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Young Farmers Face Hurdles Getting Started

(AP) - A Kansas farmer says there's a lot of interest among young people to pursue agricultural careers, but there are some mighty barriers to overcome to get started.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports two of the biggest hurdles are getting access to land and finding enough capital or credit.

Randall Debler knew he wanted to get into agriculture, but his family farm wasn't big enough for him to return there after college. Buying enough land and animals to start a cattle operation would have cost more than \$700,000.

So he started working with a family who had that type of operation and is gradually buying parts of it. He suggests others look for a similar situation or set up a small side operation while working another job to show they're serious.

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