

Ag Land Valuations Up in Area NE Ks Counties

(KNZA)--Agricultural land valuations are up in area northeast Kansas counties this year.

Brown County Appraiser Paula Jones presented the County Commission Monday with a map from the state Division of Property Valuation showing the change in ag land values from 2013 to 2014 for the state's 105 counties.

Locally, Doniphan County saw the biggest jump at 16.5 percent. Brown County saw an increase of 15.9 percent; Marshall, 15.2 percent; Nemaha, 14.6 percent; Atchison, 14.2 percent; Jefferson, 10.6 percent; Leavenworth, 10.3 percent; Jackson, 8.9 percent and Pottawatomie, 7.2 percent.

Statewide, ag land values increased an average of 21 percent and grassland values an average of 4 percent. Graham County in western Kansas saw the biggest increase in ag land values at 38 percent while Wabaunsee County in northeast Kansas saw the largest decrease, down 6.9 percent.

The valuation of agricultural land in Kansas is set by the state and is based on the productive potential directly attributed to the natural capabilities of the land, not fair market value.

Property valuation notices were sent out Friday in Brown County. Jones said those with questions should contact her office.

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