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Prices pinch farmers

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GLASGOW — Jeremy Kinslow predicts that fall's recontracting of feed prices for area farmers will be "unbearable."

The Barren County dairy farmer said he hears talk that members of the local agriculture community will end up paying \$80-\$100 more per ton, which is the result of the continued rising prices for commodities like corn and fuel.

"It's going to take more to break even because of feed prices," Kinslow said.

He has already noticed an upswing for fuel, paying \$2.90 a gallon, which he said is 10 to 15 cents more than what he was paying nearly three months ago.

Kinslow said his dairy operation burns roughly 500 gallons of fuel every two weeks.

Whether it is the farmer on the field, the commuter filling up their tank on their way to work or the supermarket shopper, most Americans are feeling the effects of rising food and fuel prices.

Gasoline costs an average \$3.15 a gallon, seven cents shy of the record set last May, according to AAA.

The federal government recently reported that the Consumer Price Index rose a greater-than-expected 0.4 percent in January and 4.3 percent over the past 12 months, mainly because of higher food and fuel costs.

A bushel of yellow corn, for example, cost an average \$5.12 in January, up 41 percent from a year earlier, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Local grain farmer Brad Furlong said input cost is his primary concern heading into growing season.

"It looks good, the prices of grain do look good, but when you take into consideration the input cost, as far as money in your pocket, when it's all said and done, it's just not going to be any different," he said.

Furlong estimates his input costs are 30 percent higher this year than last. He said he used to pay \$10-\$12 for a few gallons of herbicide. This year, it will cost him nearly \$30 for the same amount of herbicide.

As far as travel, Furlong said it is 50 miles to truck the grain from his farm to market.

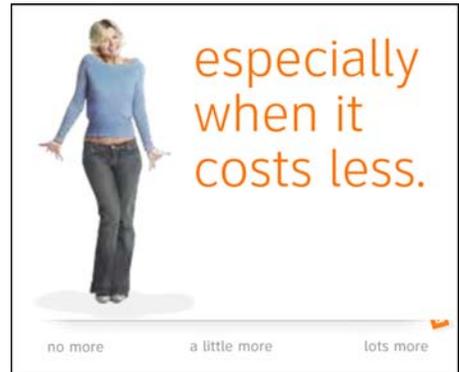
He said plans are now in place on his farm to try to be conservative.

"We will be pulling soil samples on our land," he said. "We will not be exceeding any limitations as far as fertilize. We won't slack on anything, but we won't try to overdo anything as far as input costs."

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Cows chow down at Dirk Rohne's Brownsmead dairy farm Wednesday, Jan. 30. High feed costs stemming in part from corn-based ethanol production have cut into dairy farm profits. **The Daily Astorian, Alex Pajunas/Associated Press**
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