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### **2019 River Valley District Lease Survey**

Every year, the River Valley Extension District sends surveys to landowners and tenants who lease crop ground, pastures, and/or hire farm labor. We send surveys out in the mail and ask them to return at least one of the surveys. We compile this data to get an average dollar amount for lease agreements across the District and average salaries or hourly wages for employees who work on farms. This information is valuable for producers and landowners to make decisions for their land or operation. There are other questions on the survey pertaining to the lease arrangement and who takes care of certain things on the land.

For the 2019 lease survey, we will be putting them online for anyone in the District to complete. We hope this will increase the quantity of our response and increase the accuracy of our numbers. If there are any producers or landowners in the River Valley District who would like to participate in the lease survey, go online ([www.rivervalley.ksu.edu](http://www.rivervalley.ksu.edu)) after Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to find the link to the survey. It will be available until Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. After the information is gathered and compiled, we will present a lease survey meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Belleville at the fairgrounds in the 4-H Building. Presentations will be given on the results of the survey, and we will also have Mykel Taylor, Agriculture Economic Specialist from Kansas State University presenting.

Participation in the survey is important for us to provide the District and surrounding counties with accurate and reliable information. If there are any questions about the survey, contact Brett Melton at 785-243-8185 or [bmelton@ksu.edu](mailto:bmelton@ksu.edu).