

FACT✓SHEET:

Shale Development Supports American Farmers



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ARKANSAS

"Falling energy prices mean tractors are cheaper to run, water is less expensive to pump and crops are more economical to ship. Arkansas farmers are benefiting from the same forces that have driven down gasoline prices."

- Associated Press, Feb. 2015

OHIO



"Roger Kiko and his wife, Carol, live on their 500-acre farm off state Route 9 in Washington Township. ... Drilling money enabled the Kikos to retire without being forced to sell a portion of their farm." - Akron Beacon Journal, Nov. 2014

NEBRASKA



"Craig Uden, who fattens cattle for beef on his Nebraska feedlot, expects to cut his energy costs by as much as a quarter this year because of falling oil prices - a silver lining in an otherwise tough rural economy."

- Reuters, Feb. 2015



COLORADO

"It seems that oil and gas has become agriculture's best friend...There's nothing more helpful than being able to go to that mailbox and getting a royalty check. And that helps keep more people in agriculture, and more people healthy economically, than crops, frankly, and livestock prices."

- Bill Jerke, a farmer, mineral owner, and former Weld County Commissioner, Jan. 2015



KANSAS

"John Walker, a 63-year old farmer who has been harvesting wheat in the small town of Anthony since he was six years old, has received \$1.5 million over the past year after leasing out mineral rights on 2,000 acres of his land... 'We've kind of hit the jackpot,' said Walker."

- CNN Money, May 2012



PENNSYLVANIA

"The economic impact of the natural gas industry is giving farmers new opportunities and choices."

- Susquehanna County dairy farmer and President of the Susquehanna County Farm Bureau Donna Williams, Feb. 2015

"The shale boom has injected cash into agriculture, which leaders consider one of Pennsylvania's key industries. Farmers who in recent years have struggled to turn a profit on produce, milk and beef discovered a source of income from leasing mineral rights or land to natural gas companies."

- Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Nov. 2014



Thanks to shale development, farmers across the country are benefitting from royalty payments and lower energy prices, giving the agricultural industry a much needed boost.