

USEFUL WEBSITES

With so many websites at our fingertips, it becomes time consuming to sort through magnitudes of pages for reliable information. I hope you cut out this column for future referencing. I included a few pages I utilize frequently. Please note that this list does not include every reliable page available; but instead, a few of those I have found useful over the years.

Ag Manager - www.agmanager.info - K-State's Ag Economics department hosts this site loaded with spreadsheets, calculators, and other resources for producers, landowners, and other ag enthusiasts.

Ag Statistics - nass.usda.gov - Information is listed by state and by county. It includes data on crops, livestock, demographics, U.S. Census of Agriculture details, etc.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) - fsa.usda.gov - This site includes information on USDA funded programs.

K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) - ksre.ksu.edu - A comprehensive site of science-based information regarding agriculture, natural resources, family and consumer sciences, and community development information.

Kansas Flint Hills Smoke Management Plan - www.ksfire.org - This contains a plethora of information related to prescribed burning of pastures and details of the Smoke Management Plan.

Kansas Wildflowers & Grasses - www.kswildflower.org - This contains is loaded with tallgrass prairie wildflowers and grasses. My favorite page groups flowers by their color and time of blooming.

National Extension Network - www.extension.org - This website pools research-based information from land grant universities across the nation.

National Weather Service (NWS) - www.weather.gov (immediately type "Topeka" into the search for information based out of the Topeka office) - This website gives up-to-date weather data for the area.

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) - nrcs.usda.gov - It includes information on conservation-based USDA programs.

Wabaunsee County Extension - wabaunsee.ksu.edu - This site includes local Extension programming information.

Wabaunsee County Economic Development - www.wabaunsee.com - A website devoted to promoting Wabaunsee County's offerings, for residents and tourists.

Wabaunsee County Courthouse - www.wabaunsee.kansasgov.com - The site houses pages for each county office and other pertinent courthouse information.

For further information on these websites, visit the Extension Office (215 Kansas, Courthouse, Alma; kamayer@ksu.edu; 765-3821). For Bluestem Breezes archives, check out wabaunsee.ksu.edu.