

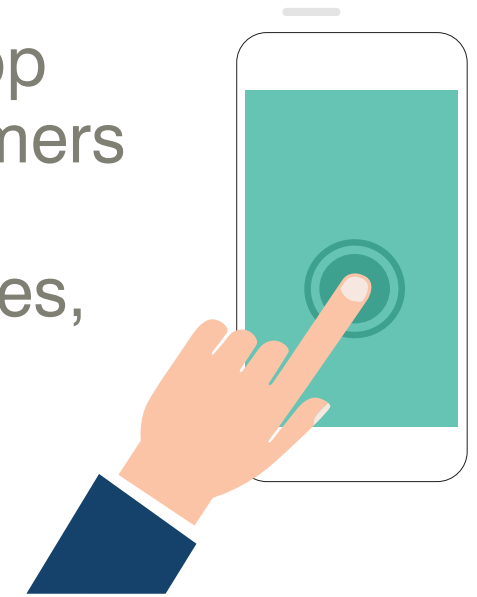
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Plants need **16 essential elements from the soil**, water and air to grow properly. If one or more is missing, a farmer or gardener must use a fertilizer to supply the missing element(s) so the plant grows well.



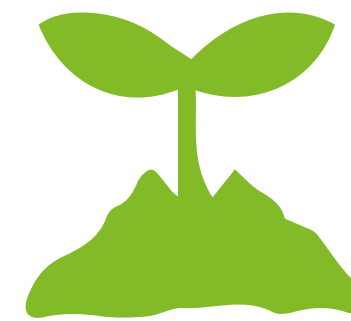
– Missouri Botanical Garden

“**Kansas Fresh**” is an app available to help connect consumers directly to farmers at places like farmers’ markets, local retail stores, and more.



– Chef Alli

Using **mulch** in your garden helps to assist in **retention of soil moisture** by reducing evaporation at the surface.



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The number of farmers markets in the United States has grown rapidly in recent years, from just under 2,000 in 1994 to more than **8,600 markets currently registered** with the the United State Department of Agriculture.

– Farmers Market Coalition



In 2017, American farmers received an average of only **17.4 cents of every dollar** Americans spent on food. At farmers markets, farmers head home with upwards of **90 cents on the dollar.**

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At Farmer’s Markets, **packaged products** must be labeled with the common **name of the product**, and the **name and address** of the producer.



– Kansas Department of Agriculture