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## **Local Land Lease Survey**

Recognizing the need for reliable, local lease information, K-State Research & Extension, Wildcat District is conducting pasture and cropland lease surveys, specific to Crawford, Labette, Montgomery and Wilson Counties. These surveys will help us get a closer look at the average dollar amount for lease agreements, as well as some of the arrangements that are working for landowners and renters. This type of information has proven useful to landowners, producers, ag lenders, as well as extension personnel in other districts as they work through the various aspects of lease agreements.

In addition to the price per acre question, you'll see questions pertaining to the arrangement. This will give us a snapshot of who does what for the operation. As we all know, each lease is different. Sometimes the landowner takes care of the fertilizing, sometimes it's the tenant. Fencing is another common factor that flips between parties. The water system is often not really a part of the conversation, but one that is critical for livestock production.

This information cannot be gathered without the help of landowners that lease pasture and cropland as well as the renters. Both the pasture and crop land lease survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete. No personally identifying information will be asked for, so all survey information will be strictly confidential and will be compiled with other responses. These surveys are voluntary and will assist us with providing accurate and reliable information.

The surveys are available online and in paper form. They can be found through our social media pages and from our website, [www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu). I have also sent it out as a link to e-newsletter recipients. If you would like a paper copy of this survey, please call K-State Research and Extension Wildcat District Altamont Office at (620) 784-5337. We will be mailing out paper versions of the survey to landowners and tenants that may have limited internet access, or if you simply prefer good ol' paper and pencil. Additionally, we put a Google Form in the e-newsletter to submit your address for receiving a hard copy of either the pasture, crop or both surveys.

If you're interested in receiving our e-newsletters, please reach out to us. As the livestock production agent, I publish an e-newsletter titled No BULLETin, that goes out monthly. Our crop production agent, James Coover, will be publishing one titled The Root Review.

The summarized data will be available in 2021 in paper and digital form. At this time, there is an Ag Lease and Ag Law meeting planned for January 23rd, available virtually, and possibly in person at the Southeast Research and Extension Center. More details on this meeting will be forthcoming; please continue to follow Wildcat Extension District on Facebook, Twitter, our website, radio programs and newsletters.

The survey is open now through January 11, 2021. Your input is appreciated for this educational programming.

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