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USDA Releases Results of First Farmland Landlord Survey Since 1999

Louisville, KY – There are 4.0 million acres of farmland rented out by landlords in Kentucky, according to the results of the 2014 Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) survey released today 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 45,260 farmland landlords in Kentucky. Of these, 12,051 were farmers, while 33,209 are non-farming landlords. Cropland made up 80 percent of all Kentucky farmland rented, while 15 percent were pasture acres rented. The rest of the rented farmland in Kentucky were acres used for forests and other land uses.

In the next five years, Kentucky farmland landlords expect to transfer 720,392 acres to different owners. Of these, 233,376 acres are expected to be sold to non-relatives, and 248,343 expected to be put in trust. The remainder will be sold to a relative, gifted to someone.

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

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