research and growing markets. This money comes directly back to producers in the form of profit.

For example, in just three years, U.S. sunflower oil sales to Canada have grown an amazing 167 percent, from 19,500 metric tons to over 52,000 metric tons.

The U.S. confection sunflower seed market to Spain has increased by 33 percent—from 24,000 metric tons to 32,000 metric tons.

That's a worthwhile investment!

DID YOU KNOW? Sunflower oil can be used for biodiesel, a clean burning alternative fuel that is biodegradable and nontoxic. Sunflowers have a high oil content seed and average yields can produce 600 pounds of oil per acre, considerably more than soybeans.