

2011-2012 PASTURE LEASING ARRANGEMENT SURVEY

Norton County

K-State Research and Extension



1. Pasture Rental Rate:

What is the average rental rate paid per acre or per animal unit for pasture you own or lease, in Norton County.

Rent Per Acre = \$14.40 per acre for the grazing season range \$8-\$22

Other Arrangements: = \$.65 per head/day owner pays fence and water

2. Impact of conditions on Pasture Leasing Arrangements

Do you expect to increase, decrease, or not change the grazing pressure on your pasture in 2013? (Select one)

3 Increase 2 Decrease 30 No change

Have recent conditions had an impact upon your pasture leasing arrangements during 2011-2012 grazing periods, and will conditions affect your grazing arrangements during 2013. Explain if desired.

Tennant will shorten season drought. Dry weather will cause adjustments. If conditions persist, then decrease pressure or shorten season. Pasture condition may cause redistribution of animals to adapt.

3. Pasture Grazing Period:

During what period of time is leased pastureland grazed during the year?

Typical Year: Beginning Date: 5/1 Ending Date 11/1

4. Livestock Stocking Rate on Pastures:

What is the stocking rate for pasture you own or lease? 5 to 14 range

For Cow-Calf enterprises

Number of Acres Per Cow/calf pair = 9.0 acres/Cow-Calf Pair (31)

Mature Weight of Cows (if Cow/calf pairs) = 1277 lbs. per cow (26)

For Backgrounding or Stocker-Feeder enterprises

Number of Acres per Calf = 3.6 acres/Calf

Starting Weight of Calves = 485 lbs.

Ending Weight of Calves = 750 lbs. (about 100 lbs less than last survey)

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5. Livestock Water Supply

In what form is water available to drink for livestock? (Check all that apply)

Transported to Site 3 Pond 22 Stream 8 Well 36

Who is responsible for maintaining the livestock water supply during the grazing season?

Tenant 25 Landowner 15

Tenant may provide labor

Landlord may provide money

Tenant may provide electricity if capital is provided by owner

6. Maintaining Fences

Who furnishes **labor** to maintain the fence? Tenant 36 Landowner 3

Who supplies **materials** to maintain the fence? Tenant 15 Landowner 17 (2 share)

7. Weed Control

Who is responsible for controlling weeds in the pasture(s)? Tenant 30 Landowner 2 (4 shared)

Do any special arrangements exist for weed control if persistent noxious weeds are present in the pasture(s)? Yes 8 No 14; If Yes, then please explain: _____

8. Other Comments on Pasture Leasing Arrangements

Do you have any other general comments or observations about pasture leasing arrangements in your area?

Several split 50/50 for weed control; 3 mentioned their rate was cheaper due to them (tenant) sharing well care, fence, and weed control. A few tenants spot spray noxious weeds and a few landlords furnish chemical or tenant sprays. As cows were heavier the stocking intensity decreased. Several stated owner would do major repair or replacement of fence. There is a lot of overgrazing if landlord doesn't live in the area. Some mentioned a special reduced rent rated for 3-4 years while tenant controlled problem weeds. If noxious weeds get out of control too bad to spot spray, then the landlord splits the cost for herbicide flown on.

As rents paid were higher, more was provided by the landowner.