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USDA Releases Results of First Farmland Landlord Survey Since 1999

Topeka, KS, August 31, 2015 – There are 23.7 million acres of farmland rented out by landlords in Kansas, according to the results of the 2014 Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) survey released August 31, 2015 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

NASS conducted the survey in cooperation with the USDA’s Economic Research Service to get a better insight into who owns U.S. farmland. TOTAL was the first time NASS surveyed farmland landlords since 1999. The survey results provide analysis of rented farmlands by acreage, as well as by landlords, which include individuals, as well as ownership arrangements such as partnerships, corporations, trusts, and other types of ownership.

According to TOTAL findings, there are 83,776 farmland landlords in Kansas. Of these, 14,359 were farmers, while 69,417 are non-farming landlords. Cropland made up 65 percent of all Kansas farmland rented, while 33 percent were pasture acres rented. The rest of the rented farmland in Kansas were acres used for forests and other land uses.

In the next five years, Kansas farmland landlords expect to transfer 5.04 million acres to different owners. Of these, 776,556 acres are expected to be sold to non-relatives, 693,274 are expected to be sold to relatives, 3.42 million are expected to be put in a trust, and the remaining acres landlords expect to gift away.

For complete TOTAL results, visit agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/TOTAL.

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