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Land Link Landowner Summaries

Northeast Kansas Crop Farm

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This 3000-acre crop farm has most recently been 1200 acres of corn and 1800 acres of beans with 150 irrigated acres. A full line of equipment is available. The farm has several grain storage bins and machine sheds, including a 60' x 120' Morton building. Housing is not available on the property at this time but is available in the area. The nearest town has a number of manufacturing companies with part-time job opportunities. The owners are willing to train a farmer who has some farming background. They are a few years away from retirement and would like to begin working-in a new farmer with a multiple-year lease and potential to buy in several years. Some of the land is in a family trust and would be unavailable for sale but could be leased long-term.

Contact Arlin Spoo
Frankfort, KS 785 292-4819

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Western Michigan diversified small farm for lease/sale.

Farm is 61 acres in Wexford County, MI: 10 acres cleared crop ground, 30 acres old Christmas tree plantation with 25-ft. pines, 20 acres mixed trees and meadows suitable for small stock. Historically a truck farm with produce, hay, small grains. Timber sale and clearing land is possible. House on site, 4br, 1800 sq ft, propane heat, well & septic; detached 4-car garage/workshop (no machinery available). House is currently rented out to great tenants, immediate income potential if purchased. Climate is hardiness zone 5, 30-35" precipitation zone plus lake-effect snow and rain. The area is heavily tourist-oriented, with opportunities for local direct marketing. Nearest town (pop 170) has no facilities but county seat is 10,000 pop. Owner offers flexible lease with trial period, or purchase.

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Northwestern Iowa Crop Farm

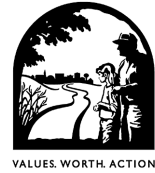
This 160 acre farm in Paullina, Iowa is looking for a family for a rent-to-own opportunity. A complete line of machinery is available along with a three bedroom home. All the land is contour plowed and terraced. Corn, beans, and alfalfa are currently being produced on the farm



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which includes a 40 X 80 machine shed. The owner is now trying to sell the farm site separately. If interested contact:

Rodney Anderson
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Westcentral Iowa Diversified Farm

740 acre farm located near Whiting, Iowa, pop 600, near the Missouri River. The farm is diversified with 740 acres of crops (barley, oats, alfalfa, grass, corn, soybeans and popcorn) and livestock (natural raised pork and beef). One third of the land is certified organic. The owners also design and build their own buildings, do much of their own veterinary work, compost, and recycle crop and livestock nutrients. The farm's topography consists of flat Missouri River Valley in the west half, and rolling to steep Loess Hills in the eastern half. The owners want to emphasize the technique and artistry of farming – they are trying to implement a junior partner/mentor program of which apprenticeship is a part.

Leo and Diane Benjamin
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East Central Nebraska Crops and Livestock

Owner of this 480 acre farm is looking to slow down but not quit. The operation includes 40 acres of pasture and the balance is in a rotation of corn, beans, alfalfa, and oats. 50 stock cows are run on the pasture and an additional 200 cattle are fed out per year. Owner would like someone who would initially work for him part time and slowly buy him out over time. Additional part time opportunities may be available at the local JD dealership. For more information contact:

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Certified Organic Farm in Southwest Nebraska

1800 acre farm near Ogallala, Nebr. has been certified organic for four years. 240 acres are pivot irrigated; balance is dry land with several landlords. We have a partner who now manages his cattle on our farm in addition to pasture poultry. We are looking for a future owner/operator to manage the organic crop operation. Crop production includes wheat, corn, sunflowers, soybeans, millet, oats, peas and grass hay. The farm contains several storage buildings, bins, and access to



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several barns. Potential future access to landowner's home. Nice orchard with six varieties of fruit, several gardens. For more information contact:

Dennis and Ruth Demmel
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Central Oklahoma Pasture and Vinyard

45 acre farm located near Agra, pop 360, in Lincoln County, Oklahoma. The farm has 40 acres of unimproved pasture/native grass hayland, a one acre pond and a four acre vineyard (started 2001). Vinyard has drip irrigation and planted to Pinot Gris, Viognier and Riesling (produced 2.5 – 5 t in 2009). Several wineries in the area purchase the grapes. Good farmers market potential in the area. The farm has a beautiful modern home (2 bedrooms; 2 bath); a garage, shop and 30x60 CoverAll barn. The beginning farmer must be intelligent, hard-working and willing to put a lot of energy into learning how to manage a vineyard. Owners would consider a young family with a sweat-equity contribution. See description at vinesmart.com (Davis-Ham vineyard).

Dave and Dorothy Davis
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Northeast Nebraska Rent-to-Own

Looking for a dependable person or couple to work on 2200-acre farm and gain advantages in getting started in their own farming operation. Owners are willing to use, rent, or lease machinery and pasture to get interested farmer started putting together his/her own cattle and land. They would like someone experienced in the row-crop, cow-calf, feedlot, and irrigation areas to assist on their farm. There are a few ventures that could be started in the off season to bring in some off farm cash flow. Extra land can be found nearby to purchase or rent. For more information contact:

Allan and Anne Mohr
RR#1 Box 145, Genoa, NE 68640 (402) 993-6618 or (402) 750-2595

Northeast Nebraska Crop and Hog Farm

1400 acre farm located near Leigh, Nebraska, about halfway between Norfolk and Columbus. The farm has about 1400 acres of crop ground: corn (750 acres – 450 irrigated, beans (650 acres – 300 irrigated) and wheat (100 acres). Facilities include a 4,000 head swine nursery facility; a



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2400 swine finishing facility; and partnership in a 3,400 sow farrowing unit. Five quarters have center pivot irrigation systems, and 60 acres are irrigated with a traveling gun. Owner is living on the farmstead, and there is currently no additional housing available on the farm.

Bruce and Jean Wendt

39343 – 100 Avenue, Leigh, NE 68643 (402) 487-2646, Cell: (402) 750-2916

Northeast Nebraska Homestead

This homestead would be ideal for someone interested in sustainable agriculture and has a desire to live and raise a family on a farm. This 40 acre farm has the potential for someone who is interested in building their own home on the land. The landowners have a strong wish to find a beginning farmer family who would work toward the production and conservation of energy and land conservation. This farmstead would also be ideal for a person who enjoys “do it yourself projects” and working with their hands. For more information contact:

Robert and Heidi McCarty

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Northeast Kansas Grain Farm with Livestock Facilities

1,750 acre farm (1,450 owned and 300 rented) located near Seneca in Nemaha County, Kansas. The farm has 900 acres of cropland (corn, wheat, milo, barley, soybeans, alfalfa and oats). The farm has a milking parlor; farrow to finish hog facility; and other buildings. Seneca, population 2000, is in northeast KS near the NE border, 77 miles northwest of Topeka. The landowner is interested in a partnership arrangement.

Douglas and Betty Metzger (or Mark)

2293 “P” Road, Seneca, KS 66528 (785) 336-3958

Northwest Iowa Diversified Farm

This 380 acre farm includes 180 acres of rotated corn and beans and the balance in pasture (140 of crop acres are rented). Owners are looking for someone interested in taking on the farm through a work-in or rental arrangement. This can include a partnership type arrangement. For more information contact:

Larry Knaack

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Iowa Great Lakes Area Farm

850 acre farm located in northern Iowa is an opportunity for someone with some resources such as 40-50 hd of cattle. Crop acres include corn, beans, and alfalfa. Facilities include a 1000 ft. fence line feeder with a bunker silo, and a 100 cow/calf set-up. There is room here for farrowing hogs and finishing up to 500 hd of hogs. Owner has machinery and livestock that could be included. Housing is available. For more information contact:

Bernell Walker

1824 110th St # 120, Lake Park, IA 51347-7011 (712) 832-3020

Central Nebraska Ranch

This ranch consists of 2,480 acres (with another 3,955 acres leased). There are 450 tillable acres. Currently 45 acres of irrigated corn; 205 acres of irrigated alfalfa hay; 150 acres of dry alfalfa hay; 200 acres of grass hay; 100 acres of meadow hay; and 5.5 acres of dry-cane feed hay. There are approximately 5,000 acres of pasture with 450 commercial cows. The ranch has a 14x72 mobile home – 2 bedrooms. There is abundant garden space as well.

Gerald L. and Carol Dunbar

HCR 66 – Box 23A, Taylor, NE 68879 (308) 942-6032

Southeast Minnesota Grass Farm

Hill and Vale Farm near Wykoff, MN, pop 460, about 25 miles southeast of Rochester. Owners are interested in learning about a young/couple or family who might like to be in a partnership with an older couple on a grass-based farm with certifiable hay and grass. “We live in a good off farm employment area and the farm is 2 miles from town for additional housing. All our products (beef and lamb) are sold by direct marketing to a very good customer base.”

Joe & Bonnie Austin

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Northeast Nebraska Crop Farm

2,300 acre farm located near Elgin, NE, pop 673. The farm has 1,400 acres of cropland (corn, soybeans, alfalfa and rye). The farm home is a newer and updated two-story home with a full basement. The farm has an excellent windbreak and bins for most of the crops. There are two



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quonset buildings and calving sheds. The current owner plans on renting some of the land if he doesn't find a beginning farmer with whom to work.

Brian L. Currie
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Northwest Missouri Grass Farm

Valley View Farm, 200 acre farm located near Elmo, MO pop 160, 95 miles north of Kansas City, 95 miles south of Omaha. The farm has 165 acres of grass and is divided into grazing paddocks. The 2-story farm home is 1340 square feet with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, central heat and a/c, attached garage. The farm has a large barn with gambrel roof style; a medium size barn with 3 divisions; a granary; and a brick 30' x 30' storage shed/shop. There are over 20 permanently fenced paddocks with water hydrants in each. Diversity of grasses. 40% of paddocks have three wires for sheep. Owner would prefer to work with someone who would run "a sustainable farm with conservation practices in grazing management." Lease or buy, with buy being the ultimate goal. Open to negotiation.

Tim Kelley
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Southeast Nebraska Diversified Farm

This 640-acre farm (owned and rented) is about 85 miles southwest of Lincoln NE. The farm has 620 acres of cropland (corn & soybeans) and about 20 acres of grassland. The farm has numerous grain bins (4, 26,500 bu), two machine sheds (48 x 72 and 36 x 54), 5 ear corn cribs, a 40' silo, and numerous outbuildings. Currently a few cattle are raised plus hogs are raised for Niman Ranch. Nearly all crop ground is irrigated: four pivots plus 175 acres gravity irrigated with pipe. The farm home is a 30' x 40' two-story house with a basement. The landowner does not plan to sell the farm soon but wants to hire someone capable of working into a partnership arrangement, particularly someone with limited resources. He wants the arrangement to allow the operation to continue as a diversified family farm.

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Central Vermont Horticulture Farm

Four Springs Farm -- 70 acre farm located in Royalton VT pop 2511, about 35 miles south of Montpelier in the heart of the Green Mountains and equally distant north of White River Junction. The farm has about an acre of mixed vegetables and another acre worth of mixed fruit spread around the arm. and two seasonal greenhouses. Sales are through CSA, farmers market, local coop stores and on-farm activities. There are 40 open acres, about 30 available for pasture and 20 acres of woodlot. The farm has a new farmhouse with a licensed kitchen, a barn built originally for horses, an off-grid woods house and an old trailer on a good house site. There is a campground on the farm which includes several tent sties, wash houses, pavilion and two cabins. The farm has excellent water. The owner is looking for someone with whom to partner, particularly for livestock - and would eventually share ownership of the farm. Potential partners must have adequate experience to manage their portion of the farm business. The entire farm is organic, and the owner would like to keep it that way. For more information, look online: www.fourspringsfarm.com

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Eastcentral South Dakota Livestock Farm

160 acre farm located near Canistota, South Dakota, pop 700, about 30 miles northwest of Sioux Falls. The farm is currently all in grass. The farm home will continue to be occupied by the landowner, so any prospect would need to find other nearby housing. There is a barn; several smaller out-buildings; 3 open-front sheds and a poultry processing facility. The landowner is currently actively farming the land. They would like to rent the farm; is willing to perhaps share machinery and would be willing to sell some livestock. The land is organically certified and must remain organic. The entire farm is fenced into 16 paddocks for rotational grazing. The landowner currently raises and direct markets beef, lamb, pork, chicken, duck, geese and turkey products. They also custom graze cattle on a rotational basis. They have a mobile meat market called "The Goosemobile." Check out the website at http://www.sd-exports.org/south_dakota_poultry/index.htm

Tom and Ruth Neuberger
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