Wild Hog Expansion

Statewide season began in 1999
50+ years of “No Hunting” statewide hog regulations.
10 years of statewide hog hunting

Ultimatum

Kansas Model

- Eliminate incentives
- Create effective means of control
- Outreach
Recognition of the need for a diverse partnership to be the face of change

Getting Buy-in

Formalizing Partnership

W.H.E.A.T
WILD HOG ERADICATION ACTION TEAM
Steering Committee

Law Changes

- Removed wild hogs from big-game
- Increased penalties for illegal transportation and stocking

Regulation Changes

- Classified wild hog as a species deemed destructive
- Created new manner and means by which hogs may be taken
  - Exemption program

Short time frame resulted in failed outreach
Outreach became the greatest need

~15 Counties in 1982
89 Counties in 2013
85% reported in last 15 years
Results

- Damage assessment
- End to experiments
- Funding
- Complete buy-in by partners
- More outreach, better messaging