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USDA Releases Results of First Farmland Landlord Survey Since 1999

LINCOLN, NE, August 31, 2015 – There are 20.1 million acres of farmland rented out by landlords in Nebraska, 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 69,112 farmland landlords in Nebraska. Of these, 11,864 were farmers, while 57,248 are non-farming landlords. Cropland made up 62 percent of all Nebraska farmland rented, while 36 percent were pasture acres rented. The rest of the rented farmland in Nebraska were acres used for forests and other land uses.

In the next five years, Nebraska farmland landlords expect to transfer 4.45 million acres to different owners. Of these, 362,462 acres are expected to be sold to non-relatives, 445,253 acres are expected to be sold to relatives, 3.03 million acres are expected to be put in a trust, and 609,402 acres landlords expect to gift away.

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

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