



NEWSLETTER – KANSAS SOCIETY OF FARM MANAGERS AND RURAL APPRAISERS & KANSAS CHAPTER ASFMRA

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Plans for the Summer Meeting have been finalized. We hope to see a number of you in Oakley, July 19-20, 2018. We will be using a tour bus on both Thursday morning and Friday morning. Thursday afternoon sessions and evening meal will be at the Buffalo Bill conference Center. There will be a meal served on Friday noon at our last stop provided by Frahm Farmland. There will also be a pre-meeting golf outing on Wednesday afternoon.

Attached/enclosed is the Summer Meeting Flyer and hard copy of the registration. Registration is again being handled by the ASFMRA and can be done on line and paid for via credit card. The link is:

<https://www.asfmra.org/events/event-description?CalendarEventKey=e1da20fe-2756-455d-ab91-0443d52e3523&CommunityKey=d7f35a06-3bfb-4018-9fa8-8e73f92186c0&Home=%2feducation%2feducation-calendar>

**Registration Fees**

Reg Fee (includes Thurs. dinner)	\$100	
Thurs OR Fri only without meal	\$50	\$50
Dinner for one-day attendees or Guest Dinner	\$20	

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**Hotel Details**

Contact the **Sleep Inn & Suites** - [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com) - 3596 Us 40, Oakley, KS 67748 - (785) 671-1111 to book your guest room. We have a block of rooms reserved under "KSFRMA" @ \$79.99 per night for either a standard queen two beds, standard king single bed, or a deluxe king single bed. This is a smoke free facility so there are no smoking rooms. The block is being held through June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**For More Information**

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**ASFMRA Leadership Institute –**

Kansas Chapter of the ASFMRA members – there is still time to be a part of the Leadership Institute for 2018. Please contact Ray Bartholomew at [raybart53@gmail.com](mailto:raybart53@gmail.com) or 620-200-8253 to get on the list for one of the two scholarships that Chapter is offering and to get registered. Note you must be an ASFMRA member and KS Chapter member to attend the Leadership Institute.

## YPN (Young Professionals Network) Activities



Fred Olsen, AFM and Monty Smith, AFM worked the Kansas FFA State Convention in Manhattan on May 30th., representing the Kansas Chapter of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. The goal for the day was to share with the high school students career opportunities in both farm management and rural appraising. They reported very large crowds of interested students and most were unaware of either career opportunities. This convention allowed a good setting to share our organization and hopefully give these high school students some ideas for their futures.

Letter of appreciation from MacKenzie Thornburg -

First and foremost, I would like to thank KSFMRA and the KS Chapter of the ASFMRA for the opportunity to be their intern two summers ago. I can attribute this internship to getting me interested in appraising. It gave me the start to what will now be my career and for that I am forever grateful. During my internship I spent 5 weeks with Farmers National Company, Farm Manager, Monty Smith and 3 weeks with KSFMRA & KS Chapter ASFMRA Appraiser Bill Wilson located in Manhattan.

During my 5 weeks with Monty, I learned that a farm manager does just that, oversees the activities that need to happen to produce a crop for that year. There are more aspects to the job such as keeping up on grain prices to know when to sell stored wheat, finding operators to farm the property that is being managed, and making sure the seed is in the ground when it needs to be. My time with Bill Wilson although short was still educational and well spent. I learned how to use the handy Platte map, log sales and view them in the database. I was also introduced to the programs that I would later use at my internship with High Plains Farm Credit. I learned about Agridata, AgWare ClickForms and DataLog. I also observed completion of appraisal reports. I learned how to find sales and view those sales and the subject property.

Overall my internship was a success. I'm appreciative the KSFMRA and the KS Chapter of the ASFMRA brought back their internship program so I would have the opportunity to expand my knowledge and understanding of not only what a Farm Manager and Appraiser does but also what the society and chapter are. It fueled my desire to keep going and learn more about the appraisal world and to take the initiative to work for a company like the one I work for today.

My internship with KSFMRA and the KS Chapter of the ASFMRA lead to a fall internship with High Plains Farm Credit. There I continued learning more about the aspects of appraisal. The appraisers at High Plains Farm Credit are also members of the ASFMRA and the KS Chapter of the ASFMRA. This is where I made connections within the appraisal world and later became a full-time employee of High Plains Farm Credit. - MacKenzie Thornburg