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River Valley Extension District

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2019 River Valley Extension District Lease Survey Meeting

Please join us on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building on the NCK Free Fair Fairgrounds (901 O Street, Belleville, Kansas) for the 2019 River Valley District Lease Survey Meeting.

K-State Research and Extension will be presenting the results of the 2019 River Valley District producer and landowner survey conducted in November of 2019. This is the eighth year of the survey where the District asks both ag producers and landowners from across the District to tell us about their pasture leases, crop ground leases, and employee pay rates. We invite two survey participants from every township in the District to get a good cross-section of results. A number of other groups, such as the River Valley Extension Ag Program Development Committee and the NC Kansas Extension Farm Management Associations members, were invited to participate as well. This is the first year the survey could be completed on-line, so all local producers and landowners had the opportunity to complete the survey by that means.

The January program will consist of a number of presentations relating to lease arrangements. Brett Melton, Livestock Production Agent for the River Valley District, will present on pasture rental rates, grazing density, fencing responsibilities, and problem weed species. John Forshee, District Director, Farm Management, and Community Vitality Agent for the River Valley District, will present on employee pay rates and other benefits they receive. Forshee and Melton will also discuss the latest rental rates on crop ground, custom operation rates (i.e. fertilizer application, planting, baling), and grazing cropland. The featured speaker will be Dr. Mykel Taylor, Farm Management Specialist at K-State University. Dr. Taylor will give updates and insights on land values and rental rates of the State.

The meeting will be about an hour and a half. Refreshments and cookies will be served. There is no fee to attend and no pre-registration is needed. For more information on the lease survey meeting or any lease issues contact Brett Melton at 785-243-8185, bmelton@ksu.edu; or John Forshee at 785-632-5335, jforshee@ksu.edu.