



KANSAS AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION SERVICES

Exploring Options, Generating Solutions

FARM FAMILY MEDIATIONS

Farm families may have conflict that gets in the way of making good business decisions. Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services (KAMS) has developed a model to help families better manage and resolve disagreements.

Families are encouraged to call and visit with KAMS about how exploring options through mediation can help. All calls are confidential and can be made through the toll-free number, 800-321-FARM (3276).

Types of Mediation

- Communications
- Dispute resolution
- Farm business dissolution
- Estate settlement issues
- Farm or ranch succession

Mediation Process

Mediation is a voluntary process in which all individuals must agree to participate. KAMS will request a summary of issues facing the family, the goals to be accomplished in the mediation and a list of other family members or key individuals that need to be involved. The mediator, along with financial and legal professionals, if requested, facilitates a mediation with the participants to explore options and generate solutions.

Many mediators have over 25 years of experience mediating cases through the KAMS program. The mediator is not a judge or arbitrator, but is there to help the participants reach an agreement among themselves.

Helpful Resources

All participants have access to KAMS support professionals, including low-cost financial and legal services. During mediation, KAMS experts are a neutral resource for all participants.

Farm Financial Analyst—KAMS provides financial analysis through the K-State Research and Extension Farm Analyst Program and helps producers determine profitability and feasibility of plans for the farm or ranch operation. Developing options and considering alternative plans can be essential not only for the mediation process but also for the ag operation.

Attorney—KAMS has an agreement with Kansas Legal Services, Inc. (KLS) to provide legal advice during the mediation process. KLS attorneys explain the laws and regulations governing the mediation issue, as well as rights, obligations and legal options.

For information about fees for a private family mediation call: 800-321-3276.



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