2022 Agricultural Land Leasing Arrangement Survey Meeting to be Held in Clifton

The agricultural industry in recent years has faced increased volatility in commodity prices and therefore uncertain profitability for farmers and ranchers. While 2022 offered higher commodity prices and profitability for most producers, the ongoing pandemic has provided continued challenges with supply chain disruptions and escalating input costs, adding stress to the bottom line for farmers and ranchers. Given these conditions, determining an equitable lease arrangement has become increasingly challenging for landowners and tenants which in turn has them frequently turning to the K-State Research and Extension offices for information on the “going rates” for pasture and cropland leases.

Recognizing the need for reliable, local lease information, the K-State Research & Extension Service, River Valley District began conducting a yearly lease survey in 2012 that is current and relevant for Clay, Cloud, Republic, and Washington Counties. This information has proven very useful for landowners, ag producers, agricultural lenders, and extension personnel as they work through the various aspects of lease agreements. The data collected from the 2022 River Valley Extension District Lease Survey will help both the local extension office and your farm enterprises by compiling a pool of data that reflects the trends of farm ground leasing practices in each county of the extension district.

As we have done in the past, the survey data will be compiled and summarized in the 2022 River Valley District Lease Survey Summary. These summaries will be presented at our annual lease meeting to be held at the Clifton-Clyde Grade School on Tuesday, February 21st starting at 7:00 pm. A light meal will be served at the meeting, and we ask that you call in for an accurate head count to be collected. Please RSVP by February 17th by calling either Kaitlyn Hildebrand in the Concordia office at 785-243-8185 or Luke Byers in the Clay Center office at 785-632-5335.