

NEWSLETTER

Kansas Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers

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Winter Meeting Is Nearly Upon Us

The 2015 Winter Meeting of the Kansas Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers will be again held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Salina. We pushed back the dates by one week to accommodate a few requests, so please mark your calendars for February 25-27, 2015. The KFSMRA meeting will begin on Thursday, February 26, and conclude at noon on Friday February 27. On Wednesday, February 25, there will an all-day USPAP workshop with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please see the attached documents for agendas and registration forms.

The conference will be held at the Courtyard Marriott hotel which is located at 3020 Riffel Drive, just south and west of the intersection of 9th Street South and Schilling Road. We have a block of rooms set aside for the group. The conference rate for the rooms is \$99 per night and reservations must be made by February 14 to receive that rate. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 785-309-1300 and asking for a room under the KS Farm Managers reservation. You may also book online by going to www.marriott.com/slncy and selecting the meeting dates. Then click special rates & awards and in the "GROUP" box, enter KFMKFMA to select a room with 2 queen beds or enter KFMKFMB for a room with one king bed. Please note that we did not have enough rooms for everyone last year, so you may consider the Hampton Inn next door. These are sister properties and we will make sure a similar group rate is available if rooms at the Courtyard run out.

The program agenda is included with the newsletter. I would like to extend a big thank you to the members of the meeting planning committee for all their suggestions and guidance: Ray Bartholomew, Paul West, Fred Olsen, and Mark Callender.

Please register for the meeting by February 14 for the meeting so we can finalize meals. (Note: Since Marcella does most of the KFSMRA work at home, if you have any questions or to make your meeting reservation, you may call her at 785-456-7223 or email her at mbudden@wamego.net).

We have been granted approval by the Kansas Real Estate Appraisal Board for 7 hours of continuing education credits at this meeting. In addition, we have received approval for 3 hours of continuing education credits from the Kansas Real Estate Commission. **The Kansas Real Estate Commission approval is for Appraisal Designated Elective Hours, for which members can only claim 3 hours of appraisal designated elective per 2-year renewal period.** As is the case with all of our regular meetings, we are not approved for Real Estate continuing education.

Kansas Chapter ASFMRA Pre-Meeting Seminar

The Kansas chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers will sponsor two educational seminars on February 25 from 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. More information and the registration form is included in this newsletter. For further details, please contact Ray Bartholomew (620-669-8266 ext. 1237).

2015 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2015 are now payable. Please send your payment of \$50 payable to Kansas Society FMRA. A dues notice is included with this mailing.

Farmland Sales Data

With the close of the 2014 year, we are urgently needing your farmland sales for the 2014 calendar year. Sales have been slow in coming in to our office, so we are asking you to please send in your sales now. You can send them via e-mail to Marcella (mbudden@wamego.net), mailed to her home (515 Spruce St., Wamego, KS 66547), or to our office at the address at the top of this newsletter. We can accept e-mail attachments, handwritten forms or sale bills with the sale price written on. And as in the past, any sales submitted gain credit toward the purchase of online or hard copy sales

Final Thoughts...

I wanted to say thank you one more time to Marcella and the 2014 summer meeting committee. They did a very nice job planning the meeting, especially since I wasn't terribly helpful (I was on maternity leave). I was able to make the meeting and introduce my son, Timothy Carl, to the group on the second day. He may be one of the youngest ever to attend a KSFMRA meeting!

Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings!



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