

KS farmland values up

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - A government report shows farm real estate values went up 6% in Kansas from last year.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported Tuesday that the value of all land and buildings on Kansas farms averaged \$1,960 per acre for 2019. That is \$110 per acre higher than last year.

The report is a bright spot as Kansas farmers struggle with mounting debt, lower crop prices and trade challenges.

Cropland values in the state went up 5% from last year to \$2,160 per acre. Dryland cropland averaged \$2,050 per acre, about \$90 higher than a year ago. Irrigated cropland averaged \$3,320 per acre, up \$340 an acre.

Pastureland averaged \$1,390 per acre, which is \$70 higher than a year ago.

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