

16960 Metcalf Avenue, Stilwell, KS 66085

Country Escape!

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This beautiful 5-bedroom, 5½-bath farmhouse has been exquisitely updated and sits serenely on 16.5 **pristine acres** less than 5 minutes from 69 Highway in the coveted Blue Valley school district. The 1970-era home was taken down to the studs and highly respected Ashner Construction updated the abode in 2016 to fit today's superior standards.

A captivating front porch runs the length of the house, bordered by enormous hydrangea bushes that gently scent the air around the oversized porch swing and seating area. Through the wooden doors, random-width beveled white oak floors, shiplap walls, and a handcrafted chandelier accentuate the 2-story entry.



On the left, a handsome study resides behind antique double wooden doors and is centered by a stone fireplace and matching built-ins. A large window floods the room with natural light.

The Great Room boasts a beamed Cathedral ceiling and eye-catching chandelier made from an antique wagon wheel found on the property, while the wood-burning fireplace features a mantle repurposed from an old barn. Such authentic detailing is found throughout the property, ensuring the home beautifully balances the old and new. Large windows provide sweeping views of the rolling backyard and help the room flow seamlessly into the incredible eat-in kitchen.





The large marble island seats 4 for casual meals, while the adjoining dining area invites more formal gatherings. An antique hammered copper sink and striking ornamental tin (recovered from a New York library) juxtapose perfectly with the latest in conveniences, including a double oven, two dishwashers, two refrigerators, wet bar complete with beverage drawer, and more.

A fantastic Butler's Pantry sits behind an antique wood door and is chock-full of character. Brick-pavers complement the wooden shelving and countertop salvaged from an old barn. Cabinet hardware, original to the home, provide plenty of storage. An incredible restored sink in the abutting mudroom, schoolhouse chalkboard, and accent wall made from reclaimed timber complete the farmstead motif, while thoughtful modern touches—including lockers, hooks, dog station, planning area, and storage—make the room work for even the busiest of families.







A picturesque fenced-in garden and adjacent chicken coop—complete with 14 chickens—delightfully offer homegrown produce and fresh eggs.

However, it's the unbelievable 72-by-36-foot barn that takes the farmstead idea to the next level. The impressive space is made for entertaining—and for housing up to four equine friends in beautifully constructed stalls. The front half of the barn has been equipped as the perfect party room, with wagon-wheel lights (again found on the property), room for entertainment options galore, and a full bathroom.

Up a set of stairs is a fully heated and cooled loft, boasting a kitchen with concrete countertops, fridge, microwave, and sink. The floors were salvaged from an old cotton mill, while unique lantern lights brighten the room. Ample seating for gaming and movie watching, plus a pool table, ensure the barn will be used for much more than just work. Four queen beds hide out of sight, thanks to a clever hydraulic system.

The barn's four pristine stalls lead out to rolling pastureland enclosed by the finest Priefert fencing. A tack room includes a fridge, sink, and storage galore. A sliding barn door accesses garage that extends the entire length of the barn and is sized for a boat, tractor, cars, and more.





The oversized main-floor master suite features a wall of windows, reading nook, and the most sumptuous of bathrooms, complete with coffee bar; his-and-her vanities; a dual-entry shower with dual heads and natural light; and the most striking claw-foot bathtub set beneath a chandelier and against an accent wall.

The massive master closet hides discreetly behind a sliding barn door and offers ample hanging storage as well as an oversized center island. A second door leads to a wonderfully outfitted laundry, including a hanging-and-folding station, built-in ironing board, sink, and storage. A beveled chandelier brings brilliance to the room and is original to the house.

Three bedroom suites, several closets, a secondary laundry, and an entertainment loft/kids' study are found upstairs. Two of the bedrooms—one oversized—include accent walls, window seats, and walk-in closets. All three include en-suite bathrooms and large windows.

The walk-up basement serves as an ideal family gathering spot, with space for a rec room or movie lounge, and built-ins to display sports memorabilia, collectibles, or family mementos. A full kitchenette—with fridge, sink, and microwave—make entertaining easy. The oversized 5th bedroom includes plenty of natural light, a walk-in closet, and en-suite bathroom with steam shower and two sinks.





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The back patio effortlessly brings get-togethers out of doors, offering a second kitchen with built-in grill, fridge, indoor/outdoor TV, and seating at the marble-top bar for 4. Meanwhile, the nearby fire pit provides the perfect spot to view the gorgeous grounds, watch the local wildlife—including turkeys, deer, and more—or stargaze.





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The property's 16-acre lake is fully outfitted with a dock and fish feeder and is bountifully stocked with bass, crappie, walleye, bluegill, and catfish.

Other highlights include an outbuilding—with original shelving units and room for cars, trailers, and more—a large woodshed and charming working windmill from Nebraska. This stunningly updated property, with entirely new plumbing, geothermal heat pump, and air-conditioning units, offers all the charm of country living with the finest upscale finishes. It's a tranquil location for a family to set down roots and grow for generations.



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