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2018 Farm Bill Meeting

The 2018 Farm Bill was passed in December 2018. Though it has much in common with the previous Farm Bill, there are some significant differences. The River Valley and Post Rock Extension Districts will be jointly hosting a 2018 Farm Bill Educational Meeting for farmers on Tuesday, September 10th at the Cloud County Fairground Commercial Building in Concordia, KS from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

This in-depth Farm Bill Meeting will cover the new provisions of the programs, economic decisions to consider when deciding, and present a new decision tool for producers to use. Specifically, the discussion will look at commodity programs, particularly the economics of the Agriculture Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) decision and the OSU-KSU Farm Program Decision Aid. There will also be discussion of past performances of counties in the 2014 Farm Bill and Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) and changes in crop insurance.

Schedule for September 10th:

- Registration is 12:30 to 12:45 p.m.
- Overview of Commodity Programs — ARC and PLC, Mykel Taylor
- How Did Our County Perform in the 2014 Farm Bill? — Sandra Wick/John Forshee/Brett Melton
- Economics of the ARC/PLC Decision and the MYA Price Outlook — Robin Reid/Dan O'Brien
- Break
- SCO and Farm Bill Changes to Crop Insurance — Monte Vandever
- The OSU-KSU Farm Program Decision Aid Tool — Robin Reid/Mykel Taylor
- Farm Service Agency and NRCS
- Weathering the Storm in Agriculture — Farm Stress, John Forshee/Brett Melton
- Meeting Adjourns—5:00 p.m.

There is no fee to attend, but registration for the event is required. You can register for the event at <https://bit.ly/2MTDsTi> or by calling 785-243-8185. For questions on the 2018 Farm Bill meeting call:

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