

KSFMRA News

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Spring Newsletter

Online PVD Sales Database Arrives

Have you bought your subscription yet?

Over a year ago, the Society started the process of transitioning from the publication of a sales yearbook to an online database of Kansas agricultural land sales. This process has been an adventure, but the initial reactions to the database are generally positive. (There is always room for improvement!)

If you did not receive the email describing the enrollment process, please contact Mykel Taylor at mtaylor@ksu.edu and we will get you set up ASAP. The cost is \$125 for an annual subscription. The database holds all the agricultural land sales recorded by the PVD in Topeka. The sales data have been 'cleaned' by aggregating the sales to a single row of data. Information not available through PVD, including latitude and longitude coordinates and

section-level rainfall levels, have been added to the sale information. The sales also include the Sale COV so that you can follow up on any sale you would like more information on from the county courthouse. Lastly, the database will be updated quarterly with new sales recorded at PVD.

The current location of the database will change when we transition to the new AgManager.info website this summer. Until then, we are housed temporarily on our programmer's server. So the formatting isn't very fancy, but we will see some upgrades in the near future. Thank you everyone for your patience during this transitional process and please don't hesitate to offer suggestions or ask questions about how we can improve the online sales database.

Society's First Intern Selected

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This is the first summer of the KSFMRA-sponsored internship program. Our first intern is MacKenzie Thornburg from Fort Hays State University. Good luck MacKenzie!

New Member Applications

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This summer's meeting will be another opportunity for the Executive Council to review applications for membership. If you know someone who would like to join the KSFMRA, please help them to get their applications and letters in to Marcella prior to July 28th for consideration.

2016 Summer Meeting

Location: Flint Oak Lodge and Resort in Fall River, KS

The summer meeting planning is in full swing and the dates for the meeting will be July 28th – 29th. The meeting will be held at a unique recreational hunting property outside Fall River, KS called the Flint Oak Lodge and Resort. There are numerous activities for guests and we encourage you to check out all your options at their website: www.flintoak.com

Here is a brief overview of the schedule of activities for the meeting:

July 28th: The day will begin with a breakfast at the Lodge, followed by a bus tour of the Cross Timber and Flint Hills

areas of Greenwood County. We will be touring the Dale Banks Angus Ranch and hearing presentations about grazing management plans. After the tour, we will have lunch at the Lodge and commence with afternoon classroom sessions focusing on ranch management issues and updates on current trends in the Kansas agricultural real estate market. The evening will include a social hour, meal, and any activities you choose to enjoy at the Resort.

July 29th: The second day of the summer meeting will begin with breakfast at the Lodge, followed by a tour of the Flint Oak property. We

will return to the Lodge for classes in the late morning covering topics related to Agri-tourism properties. The meeting will end at noon, but you are welcome to bring your family and enjoy more time at the Flint Oak Resort.

More details on the meeting as well as registration information will soon be available. If you know anyone who is not currently receiving our email newsletter, please let us know or ask them to contact Marcella Budden at mbudden37@gmail.com. We want to make sure everyone who wants to can attend this summer.

Don't forget to pay your 2016 dues!

If you haven't paid your \$50 for the year, please make your check payable to KFSMRA and send to

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Thank you!