

# Issues & Programs List

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Issues; Programs	Title / Programming Type	Date/Time/ Duration	Narrative
Agriculture: Regional	Pasture and hay are low in much of the Midwest — leading to tough decisions for farmers	7/6/2023	Drought across the Midwest and the Plains means pastures aren't as green as usual, leaving cattle with less to eat. Hay is in high demand and low supply.
Environment: Regional	<b>Tax credits jump start Midwest carbon capture projects — but the cost will be in the billions</b>	7/12/2023	In an effort to reach zero carbon emissions by 2050, the Biden administration is offering more tax credits for carbon capture sequestration and utilization. The program once expected to cost \$3.2 billion now could exceed \$100 billion.
Agriculture: Colorado	Freeing up Colorado River water from California farms will take more than money, just ask the farmer	7/17/2023	Farmers in California's Imperial Valley have the single largest water allocation along the Colorado River. They say they need to be compensated before taking cutbacks.
Agriculture: Nebraska - Kansas	Drought made Midwest and Great Plains crops look 'like death.' Recent rains bring some hope	7/17/2023	Dryness in the Great Plains began spreading east this year, affecting much of the Midwest and endangering crops, livestock and river shipping. Recent rains have been a god-send, but will it be enough to loosen the years-long drought?
Healthcare: Kansas	Increases in healthcare market place insurance usage.	7/20/2023	Record of 120,000 Kansas residents have enrolled in the market place health insurance despite the jump in prices of over 8%.
Heath: Texas	Texas prisoners struggle to endure heat wave in facilities without air conditioning	7/24/2023	Inmates say food melts in front of them and claim their cells' temperatures exceed 150 degrees.
Agriculture: Regional	Slower growth in the rural Agriculture sector ahead for this year.	7/26/2023	As interest rates rise, farm equipment sales and exports are decreasing but still positive.
Health: Kansas	Kansas extends deadline for extension of health coverage	7/28/2023	Residents of Kansas have 60 days instead of 30 days to renew their Medicaid health coverage because of delays in receiving documents.

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Economy: Texas	Causes of gas price increases in Texas and nationwide	8/1/2023	Gas prices have increase over .30 this past month but are still .25 less than a year ago. Refinery price increases are a big factor.
Education: Kansas	Free school supplies for Kansas students	8/7/2023	Kansas is giving away up to \$1000 of school supplies to eligible families for school supplies & tutoring.
Community: Kansas	Lack of transportation strands seniors in rural Kansas, a worsening problem as the country ages	8/10/2023	Senior citizens who want to live in the same rural towns where they grew up face a growing problem ... how to get around. Unreliable transportation means many seniors have trouble shopping for groceries, visiting family and getting to medical care. However, there might be one solution.
Childcare: Kansas	Childcare in Kansas is too expensive and heard to find.	8/17/2023	Childcare providers say that starting a childcare service is confusing and finding staff is also a challenge. Business struggle to make a profit. State is considering state – private partnerships to solve these problems.
Wildlife: Kansas	Kansas Wildlife Commissioners taking heat over a ban on game baiting.	8/22/2023	Potential ban on piles of corn and other bait to attract game for hunting is being opposed by lodge owners and feed sellers. But the commission says it only helps the spread of disease among congregating wildlife.
Health: Kansas	COVID cases on the rise	8/30/2023	Even though individual cases are not tracked clusters are and there is a rise in these cases. A new vaccine will be available in the future.
Health: Texas	Heat warning this week prompt Texas utility customers to prepare.	9/5/2023	Utility owners are warning residents that temperature above 100 will stress the Texas power grid later this week.
Environment: Kansas	Kansas falls getting warmer	9/12/2023	Kansas falls are getting warmer. Depending where a person is in the state fall weather could be from 1 to 3 degrees warmer this year.
Childcare: Kansas	Kansas removes children and other recipients from Medicaid	9/25/2023	A glitch in a system accidently removed up to 12,000 children & others from Medicaid Health program which are now being re-enrolled.