



**KANSAS FARM BUREAU**  
**The Voice of Agriculture**

TO: Chairman Love  
Members of the Special Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

DATE: December 13, 2013

RE: Written Statement: Developing a 50 Year Water Vision for Kansas

Kansas Farm Bureau is actively engaged in helping the Governor, landowners and water users across the state create a fifty-year water vision addressing Ogallala declines and reservoir storage issues. We will be facilitating statewide meetings to secure input at the grassroots level. This input will ultimately help form an organizational platform for a KFB water vision.

Developing a 50 year water vision will have a tremendous impact on the future of Kansas agriculture. Consequently an open and honest statewide dialogue must occur while insuring the outcomes are based upon sound science and factual information.

State agencies should be open to input from all stakeholders, providing an open and transparent process to creating the vision.

We look forward to providing valuable input from our members into the vision process over the next several months.

On behalf of the 40,000 farmer and rancher members of the state's largest farm organization we stand ready to assist as the Legislature considers these important issues in the months ahead.