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USDA Releases Washington Results of First Farmland Landlord Survey Since 1999

Olympia, WA, – There are 5,667,806 acres of farmland rented out by landlords in Washington, according to the results of the 2014 Tenure, Ownership, and Transition of Agricultural Land (TOTAL) survey released August 31 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 23,380 farmland landlords in Washington. Of these, 3,069 were farmers, while 20,311 are non-farming landlords. Cropland made up 84 percent of all Washington farmland rented, while 13 percent were pasture acres rented. The rest of the rented farmland in Washington were acres used for forests and other land uses.

In the next five years, Washington farmland landlords expect to transfer 884,214 acres to different owners. Of these, 309,962 acres are expected to be sold to non-relatives, 94,029 are expected to be sold to relatives, and 407,254 expected to be put in trust.

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

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