2022 Agricultural Land Leasing Arrangement Survey is Now Available

As of December 13th, 2022, the River Valley Extension District Land Leasing Arrangement Survey is available to the public. Anyone who operates a lease of farm ground within the extension district, either for cropland or pastureland, is encouraged to fill out a copy of the survey. This will help both the local extension service and your own farm enterprises by compiling a pool of data that reflects the trends of farm ground leasing practices in each county of the extension district.

This year’s survey is divided into three brief sections: a Demographic and Employee Information section, a Cropland Lease section, and a Pastureland Lease section. If you only lease cropland and not pastureland, you do not need to fill out the Pastureland Lease section. Likewise, if you only lease pastureland and not cropland, you do not need to fill out the Cropland Lease section. Also, if you do not employ any farm employees, you do not need to fill out the Employment Information portion on the first page of the survey. Even if you are unable to complete all the questions in all the applicable sections, we would still appreciate it if you would be willing to send us your partially completed survey. Any and all information is valuable to our analysis of land leasing arrangements in the River Valley Extension District, and we desire to be able to share that information with you.

The survey is available in multiple formats. A paper copy is included in this month’s newsletter and can be acquired by contacting any of the local extension offices in the River Valley District. Copies will also be available at many of the local bank branches in the district but be sure to call ahead to check for availability. Surveys can be submitted in person or mailed to any of the local extension offices, or they can be scanned and emailed to either Luke Byers at lsbyers@ksu.edu or Kaitlyn Hildebrand at khildebrand@ksu.edu. Both Luke and Kaitlyn are also more than happy to come and visit you on your farm to help you fill out the survey at your convenience. This year, we are also offering a digital version of the survey that can be filled out and submitted completely online. To access the digital version of the survey, please visit our website at www.rivervalley.k-state.edu or use either of these links:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5A6vc1DZegx6wR0 (pastureland)
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4VKKnFebnviqrl4 (cropland)

All surveys will need to be submitted to one of the local extension offices by Monday, February 17th, 2023, so if you plan to send your survey in the mail, please postmark it a few days earlier than the deadline. Luke Byers and Kaitlyn Hildebrand will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday evening, February 21st, 2023, in Clifton to review the data retrieved from the survey and discuss important points with local producers from around the district. A meal will be provided at the meeting as well. We hope that many of you from across the four counties in our district will choose to participate and help us to deliver leasing data that you can trust. If you have any questions, please contact Luke Byers in the Clay Center office at (785) 632-5335 ext. 203 or Kaitlyn Hildebrand in the Concordia office at (785) 243-8185 ext. 304.

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