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**REFERENCE
MATERIALS
FOR VALUING
AGRICULTURAL
LAND FOR
MARCH 1, 2014**

BASE RATE - \$2,050

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**General Notes for the Agricultural Land Market
Value in Use for March 1, 2014 Rate of \$2,050**

December, 2013

History:

In compliance with the Town of St. John v. State Board of Tax Commissioners court case, the 2002 Real Property Assessment Guidelines contained a section on valuing agricultural land based on its value in use. A summary of our calculations can be found in Chapter 2, Page 100 of those guidelines, in Table 2-18. For the 2002 reassessment, the base rate for agricultural land calculated to be \$1,050 and remained unchanged for 2003 and 2004. Pursuant to 50 IAC 27-6-1(a), the department issued the annual rate for March 1, 2005 to be \$880. In the 2005 legislative session, SEA 327 was passed. This bill contained a non-code provision that set the base rate for agricultural land for both March 1, 2005 and March 1, 2006 at \$880. SEA 327 also contained language for March 1, 2007 which instructed the Department of Local Government Finance to adjust our methodology from a four-year rolling average to a six-year rolling average (IC 6-1.1-4-4.5). The base rate for March 1, 2007 was calculated to be \$1,140 per acre. The base rate for March 1, 2008 was updated by removing 1999 data and adding 2005 data to the six year average which resulted in a base rate of \$1,200. The base rate for March 1, 2009 was updated by removing 2000 data and adding 2006 data to the six year average which resulted in a base rate of \$1,250. The base rate for March 1, 2010 was updated by removing 2001 data and adding 2007 data to the six year average which resulted in a base rate of \$1,400; however in March of 2010, Senate Enrolled Act 396-2010 was signed into law which required the highest year of the six-year average to be excluded in the calculation. This change in the calculation lowered the base rate for March 1, 2010 from \$1,400 to \$1,290 when the 2007 data was excluded. The base rate for March 1, 2011 was updated by removing the 2002 data, adding the 2008 data, and excluding the highest year (2008) of the six-year average to arrive at a base rate of \$1,500. The base rate for March 1, 2012 was updated by removing the 2003 data, adding the 2009 data, and excluding the highest year (2008) of the six-year average to arrive at a base rate of \$1,630. The base rate for March 1, 2013 was updated by removing the 2004 data, adding the 2010 data, and excluding the highest year (2010) of the six-year average to arrive at a base rate of \$1,760. The base rate for March 1, 2014 was updated by removing the 2005 data, adding the 2011 data, and excluding the highest year (2011) of the six-year average to arrive at a base rate of \$2,050.

Table 2-18 – Years:

For March 1, 2014, the six years of data used in the calculations were: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Table 2-18 – Net Income from Cash Rents:

Since agricultural land in Indiana is almost evenly divided between cash rent and owner-occupied production, our agency used an average of both types of income in our calculation.

The data for cash rents came from three Purdue Agricultural Economics Reports (PAER). For the 2006 & 2007 rents, go to Table 2 of Page 3 of the August of 2007 report. For the 2008 & 2009 rents, go to Table 2 of Page 3 of the August of 2009 report. For the 2010 & 2011 rents, go to Table 2 of Page 4 of the August of 2011 report. From these tables, we used the statewide averages for average soil.

There is also an adjustment to these amounts to reduce the rents for property taxes paid on the land. This adjustment was based on a study conducted by the Department of Local Government Finance.

Table 2-18 – Net Income from Operating:

This income represents the profits from the owner-occupied production of crops on agricultural land.

The foundation for the calculations that our agency adopted comes from Table 1 of the June 24, 1999 Doster/Huie report.

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Years:

This report used the years of 1996, 1997, 1998, & 1999. The year of 1999 was removed from our 2002 calculations since our calculations were based on January 1, 1999. Information for 1995 was obtained and added to our calculations. (Also note the date of June 24, 1999 for the report which means that six months of data had been estimated.)

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Yields:

The yields in this report were obtained from the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service (IASS) for both corn and soybeans. The IASS publishes these statistics on an annual basis. Yield information for these four years can be found in the 1999-2000 publication for corn on page 31 in the Final Yield per Acre column of the Crop Summary section and on page 32 for soybeans.

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Prices:

The prices used in this report were for the month of November. They can be found in IASS publications for that time period. Note: Our agency made an adjustment to this part of the calculation because the majority of the grain harvested in Indiana is not sold in November but throughout the year. This adjustment will be discussed later.

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Sales:

Yields for each type of crop (corn/soybeans) multiplied by the Price per Bushel for each type of crop equals Sales.

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Less Variable Costs:

This information can be found in the Purdue Crop Guide. This guide is an annual publication (ID-166). The dollar amount for each crop type can be found in section titled “Estimated XXXX (year) Per Acre Production Costs in the column for Corn/Soybean Rotation for Average Soil. See the line for “Total direct cost per acre at harvest”. The costs include labor, seed, fertilizer, chemicals, machinery repairs, and fuel.

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Crop Contribution Margin:

Sales less Variable Costs equal Crop Contribution Margin for each type of crop (corn/soybeans).

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Plus Government Payment:

The publication adds government payments as a source of additional revenue for the land. This amount for each year was estimated by the authors of the publication.

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Total Contribution Margin:

This number represents the average of the Crop Contribution Margin for corn and soybeans plus one-half (1/2) of the amount for the government payment. (The sum of the three numbers divided by two.)

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Less Overhead:

The overhead expense for machinery, drying/handling, & family/hired labor can be found on the Purdue Crop Guide (ID-166). The dollar amount for each crop type can be found in section titled “Estimated 20__ (year) Per Acre Production Costs in the column for Corn/Soybean Rotation for Average Soil. See the lines for “Indirect charges per acre”.

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Real Estate Tax:

A deduction of \$10 for real estate taxes was estimated by the authors.

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Income:

Total Contribution Margin less the Overhead Expenses of machinery, drying/handling, labor, & real estate taxes equals Income.

Doster/Huie Report – Table 1-Estimated Land Value:

The authors of the paper then averaged the four years (1996 – 1999) income and divided it by a 1999 interest rate to arrive at an Estimated Land Value of \$971.

Table 2-18 – Net Income from Operating:

This income represents the profits from the owner-occupied production of crops on agricultural land. While the foundation for the calculations that our agency adopted comes from Table 1 of the June 24, 1999 Doster/Huie report, we did make some alterations to it.

Adjustments Made To The Doster/Huie Report By Our Department:

Years:

We added the statistics for 1995 which were available and deleted the estimates for 1999 since interest rates and income data were not available.

Price:

We added two averages to the Doster/Huie report since this report used only November prices. Since only a small portion of Indiana's grain is sold in November, the Department of Local Government Finance developed two annual averages for the calculation. The first average was the calendar year average of the grain prices which are published in the IASS book. The second average was the market year average. This average is calculated by the IASS and is a weighted average that is based on the end of the month grain price and the percentage of the total grain harvested that was sold that month.

Interest Rate:

Instead of using the 1999 St. Paul Farm Credit Bank interest rate, we chose to use the quarterly farm loan rates published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The FRBC publishes an agricultural newsletter on a quarterly basis called the "AgLetter". This newsletter provides interest rates on farm

loans for operating loans, feeder cattle, and real estate. The Department averaged the interest rates for the operating loans and real estate categories. A study was conducted on different sources of interest rates between Purdue Agricultural Economics Reports, the St. Paul Farm Credit Bank, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The study found that the rates varied from year to year but when averaged out over the four year period were comparable.

SUMMARY:

To understand the increase from last year's base rate of \$1,760 to this year's base rate of \$2,050, one simply needs to compare the 2005 data removed from the six-year average to the 2011 data entered into the calculation.

Net Cash Rents increased from \$110 per acre in 2005 to \$160 in 2011. While yields for corn decreased from 154 bushels in 2005 to 146 bushels in 2011 and yields for soybeans decreased from 49 bushels in 2005 to 45 bushels in 2011, the price for corn increased considerably from \$1.99 in 2005 to \$5.38 in 2011 (market year average) and the price for soybeans increased considerably from \$5.66 in 2005 to \$11.50 in 2011 (market year average). Variable costs (seed, fertilizer, chemicals, etc.) also increased as costs to produce corn increased from \$184 in 2005 to \$397 in 2011 and from \$114 in 2005 to \$200 in 2011 for soybeans. So while there was a decrease in yields and an increase in production costs when comparing the 2005 data to the 2011 data, higher cash rents and higher grain prices eliminated the negative impact of the decreased yields and the higher production costs to make the 2011 data set, the highest of the six-year average thus eliminating it from the calculation for the March 1, 2014 assessment year.

It should also be noted that interest rates also dropped from 7.22% in 2005 to 5.61% in 2011 which would slightly increase the market value under the income approach.

Valuing Agricultural Land

The agricultural land assessment formula involves the identification of agricultural tracts using data from detailed soil maps, aerial photography, and local plat maps. Each variable in the land assessment formula is measured using appropriate devices to determine its size and effect on the parcel's assessment. Uniformity is maintained in the assessment of agricultural land through the proper use of soil maps, interpreted data, and unit values.

In order to apply the agricultural land assessment formula, you need to understand the following topics, which are discussed in the sections below:

- agricultural land base rate values
- assessment of agricultural land
- units of measurement for agricultural land
- classification of agricultural land into land use types
- use of soil maps
- calculating the soil productivity index
- valuation of strip mined agricultural land
- valuation of oil and gas interests

The rest of the chapter provides instructions for completing the "Land Data and Computations" section of the agricultural property record card.

Agricultural Land Base Rate Value

The 2002 general reassessment agricultural land value utilizes the land's current market value in use, which is based on the productive capacity of the land, regardless of the land's potential or highest and best use. The most frequently used valuation method for use-value assessment is the income capitalization approach. In this approach, use-value is based on the residual or net income that will accrue to the land from agricultural production.

As illustrated in the following equation, the market value in use of agricultural land is calculated by dividing the net income of each acre by the appropriate capitalization rate.

$$\text{Market value in use} = \text{Net Income} \div \text{Capitalization Rate}$$

The net income of agricultural land can be based on either the net operating income or the net cash rent. Net operating income is the gross income received from the sale of crops less the variable costs (i.e. seed and fertilizer) and fixed costs (i.e. machinery, labor, property taxes) of producing crops. The net cash rent income is the gross cash rent of an acre of farmland less the property taxes on the acre. Both methods assume the net income will continue to be earned into perpetuity.

The capitalization rate converts the net income into an estimate of value. The capitalization rate reflects, in percentage terms, the annual income relative to the value of an asset; in this case agricultural land. Conceptually, this capitalization rate incorporates the required returns to various forms of capital, associated risks, and the anticipated changes over time.

Since agricultural land in Indiana is nearly evenly divided between cash rent and owner-occupied production, the State Board of Tax Commissioners utilized a four-year rolling average (1995 to 1998) of both methods in determining the market value in use of agricultural land. The capitalization rate applied to both types of net income was based on the annual average interest rate on agricultural real estate and operating loans in Indiana for this same period. The table below summarizes the data used in developing the average market value in use.

Table 2-18. Agricultural Land market value in use

YEA R	NET INCOMES		CAP. RATE	MARKET VALUE IN USE		Average
	Cash Rent	Operatin g		Cash Rent	Operatin g	
1995	\$88	\$56	9.92%	\$887	\$565	\$ 726
1996	\$94	\$131	9.29%	\$1012	\$1410	\$1,211
1997	\$100	\$124	9.31%	\$1074	\$1332	\$1,203
1998	\$102	\$91	9.10%	\$1121	\$1000	\$1,060
				Average Market Value in Use =		\$1,050

The statewide agricultural land base rate value for the 2002 general reassessment will be the average market value in use calculated as shown above or \$1,050 per acre.

Assessing Agricultural Land

The agricultural land assessment formula involves identifying agricultural tracts using data from a detailed soil map, aerial photography, and local plat maps. Each variable of the land assessment formula is measured using various devices to determine its size and effect on the parcel's assessment. The proper use of the soil maps, interpreted data, and unit values results in greater uniformity in the assessment process of agricultural lands. Some commercial and industrial zoned acreage tracts devote a portion of the parcel to an agricultural use. The assessor classifies these parcels as either commercial or industrial. However, the portion of land devoted to agricultural use should be valued using the agricultural land assessment formula. Portions not used for agricultural purposes would be valued using the commercial and industrial acreage guidelines described in this chapter.

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Certification of Agricultural Land Base Rate Value for Assessment Year 2014

This memorandum hereby serves to notify assessing officials of the agricultural base rate to be used for the March 1, 2014 assessment date: **\$2,050 per acre.**

Land used for agricultural purposes shall be adjusted consistent with the guideline methodology developed for the 2012 general reassessment agricultural land value except, in determining the annual base rate, the Department of Local Government Finance ("Department") shall adjust the methodology to use the lowest five years of a six (6) year rolling average. The Department will issue annually, before January 1, the base rate to be applied for the following March 1 assessment date. 50 IAC 27-6-1 (a)

Those portions of agricultural parcels that include land and buildings not used agriculturally, such as homes, homesites, and excess land and commercial or industrial land and buildings, shall be adjusted by the factor or factors developed for other similar property within the geographic stratification. The residence portion of agricultural properties will be adjusted by the factors applied to similar residential properties.
50 IAC 27-6-1 (b)

The 2014 assessment year agricultural land value utilizes the land's current market value in use, which is based on the productive capacity of the land, regardless of the land's potential or highest and best use. The most frequently used valuation method for use-value assessment is the income capitalization approach. In this approach, use-value is based on the residual or net income that will accrue to the land from agricultural production.

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The capitalization rate converts the net income into an estimate of value. The capitalization rate reflects, in percentage terms, the annual income relative to the value of an asset; in this case agricultural land. Conceptually, this capitalization rate incorporates the required returns to various forms of capital, associated risks, and the anticipated changes over time.

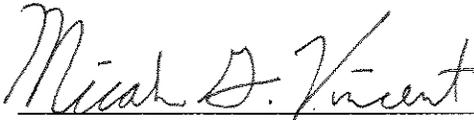
Since agricultural land in Indiana is nearly evenly divided between cash rent and owner-occupied production, the Department utilized a six-year rolling average (2006 to 2011) of both methods in determining the market value in use of agricultural land. The capitalization rate applied to both types of net income was based on the annual average interest rate on agricultural real estate and operating loans in Indiana for this same period. The table below summarizes the data used in developing the average market value in use.

Table 2-18. Agricultural Land market value in use
Source: Real Property Assessment Guidelines

Year	<u>NET INCOMES</u>			<u>MARKET VALUE IN USE</u>		
	Cash Rent	Operating	Cap. Rate	Cash Rent	Operating	Average
2006	110	74	8.18%	1,345	905	1,125
2007	122	184	7.94%	1,537	2,317	1,927
2008	140	189	6.56%	2,134	2,881	2,508
2009	139	116	6.17%	2,253	1,880	2,066
2010	141	172	5.97%	2,362	2,881	2,621
2011	160	254	5.61%	2,852	4,528	3,690
				Average Market Value in Use		\$2,050

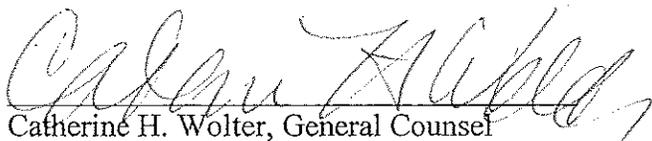
The statewide agricultural land base rate value for the 2014 assessment year will be \$2,050 per acre.

Dated this 30th day of December, 2013.



 Micah G. Vincent, Commissioner
 Department of Local Government Finance

Attest:



 Catherine H. Wolter, General Counsel

A Method for Assessing Indiana Cropland An Income Approach to Value

D. Howard Doster & John M. Huie, Purdue Ag Economists
June 24, 1999

Summary

A method for taxing agricultural cropland based on the income potential of the land can be developed. The method is illustrated below. Data components of this method include detailed soil maps, estimated yields and production costs by soil type, reported average yields by county, reported average Indiana November corn and soybean prices, USDA corn and soybean loan prices by county, and the interest rate on new Farm Credit Bank loans in the St Paul district.

Using this information, a land value can be calculated for each soil type in each county in Indiana. Using detailed soil maps, county staff can then calculate income, land value, and tax due for each ownership parcel.

Using state yields, prices, and costs for 1996, 1997, 1998, and estimates for 1999, income and land values are calculated below for average and high yield soil types. As shown in Table 1, the average land value is calculated to be \$971. In Table 2, the high yield land is valued at \$1510.

As shown in the tables, incomes for 1996 and 1997 are much higher than incomes for 1998 and projected 1999. Though not shown, income for 1995 was much higher than projected income for 1999.

Detailed soil maps

Maps from The Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) are now available for all counties indicating the soil type of all land in the state. County staff have used this information in past years. For five counties, this soil type information has been transferred to a GIS data base. In these counties, county staff could identify land ownership units in the GIS data base and with appropriate computer software, calculate the real estate tax on cropland.

In 1998, computer software was developed by Purdue Ag Economists for calculating income for user entered ownership parcels in Tippecanoe County. This program was shown at the July, 1998 Purdue Top Farmer Crop Workshop and the September, 1998 Prairie Farmer Farm Progress Show. The purpose of these demonstrations was to show prospective landowners, prospective tenants, and professional appraisers a way to estimate income potential of an ownership parcel.

Estimated yield and production cost by soil type

Purdue agronomists and NRCS staff have estimated crop yields for each soil type in Indiana. (These yield estimates may need to be updated, and possible differences considered for the same soil type in different counties.) Purdue staff annually estimate crop production costs for low, average, and high yielding soil types. The process could be computerized and budgets could be prepared for all Indiana soils.

Reported average yield by county

The Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service reports average yield for each county in May each year for the preceding year's crops. An expected trend yield could be calculated for each soil in each county. Each year, these trend yields could be adjusted by the same percentage change as the difference between the county expected and reported average yields.

Reported average Indiana November corn and soybean prices

The Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service reports average Indiana crop prices for each month. Prices for November^{1/} are used in calculating per acre corn and soybean income.

USDA corn and soybean loan price

USDA has determined corn and soybean loan prices for each Indiana county. These prices reflect crop price differences because of the location of the county. Therefore, the November state average prices for corn and soybeans could be adjusted by the price location differences in loan prices to obtain an estimate of November prices by county.

St Paul Farm Credit Bank interest rate

For each year, the Internal Revenue Service issues a listing of the average annual effective interest rates charged on new loans under the Farm Credit Bank system. These rates are used in computing the special use value of real property used as a farm for which an election is made under section 2032A of the Internal Revenue Code. Indiana is in the St Paul district. For 1999, the reported interest rate is .0821.

Weighted annual incomes and estimated land values

As shown in Table 1, the 4-year average annual income is \$80 and the estimated land value is \$971. As shown in Table 2, for the high yield land the average income is \$124 and the land value is \$1510.

Annual incomes could be weighted with income from the most recent year being weighted the most. One option would be a percentage weight of 40 - 30 - 20 - 10 with the most recent year at 40% and the most distant year at 10%. Using this criteria, the weighted average annual income is \$71.10 and the estimated average land value is \$866. A weighting of 33 - 27 - 22 - 18 with the most recent year at 33% and the most distant year at 18% produces a weighted average annual income of \$75.27 and an estimated average land value of \$917.

For high yield soil, the 40 - 30 - 20 - 10 optimal weights give an average income of \$113 and a land value of \$1379. The 33 - 27 - 22 - 18 weights give an average income of \$118 and a land value of \$1442.

This approach - discounting the potential agricultural income - to valuing farm land is reasonable so long as the income estimates and the discount rates are defensible. There is also logic to using a four year average with the most recent years being weighted higher, especially if the state were to go to annual assessments. So long as they stay with a four year assessment cycle it becomes more of a judgement call.

^{1/}Prices tend to increase throughout the year. November, a month close to the end of the harvest season was chosen. If prices later than November are chosen then a storage cost would also need to be included.

Income and land value estimates

As illustrated in Tables 1 and 2, income from a corn/soybean rotation on average and high yield soils is calculated for 1996-99.

State average yields for each soil are multiplied by November prices to obtain per acre sales.

Variable costs as found in the Purdue Crop Guide for average and high yield soils are subtracted to obtain per acre contribution margin from crops.

Corn contribution margin plus soybean contribution margin plus government payment is added and the sum is divided by 2 to get per acre total contribution margin.

Overhead costs from the Purdue Crop Guide for a corn/soybean farm are subtracted from the contribution margin to get per acre income.

Incomes for the four years are averaged.

The average income is divided by the St Paul interest rate to get estimated land value.

Table 1. Indiana Land Value Calculation
Based on an Income Approach, 1996-99
Average Yield Soil

	1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans
Yield ^{1/}	123	38	122	43.5	132	42	134.1	42.9
Price (November) ^{1/}	<u>\$2.69</u>	<u>\$6.90</u>	<u>\$2.60</u>	<u>\$6.88</u>	<u>\$2.06</u>	<u>\$5.49</u>	<u>\$2.04</u>	<u>\$5.40</u>
Sales	\$331	\$262	\$317	\$299	\$282	\$231	\$274	\$232
Less variable costs ^{2/}	<u>134</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>86</u>
Crops contribution margin	\$197	\$168	\$180	\$203	\$134	\$146	\$129	\$146
Plus government payment ^{3/}	<u>\$23</u>		<u>\$45</u>		<u>\$53</u>		<u>\$34</u>	
Total contribution margin	\$194		\$214		\$167		\$154	
Less overhead:								
Annual machinery ^{2/}	48		50		49		49	
Drying/handling	6		6		7		7	
Family/hired labor ^{2/}	37		37		37		37	
Real estate tax ^{3/}	<u>10</u>		<u>10</u>		<u>10</u>		<u>10</u>	
Equals:								
Income	\$93		\$111		\$64		\$51	

4-year average income = \$80
1999 St Paul interest rate^{4/} = .0821
Estimated land value = \$971

^{1/} State average yield, state average November price as reported by Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service.

^{2/} Costs are taken from annual Purdue Crop Guide, ID-166.

^{3/} Government payments and real estate tax are estimated by the author.

^{4/} Average annual effective interest rate on new loans under the Farm Credit Bank System, St Paul district.

Table 2. Indiana Land Value Calculation
Based on an Income Approach, 1996-99
High Yield Soil

	1996		1997		1998		1999	
	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans
Yield ^{1/}	151.3	46.8	49.9	53.6	169	51	165	52.8
Price (November) ^{1/}	<u>\$2.69</u>	<u>\$6.90</u>	<u>\$2.60</u>	<u>\$6.88</u>	<u>\$2.06</u>	<u>\$5.49</u>	<u>\$2.04</u>	<u>\$5.40</u>
Sales	\$407	\$323	\$390	\$369	\$348	\$280	\$337	\$285
Less variable costs ^{2/}	<u>153</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>92</u>
Crops contribution margin	\$254	\$220	\$233	\$263	\$178	\$189	\$170	\$193
Plus government payment ^{3/}	<u>\$29</u>		<u>\$56</u>		<u>\$64</u>		<u>\$42</u>	
Total contribution margin	\$252		\$276		\$216		\$202	
Less overhead:								
Annual machinery ^{2/}	53		55		54		54	
Drying/handling	7		7		8		8	
Family/hired labor ^{2/}	37		37		37		37	
Real estate tax ^{3/}	<u>14</u>		<u>14</u>		<u>14</u>		<u>14</u>	
Equals:								
Income	\$141		\$163		\$103		\$89	

4-year average income = \$124
 1999 St Paul interest rate^{4/} = .0821
 Estimated land value = \$1510

^{1/} State average yield, state average November price as reported by Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service.

^{2/} Costs are taken from annual Purdue Crop Guide, ID-166.

^{3/} Government payments and real estate tax are estimated by the author.

^{4/} Average annual effective interest rate on new loans under the Farm Credit Bank System, St Paul district.

Table 2-18 - Updated for March 1, 2014

Source: Real Property Assessment Guidelines

	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
Year						
	NET INCOMES PER ACRE		RATE	MARKET VALUE IN USE PER ACRE		AVERAGE MARKET VALUE IN USE PER ACRE
2006	Cash Rent 110	Owner-Operated 74	Cap. Rate 8.18%	Cash Rent 1,345	Owner-Operated 905	PER ACRE 1,125 (1)
2007	122	184	7.94%	1,537	2,317	1,927 (1)
2008	140	189	6.56%	2,134	2,881	2,508 (1)
2009	139	116	6.17%	2,253	1,880	2,066 (1)
2010	141	172	5.97%	2,362	2,881	2,621 (1)
2011	160	254	5.61%	2,852	4,528	3,690 (1)

Base Rate 2,050 (2)
 (Average - 5 Lowest Years)

Formula: Gross Cash Rent Less Property Taxes Gross Income Less Expenses Average of Qnty. Farm Loan Rates Column A divided by Column C Column B divided by Column C The average of Columns D and E (1)

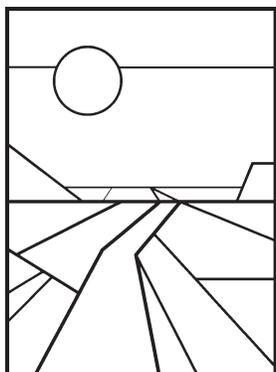
Source: Purdue Ag. Econ. Reports (PAER) Indiana Ag. Statistics Service and Purdue Crop Guide Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago The base rate is the average of the 5 lowest averages above rounded to the nearest \$10. [IC 6-1.1-4-4.5 (e) (2)] (2)

As illustrated in the following equation, the market value in use of agricultural land is calculated by dividing the net income of each acre by the appropriate capitalization rate.

$$\text{Market Value In Use} = \text{Net Income Divided By The Capitalization Rate}$$

**Table 2-18 - Updated for March 1, 2014
Calculation for Net Income-Cash Rent Column**

	Gross	Less	Net	Cap.	Cash
Year	Cash	Property	Cash	Rate	Rent
<u>Year</u>	<u>Rent</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Rent</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>
2006	127	-17	110	8.18%	1,345
2007	139	-17	122	7.94%	1,537
2008	157	-17	140	6.56%	2,134
2009	158	-19	139	6.17%	2,253
2010	161	-20	141	5.97%	2,362
2011	182	-22	160	5.61%	2,852



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Indiana Farmland Values & Cash Rents Jump Upward

Craig L. Dobbins, Professor and Kim Cook, Research Associate

What a difference a year can make. Last year at this time, there were questions about whether or not farmland values were nearing a top. There are no such discussions this year. This year the question is “How high might farmland values and cash rent go?”

State-wide Land Values

Higher corn and soybean prices brought about by the increased demand for these crops are being translated into higher farmland values and cash rents. The June 2007 Purdue Land Value Survey found that farmland values in all areas of the state took a sharp turn upward. On a state-wide basis, the average value of bare Indiana cropland ranged from \$2,991 per acre for poor quality land to \$4,407 per acre for top quality land (Table 1). Average quality Indiana cropland had an estimated average value of \$3,688 per acre. For the 12-month period ending in June 2007, this was an increase of 19.2%, 16.6%, and 16.9%, respectively for poor, average, and top quality land. One needs to go back to 1977 to find a larger annual increase in Indiana farmland values.

Land quality was measured in the survey by asking survey respondents

** The median is the middle observation in data that have been arranged in ascending or descending numerical order.*

to provide an estimate of long-term corn yields. The average reported yield was 112, 144, and 175 bushels per acre, respectively for poor, average, and top quality land. State-wide, the value per bushel for different land qualities was very similar, ranging from \$25.15 to \$26.80 per bushel. On a per bushel basis, the most expensive land is the poor quality land with a value of \$26.80 per bushel. Top quality land was the least expensive at \$25.15 per bushel.

The average value of transitional land, land moving out of agriculture, increased 4.5% this year. The average value of transitional land in June 2007 was \$9,520 per acre. However, there is a very wide range of values for transitional land – from twice its agricultural value to more than ten times its agricultural value. These values are strongly influenced by what the land is transitioning into and its location. Due to the wide variation in estimates for transitional land, the median value* may give a more meaningful picture than the arithmetic average. The median value of transitional land in June 2007 was \$7,500 per acre.

Survey respondents indicated the value of rural recreational land, land used for hunting and other recreational uses, is \$3,873 per acre across Indiana. This average is more than average quality farmland. But as with transitional land, there is a wide range of values for rural recreational

land. The June values reported for recreational land varied from \$975 to \$10,000 per acre. The median value for rural recreational land in June was \$3,500 per acre.

State-wide Rents

One important contributor to the value of farmland is the annual rent that can be obtained from ownership. State-wide, cash rents increased \$10 to \$16 per acre (Table 2). The largest dollar increase in rent was for top quality land. The smallest dollar increase in rent was for poor quality land. The estimated cash rent was \$171 per acre on top quality land, \$139 per acre on average quality land, and \$110 per acre on poor quality land. This was an increase in rental rates of 10% for poor quality land, 9.4% for average quality land, and 10.3% for top quality land. Again, this is the largest annual increase in cash rent since 1977. State-wide, rent per bushel of estimated corn yield ranged from \$0.97 to \$0.99 per bushel.

Cash rent as a percentage of value continued to decline. For top quality farmland, cash rent as a percentage

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from 12.6% to 17.6%. The exceptions to this were the changes in the value of poor quality land in the North and Southwest with changes of 24.7% and 22.3%, respectively. The increase in farmland values in the Southeast was more modest, ranging from 6.2% to 12.9%.

The highest average farmland values are in West Central and Central Indiana. While the Central Indiana top and poor quality farmland values are slightly higher than those in West Central Indiana, average quality land values are slightly higher in West Central Indiana. Land value per bushel of estimated long-term corn yield (land value divided by bushels) is the highest in the Central and West Central regions, ranging from \$26.39 to \$28.24 per bushel. This was followed by the Northeast, ranging from \$25.36 to \$28.06 per bushel and the North, ranging from \$24.57 to \$26.51. The Southwest and Southeast had the lowest land values per bushel and ranged from \$21.02 to \$25.38 per bushel.

Area Cash Rents

All areas of the state reported an increase in cash rent for all land qualities (Table 2). The strongest percentage increases were in the North and Northeast, ranging in value from 12.3% to 14.9%. This was followed by Central and West Central Indiana with changes of 7.6% to 10.9%. The changes in the Southwest and Southeast ranged from 3.2% to 8.7%.

Cash rents are the highest in the West Central region, followed by the Central region. Cash rent per bushel in West Central Indiana ranges in value from \$1.06 to \$1.12 per bushel. In the Central region, these values ranged from \$1.01 to \$1.04 per bushel. Per bushel rents in these two regions are the highest in the state. Cash rents in the North are similar to those in Central and West Central Indiana. Cash rents in the North range from \$114 to \$180 per acre and \$1.00 to \$1.02 per bushel. The per bushel rent in the Northeast and Southwest ranged from \$0.89 to \$0.95. The lowest per bushel cash rents continue to be in

Table 2. Average estimated Indiana cash rent per acre, (tillable, bare land) 2006 and 2007, Purdue Land Value Survey, June 2007

Area	Land Class	Corn bu/A	Rent/Acre		Change '06-'07 %	Rent/bu. of Corn		Rent as % of June Land Value	
			2006 \$/A	2007 \$/A		2006 \$/bu.	2007 \$/bu.	2006 %	2007 %
North	Top	181	158	180	13.9	0.91	1.00	4.2	4.1
	Average	145	128	145	13.3	0.91	1.00	4.2	4.0
	Poor	112	101	114	12.9	0.94	1.02	4.2	3.8
Northeast	Top	173	141	162	14.9	0.86	0.93	4.1	3.7
	Average	143	114	128	12.3	0.84	0.89	3.9	3.5
	Poor	110	89	100	12.4	0.85	0.91	3.7	3.2
W. Central	Top	177	169	187	10.7	0.98	1.06	4.2	4.0
	Average	147	143	157	9.8	1.01	1.07	4.1	3.9
	Poor	114	118	127	7.6	1.05	1.12	4.2	4.0
Central	Top	177	164	181	10.4	0.95	1.02	4.0	3.8
	Average	147	136	149	9.6	0.96	1.01	4.0	3.8
	Poor	117	110	122	10.9	0.99	1.04	3.9	3.8
Southwest	Top	177	158	168	6.3	0.91	0.95	4.3	4.0
	Average	145	126	134	6.3	0.90	0.93	4.3	4.1
	Poor	111	92	100	8.7	0.87	0.90	4.6	4.1
Southeast	Top	162	124	128	3.2	0.75	0.79	3.9	3.8
	Average	132	97	102	5.2	0.73	0.77	3.6	3.5
	Poor	99	75	78	4.0	0.75	0.78	3.4	3.1
Indiana	Top	175	155	171	10.3	0.91	0.98	4.1	3.9
	Average	144	127	139	9.4	0.91	0.97	4.0	3.8
	Poor	112	100	110	10.0	0.93	0.99	4.0	3.7

the Southeast, ranging from \$0.77 to \$0.79 per bushel.

Rural Home Sites

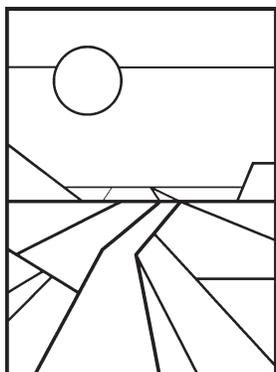
Respondents were asked to estimate the value of rural home sites with no accessible gas line or city utilities and located on a black top or well-maintained gravel road. The median value for five-acre home sites ranged from \$7,000 to \$10,000 per acre (Table 3). Estimated per acre median values of the larger tracts (10 acres) ranged from \$6,000 to \$9,000 per acre.

Farmland Supply & Demand

To assess the supply of land on the market, respondents were asked to provide their opinion of the amount of farmland on the market now compared to a year earlier. The respondents indicated either more, the same, or less land was on the market than one year ago. Only 15.9% of the 2007 respondents indicated more land was on the market now compared to year-ago levels (Figure 2). The remaining 84.1% of the respondents indicated the amount of land on the market

Table 3. Median value of five-acre and ten-acre home sites

Area	Median value, \$ per acre							
	5 Acres or less for home site				10 Acres & over for subdivision			
	2004 \$/A	2005 \$/A	2006 \$/A	2007 \$/A	2004 \$/A	2005 \$/A	2006 \$/A	2007 \$/A
North	6,000	7,250	7,000	8,100	5,000	6,000	7,000	8,000
Northeast	6,000	6,500	7,000	8,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	9,000
West Central	6,000	6,000	7,500	8,000	5,000	6,000	7,500	8,000
Central	8,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	7,900	8,500	10,000	9,000
Southwest	5,000	5,000	5,000	7,000	5,000	5,250	7,000	6,000
Southeast	6,000	7,000	7,000	9,000	5,000	6,000	6,250	6,750



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Indiana Farmland Values & Cash Rents: Relative Calm in a Turbulent Economy

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With a credit crisis, bankruptcies of business icons, turmoil in the housing industry, stock market uncertainties, and declining crop margins, are sharply falling Indiana farmland values the next item of bad news? To gather information about changes in farmland values and cash rents, professionals working in the farmland market are contacted each June*. Based on the 2009 Purdue Farmland Value Survey, Indiana farmland values have not been immune to the negative economic forces sweeping through the general economy, but for the state as a whole, the decline in farmland values has been small. This report provides a summary of the survey results.

* The individuals surveyed include rural appraisers, agricultural loan officers, FSA personnel, farm managers, and farmers. The results of the survey provide information about the general level and trend in farmland values.

State-wide Farmland Values

For the period of June 2006 to June 2008, Indiana farmland values increased about one-third (35.8%, 34.1% & 32.7% for poor, average, and top quality farmland). In the farmland market, it is common to have a period of little change or even small declines after a period of strong increases.

For the state as a whole, the survey showed little change in farmland values from June 2008 to June 2009. The average value of bare Indiana cropland ranged from \$3,351 per acre for poor quality land to \$4,994 per acre for top quality land (Table 1). Average quality cropland had an average value of \$4,188 per acre. For the 12-month period ending June 2009, there were modest declines in all three land qualities. The value of top, average, and poor quality land declined 0.2%, 1.2% and 1.7%, respectively.

The value of farmland is influenced by many factors. One often cited reason for differences in the value of farmland is soil productivity. To assess the productivity of the various land qualities, survey respondents are asked to provide an

estimate of the long-term corn yield for poor, average, and top quality land. These long-term corn yield estimates are averaged to provide a land productivity measure. For the state, the averages of the reported yields for poor, average, and top quality land were 118, 150, and 182 bushels per acre, respectively. State-wide, the value per estimated bushel of corn yield for poor, average, and top land qualities was \$28.40, \$27.92 and \$27.44 per bushel, respectively.

Last year saw a decline in the average value of transitional land, farmland moving out of agriculture. This decline continued this year, but was much larger. The average value of transitional land in June 2009 was \$8,770 per acre, a decline of 6.9%. Given the recession and the difficulties in the housing industry, it is not surprising to see a softening in this market. The estimated value of land in this market continues to have a wide range. In June 2009, transitional land value estimates ranged from \$3,000 to \$50,000 per acre. This is a specialized market with the value of transitional land strongly influenced by what the land is transitioning into and its location. Because of

is a wide range of values for rural recreational land, again making the median value a more meaningful indicator of changes in value than the arithmetic average. The median value for rural recreational land in June 2009 declined from \$3,500 per acre in 2008 to \$3,000.

State-wide Rents

One important contributor to the value of farmland is the annual rent that can be obtained from ownership. State-wide, cash rents both increased and decreased. Top and average quality land increased \$4 per acre and \$1 per acre, respectively. Cash rent on poor quality land decreased by \$2 per acre (Table 2). The average estimated cash rent was \$198 per acre on top quality land, \$158 per acre on average quality land, and \$121 per acre on poor quality land. This was an increase in rental rates of 2.1% for top quality land, 0.6% for average quality land, and a decrease of 1.6% for poor quality land. State-wide, rent per bushel of estimated corn yield was \$1.03 to \$1.09 per bushel.

In assessing these cash rents, it is important to recognize that 2009 rents were established during the Fall of 2008 and the Winter of 2009. Market changes that have occurred since then are not reflected in the reported 2009 cash rent, but will have an important influence on the negotiation of 2010 cash rent.

For top quality farmland, cash rent as a percentage of farmland value was 4.0%. For average and poor quality farmland, cash rent as a percentage of farmland value was 3.8% and 3.6%, respectively. These percentage values were either the same or slightly more than those reported in 2008. This is the first time in a number of years that these percentages have not declined. Over the 35-year history of the survey, rent

as a percentage of farmland value has averaged 5.8%.

Area Land Values

Survey responses were organized into six geographic regions (Figure 1). As in the past, there are geographic differences in land value changes. This year, the West Central region reported the strongest percentage increase in farmland values. Bare farmland in this area was estimated to have increased 1.9% to 3.7% (Table 1). This was the only region to report increases for all three land qualities. The Central region had an increase for poor quality land and the Southwest region had an increase in top and average land. The North, Northeast, and Southeast regions reported declines in land values across all three productivity levels. These declines ranged from 0.6% to 6.3%. The largest declines were

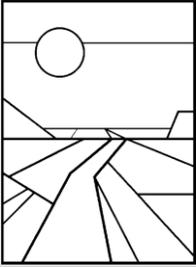
in the Southeast region, ranging from 4.7% to 6.3%.

Per acre farmland values are the highest in the Central and West Central regions. The highest value per acre for top and average quality farmland was in the West Central region. The highest value for poor quality farmland is in Central Indiana. The lowest farmland values statewide continue to be in the Southeast.

Land value per bushel of estimated long-term corn yield (land value divided by bushels) is the highest in the Central region, ranging from \$29.70 to \$30.90 per bushel. This was followed by the West Central region, ranging from \$28.74 to \$29.52 per bushel. Per bushel values for the North and Northeast regions ranged from \$26.96 to \$29.28 per bushel. The Southeast had the lowest

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Area	Land Class	Corn bu/A	Rent/Acre		Change '08-'09 %	Rent/bu. of Corn		Rent as % of June Land Value	
			2008 \$/A	2009 \$/A		2008 \$/bu.	2009 \$/bu.	2008 %	2009 %
North	Top	193	211	214	1.4%	1.12	1.11	4.0	4.0
	Average	155	167	165	-1.2%	1.10	1.06	3.8	3.8
	Poor	121	129	121	-6.2%	1.12	1.00	3.8	3.7
Northeast	Top	175	188	192	2.1%	1.08	1.10	3.9	4.0
	Average	144	148	147	-0.7%	1.03	1.02	3.6	3.7
	Poor	112	114	111	-2.6%	1.01	0.99	3.4	3.4
W. Central	Top	189	207	220	6.3%	1.14	1.16	4.0	4.1
	Average	159	173	181	4.6%	1.13	1.14	3.8	3.9
	Poor	128	142	145	2.1%	1.17	1.13	3.8	3.8
Central	Top	181	201	201	0.0%	1.12	1.11	3.7	3.7
	Average	151	165	165	0.0%	1.10	1.09	3.6	3.6
	Poor	123	133	130	-2.3%	1.11	1.06	3.5	3.4
Southwest	Top	185	189	200	5.8%	1.04	1.08	3.9	4.0
	Average	146	146	154	5.5%	1.01	1.05	3.8	4.0
	Poor	109	105	112	6.7%	0.97	1.03	3.9	4.1
Southeast	Top	165	147	146	-0.7%	0.90	0.88	3.9	4.1
	Average	135	117	118	0.9%	0.87	0.87	3.5	3.8
	Poor	102	90	86	-4.4%	0.86	0.84	3.2	3.3
Indiana	Top	182	194	198	2.1%	1.09	1.09	3.9	4.0
	Average	150	157	158	0.6%	1.06	1.05	3.7	3.8
	Poor	118	123	121	-1.6%	1.07	1.03	3.6	3.6



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Indiana Farmland Market Continues to Sizzle

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Introduction

For Indiana farmland values, it seems that history may be repeating itself. Just like the early 1970s, strong grain prices, robust net farm incomes, favorable interest rates, competitive farmland demand, and a limited supply of farmland offered to the market provides the environment for a strong increase in farmland values. The 2011 Purdue Farmland Value Survey¹, indicates that the statewide increase in value was 22.8% to 25.3%. Increases this large have not occurred since 1977.

State-wide Farmland Values

For the state as a whole, the 2011 survey found the average value of bare Indiana cropland ranged from \$4,386 per acre for poor quality land to \$6,521 per acre for top quality land (Table 1). Average quality cropland had a value of \$5,468 per acre. For the 12-month period ending June 2011, the value of top, average, and poor quality land increased 22.8%, 23.7% and 25.3%, respectively.

To assess the productivity of the various land qualities, survey respondents estimated long-term

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corn yields for poor, average, and top quality land. The average of these long-term corn yield estimates provides one measure of land productivity. For the state, the average long-term corn yields for poor, average, and top quality land were 126, 157, and 188 bushels per acre, respectively. State-wide, the value per estimated bushel of corn yield for poor, average, and top land qualities was \$34.89, \$34.87 and \$34.64 per bushel, respectively.

The transitional land market, farmland moving out of agriculture, continues to be soft. For the fourth straight year, the average value of transitional land declined. In 2011 the average value was \$7,931, a decline of 4.5%. The estimated value of land in this market continues to have a wide range. In June 2011, transitional land value estimates ranged from \$1,000 to \$30,000 per acre. This is a specialized market with the transitional land value strongly influenced by the planned use and location. Because of the wide variation in transitional land values, the median value² may give a more meaningful picture than the arithmetic average. The median value of transitional land in 2011 was \$7,250 per acre. This

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Area	Land Class	Corn bu/A	Rent/Acre		Change '10-'11 %	Rent/bu. of Corn		Rent as % of June Land Value	
			2010 \$/A	2011 \$/A		2010 \$/bu.	2011 \$/bu.	2010 %	2011 %
North	Top	196	213	243	14.1%	1.10	1.24	4.0	3.6
	Average	160	165	187	13.3%	1.06	1.17	3.8	3.4
	Poor	127	121	139	14.9%	1.01	1.09	3.7	3.2
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	Average	151	150	162	8.0%	1.00	1.08	3.5	3.1
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	Average	166	184	217	17.9%	1.13	1.31	3.7	3.5
	Poor	137	147	172	17.0%	1.14	1.25	3.7	3.4
Central	Top	192	206	233	13.1%	1.09	1.21	3.7	3.5
	Average	163	169	190	12.4%	1.05	1.17	3.5	3.3
	Poor	134	135	154	14.1%	1.04	1.15	3.4	3.2
Southwest	Top	188	192	234	21.9%	1.04	1.24	3.6	3.3
	Average	150	146	176	20.5%	0.98	1.17	3.7	3.2
	Poor	115	106	130	22.6%	0.95	1.13	3.7	3.4
Southeast	Top	171	151	169	11.9%	0.92	0.99	4.1	4.3
	Average	139	119	129	8.4%	0.88	0.93	3.8	3.8
	Poor	106	86	95	10.5%	0.85	0.89	3.5	3.3
Indiana	Top	188	202	230	13.9%	1.08	1.22	3.8	3.5
	Average	157	161	182	13.0%	1.04	1.16	3.6	3.3
	Poor	126	124	141	13.7%	1.02	1.12	3.5	3.2

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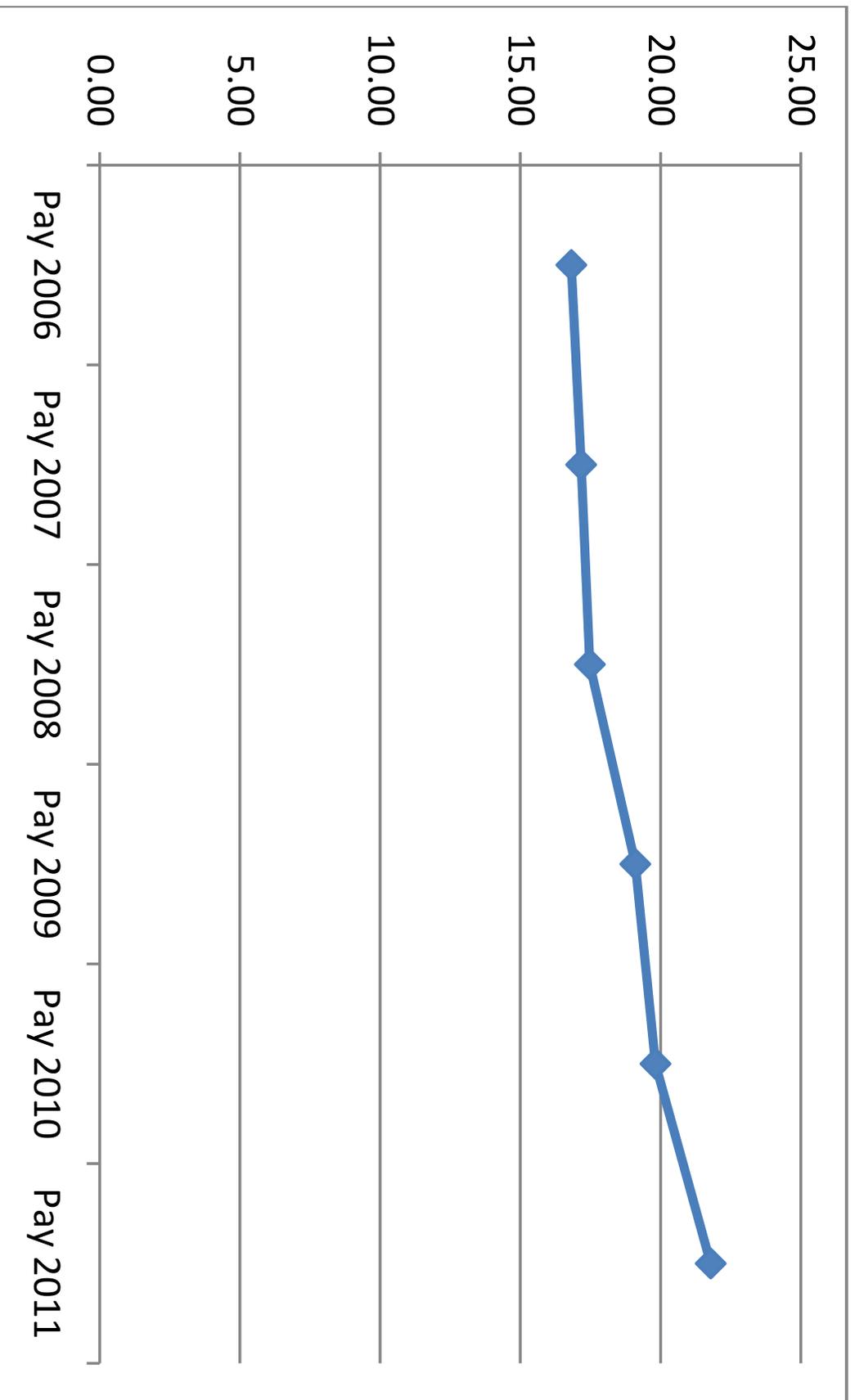
Consider top quality land in the North region. The range of perceived values was from about \$5,000 per acre to over \$10,000 per acre. This is a wide range. The average of the responses was \$6,699 per acre, a value closer to the per acre minimum than maximum. This indicates there were a greater number of

responses in the lower part of the range. For top land in the Central region there is more agreement, a smaller range. In addition, the average is more in the center of the range. For this situation, the respondents' perception of value is distributed more evenly across a smaller range.

Figure 3 illustrates the same information for cash rents. In both the case of farmland value

and cash rent, the survey provides a general guide to value or rent but does not indicate the value or cash rent for a specific farm. Arriving at a value or amount of cash rent for a specific farm requires additional research or assistance from a professional.

Average Net Tax Bill/Acre of Farmland



**March 1, 2014
Average Net Tax Bill/Acre of Farmland**

Pay 2006	16.82
Pay 2007	17.17
Pay 2008	17.48
Pay 2009	19.10
Pay 2010	19.82
Pay 2011	21.79

Indiana		<u>Real Estate Loans</u>	<u>Operating Loans</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
2006	Jan.	7.48	8.30	
	April	7.85	8.76	
	July	7.82	8.73	
	Oct.	7.74	8.71	
	Average	7.72	8.63	8.18
2007	Jan.	7.67	8.61	
	April	7.70	8.65	
	July	7.53	8.42	
	Oct.	7.09	7.82	
	Average	7.50	8.38	7.94
2008	Jan.	6.41	6.74	
	April	6.51	7.06	
	July	6.56	6.74	
	Oct.	6.23	6.21	
	Average	6.43	6.69	6.56
2009	Jan.	6.14	6.20	
	April	6.16	6.18	
	July	6.13	6.17	
	Oct.	6.13	6.23	
	Average	6.14	6.20	6.17
2010	Jan.	6.04	6.13	
	April	5.99	6.12	
	July	5.81	6.05	
	Oct.	5.70	5.85	
	Average	5.89	6.04	5.97
2011	Jan.	5.80	6.01	
	April	5.62	5.75	
	July	5.36	5.66	
	Oct.	5.20	5.47	
	Average	5.50	5.72	5.61

**Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.
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FARMLAND VALUES AND CREDIT CONDITIONS

Summary

Farmland values declined in the fourth quarter of 2008 for the Seventh Federal Reserve District—the first quarterly decrease in a decade. There was still an annual increase of 5 percent in the value of “good” agricultural land for 2008, based on 209 surveys completed by District agricultural bankers. Few respondents expected farmland values to rise in the first quarter of 2009, but 35 percent expected them to fall in their respective areas.

Agricultural credit conditions in the District continued to strengthen in the fourth quarter of 2008, though not as strongly as a year ago. Non-real-estate loan demand grew in the final quarter of 2008 relative to that of 2007. Also, the index of funds availability was higher in the fourth quarter of 2008 than in the third quarter of 2008. Farm loan repayment rates improved, while loan renewals and extensions edged down from a year ago. Agricultural interest rates were at the lowest levels in almost five years. Loan-to-deposit ratios averaged 76.4 percent for the fourth quarter of 2008, with nearly half of the banks below their desired ratio.

Farmland values

The District’s 5 percent annual increase for 2008 in the value of “good” agricultural land was the lowest since 2001

(see chart 1 on next page). Indiana had a 1 percent annual decrease in farmland values (see table and map below). In contrast, Wisconsin had a 13 percent annual increase in farmland values, catching up with the District after lagging at the end of 2007. Having values between these two extremes in the District, the annual gains for Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan were substantially smaller than a year ago.

For the first time in a decade and only the second time since 1986, overall District land values experienced a quarterly decline. Only Wisconsin did not experience a quarterly drop in land values for the fourth quarter of 2008.

An annual index of nominal farmland values doubled by the end of 2008 from its 1981 peak (see chart 2 on next page). Adjusted for inflation, annual farmland values increased only 1 percent in 2008, much less than the nominal increase. Moreover, an index of inflation-adjusted farmland values remained well under its peak in 1979. The slower growth in real farmland values during 2008 kept the District from nearing this peak.

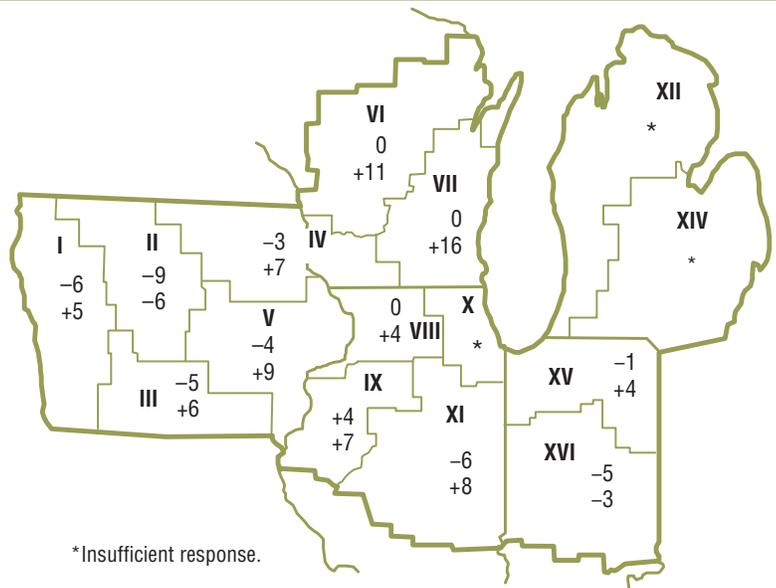
Even though net farm income in 2008 set a record, net farm income at the end of the year had not risen as much as many had anticipated, and it looked ready to decline in 2009. These factors played a key role in slowing the growth of farmland values. Elevated net farm income spurred farmland values upward faster in the first three quarters of

Percent change in dollar value of “good” farmland

Top: October 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009

Bottom: January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009

	October 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009	January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009
Illinois	-3	+6
Indiana	-4	-1
Iowa	-6	+4
Michigan	-4	+2
Wisconsin	0	+13
Seventh District	-4	+5



Credit conditions at Seventh District agricultural banks

	Loan demand (index) ^b	Funds availability (index) ^b	Loan repayment rates (index) ^b	Average loan-to-deposit ratio (percent)	Interest rates on farm loans		
					Operating loans ^a (percent)	Feeder cattle ^a (percent)	Real estate ^a (percent)
2006							
Jan-Mar	131	102	87	76.7	8.30	8.27	7.48
Apr-June	115	101	85	78.0	8.76	8.66	7.85
July-Sept	124	95	87	79.1	8.73	8.70	7.82
Oct-Dec	109	116	130	76.6	8.71	8.70	7.74
2007							
Jan-Mar	128	113	131	78.4	8.61	8.60	7.67
Apr-June	121	115	117	77.8	8.65	8.63	7.70
July-Sept	118	118	122	78.1	8.42	8.40	7.53
Oct-Dec	110	126	149	77.2	7.82	7.89	7.09
2008							
Jan-Mar	110	129	147	75.9	6.74	6.86	6.41
Apr-June	101	124	137	75.2	7.06	6.77	6.51
July-Sept	117	103	115	78.8	6.74	6.85	6.56
Oct-Dec	115	110	113	76.4	6.21	6.33	6.23

^aAt end of period.

^bBankers responded to each item by indicating whether conditions during the current quarter were higher, lower, or the same as in the year-earlier period. The index numbers are computed by subtracting the percent of bankers that responded "lower" from the percent that responded "higher" and adding 100.

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rates. In Wisconsin, lower rates of repayment prevailed. Less than 3 percent of the volume of the banks' agricultural loan portfolios were classified as having major or severe repayment problems, about the same as in 2007.

Agricultural interest rates moved down to the lowest levels in five years. The rate on operating loans dipped under the 2004 low of the previous cycle. As of January 1, 2009, the District averages for interest rates were 6.21 percent on new operating loans and 6.23 percent on farm real estate loans. It has been 30 years since the operating loan rate was lower than the mortgage rate. Interest rates on operating loans were lowest in Indiana (5.68 percent) and highest in Wisconsin (6.63 percent). Interest rates on agricultural real estate loans were lowest in Illinois (6.13 percent) and highest in Indiana (6.54 percent).

Looking forward

For the first quarter of 2009, additional growth in non-real-estate loan volumes was anticipated by the respondents, with 43 percent expecting higher volumes and 16 percent expecting lower volumes. Increases in loan volumes were forecasted for operating loans, farm machinery loans, and loans guaranteed by the Farm Service Agency. Decreases in volumes were anticipated for feeder cattle, dairy, and grain storage construction loans. The volume of mortgages on agricultural real estate was predicted to shrink, with 15 percent of the bankers expecting higher real estate loan volumes during January, February, and March of 2009 and 19 percent expecting lower volumes.

In a reversal from a year ago, 2009 capital expenditures by farmers were predicted to fall from the levels of 2008, according to respondents. Fifteen percent expected

higher spending in 2009 on land purchases or improvements, while 44 percent expected lower spending. For buildings and facilities, 13 percent forecasted higher spending and 51 percent forecasted lower spending.

The prospects for purchases of machinery and equipment were somewhat better, especially in Illinois, with 25 percent of respondents anticipating higher purchases and 39 percent anticipating lower purchases. Expenditures on trucks and autos were predicted to drop relatively more, as 13 percent of the bankers expected higher spending by farmers and 41 percent expected lower spending. Thus, these investments in the agricultural sector of the District were projected to be less in 2009 than in 2008.

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FARMLAND VALUES AND CREDIT CONDITIONS

Summary

Farmland values for 2011 escalated 22 percent in the Seventh Federal Reserve District—the biggest annual increase since 1976. Compared with the third quarter of 2011, the value of “good” agricultural land rose 4 percent in the fourth quarter, based on 205 surveys of agricultural banks in the District. Although these increases in farmland values were smaller than the increases of the prior quarter, still over 40 percent of those surveyed expected continued farmland value gains during the January through March period of 2012.

Agricultural credit conditions were stronger in the fourth quarter of 2011 than in the preceding fourth quarter, although non-real-estate loan demand was weaker. Funds availability, farm loan repayment rates, and rates of loan renewals and extensions were in better shape for the October through December period of 2011 than in 2010. Agricultural interest rates inched down again, setting new lows for the District. At 68.7 percent, the District’s average loan-to-deposit ratio reached its lowest level since 1997.

Farmland values

With an annual increase of 22 percent in the value of “good” farmland for 2011, the District not only experienced dramatic land auctions but also saw the biggest boom of the past 35 years (see chart 1 on the next page). Since enhanced gains in agricultural land values had already begun a

year ago, the 22 percent annual increase was not quite as high as the past quarter’s 25 percent year-over-year increase. After adjusting for inflation, the 2011 annual increase in farmland values (19 percent) was still the largest since 1976. The run-up in Iowa’s and Indiana’s agricultural land values outpaced that in the rest of the District (see table and map below). Farmland values rose 4 percent from the third quarter to the fourth quarter of 2011 in the District, cooling some from a blistering pace.

Just like the annual index of nominal farmland values, the index of inflation-adjusted farmland values set a record for the District (see chart 2). The compound annual growth rate for agricultural land values (adjusted for inflation) has been 5.5 percent since farmland values hit bottom in 1986. Going back further, the real compound annual growth rate for District farmland values has been 2.9 percent since 1970, encompassing the boom of the 1970s followed by the bust of the 1980s.

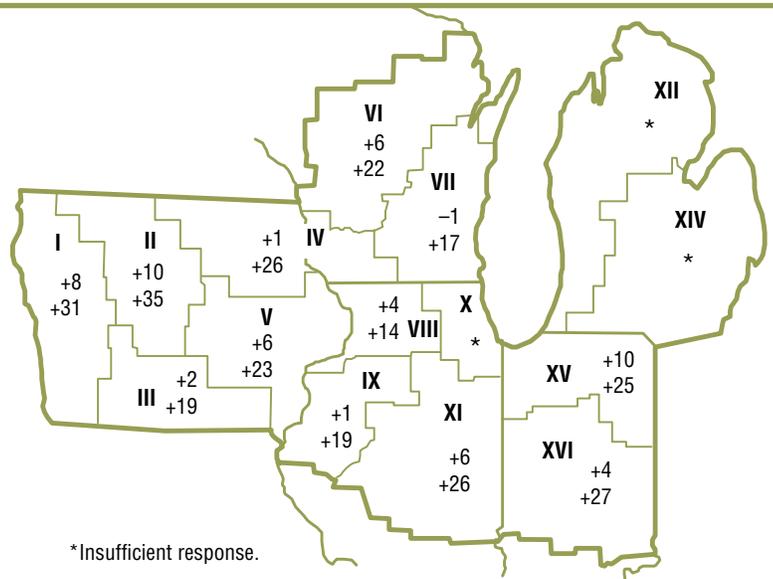
The year 2011 may go down in the annals of U.S. agriculture as a once-in-a-generation phenomenon. Undergirding the huge upward movement in farmland values was an unusual shift up in agricultural prices across the board. Not only did major crop prices move higher, but key livestock and dairy prices were higher as well. Corn, soybean, and wheat prices averaged 57 percent, 26 percent, and 45 percent, respectively, higher in 2011 than in 2010. Milk, hog, and beef cattle prices rose 23 percent, 21 percent,

Percent change in dollar value of “good” farmland

Top: October 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012

Bottom: January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012

	October 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012	January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012
Illinois	+5	+21
Indiana	+6	+27
Iowa	+6	+28
Michigan	*	*
Wisconsin	+3	+18
Seventh District	+4	+22



*Insufficient response.

Credit conditions at Seventh District agricultural banks

	Loan demand (index) ^b	Funds availability (index) ^b	Loan repayment rates (index) ^b	Average loan-to-deposit ratio (percent)	Interest rates on farm loans		
					Operating loans ^a (percent)	Feeder cattle ^a (percent)	Real estate ^a (percent)
2009							
Jan–Mar	116	112	105	76.2	6.20	6.31	6.14
Apr–June	88	118	93	77.3	6.18	6.36	6.16
July–Sept	95	121	89	75.3	6.17	6.35	6.13
Oct–Dec	102	125	92	75.4	6.23	6.40	6.13
2010							
Jan–Mar	109	127	79	73.7	6.13	6.25	6.04
Apr–June	98	122	85	74.5	6.12	6.25	5.99
July–Sept	90	138	114	73.2	6.05	6.14	5.81
Oct–Dec	101	142	142	71.8	5.85	6.02	5.70
2011							
Jan–Mar	81	149	146	69.8	6.01	5.93	5.80
Apr–June	79	145	133	70.3	5.75	5.91	5.62
July–Sept	81	149	133	69.0	5.66	5.79	5.36
Oct–Dec	87	153	150	68.7	5.47	5.65	5.20

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With 8 percent of reporting banks requiring larger amounts of collateral during the October through December period of 2011 and 0.5 percent requiring less, it was still slightly harder to qualify for farm loans than a year ago. Moreover, 24 percent of the banks tightened credit standards for farm loans in the fourth quarter of 2011 relative to the fourth quarter of 2010 (just 2 percent eased credit standards). Even so, respondents thought that fewer than 1 percent of their farm customers with operating credit in 2011 would not qualify for new operating credit in 2012, which was about half the level reported a year ago.

Looking forward

Volumes for agricultural loans were anticipated by respondents to grow in the first quarter of 2012, relatively more for real estate than non-real-estate farm loans. For the January through March period, responding bankers expected expanded volumes of operating, farm machinery, and grain storage construction loans in 2012 relative to 2011, but contractions in loan volumes guaranteed by the Farm Service Agency and for farms with cattle.

Farmers’ capital expenditures in 2012 were anticipated by respondents to rise above those of 2011. While 51 percent of the responding bankers forecasted higher levels of land purchases or improvements in 2012, only 3 percent forecasted lower levels than in 2011. Capital expenditures on buildings and facilities were expected to increase by 55 percent of the respondents and to decrease by 9 percent. For sales of machinery and equipment, 68 percent of responding bankers predicted more spending by farmers, while 4 percent predicted less spending in 2012. Similarly, truck and auto sales for farms were anticipated to be higher according to 57 percent of the respondents, with just 2 percent anticipating lower sales of trucks and autos for farms in 2012.

The optimism implicit in these predictions for increased capital expenditures by farmers in 2012 suggested that agriculture could experience another phenomenal year. However, the USDA predicted net farm income to fall to \$91.7 billion in 2012—a decline of 8.2 percent from 2011. Even with this drop off, the five-year average of net farm income, after accounting for inflation, would be the highest since 1977, during the previous surge in farmland values. This kind of momentum may carry the current upward trend in farmland values into 2012. With 43 percent of the responding bankers expecting agricultural land values to increase from January through March of 2012 and only 2 percent expecting a decrease, the survey responses provided support for the notion that farmland values will continue to rise in early 2012.

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Income Approach: November, Annual Average, & Marketing Year Average Prices

March 1, 2014

Line #	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		Source or Formula:
	A Corn	B Beans	C Corn	D Beans	E Corn	F Beans	G Corn	H Beans	I Corn	J Beans	K Corn	L Beans	
1	Yield	157	50	154	46	160	45	171	49	157	146	45	IASS - Crop Summary
2	Price - November	3.03	6.13	3.68	9.65	4.04	9.47	3.66	9.63	4.82	6.11	11.80	IASS - Crop Prices
3	Price - Annual Avg.	2.39	5.82	3.52	8.01	4.98	11.80	3.85	10.35	3.98	6.26	12.81	DLGF Calculation
4	Price - Market Avg.	2.00	5.78	3.17	6.53	4.39	10.20	4.10	10.20	3.66	5.38	11.50	IASS - Crop Prices
5	GI - November	475.71	306.50	566.72	443.90	646.40	426.15	625.86	471.87	756.74	892.06	531.00	Line 1 times Line 2
6	GI - Annual Avg.	375.23	291.00	542.08	368.46	796.80	531.00	658.35	507.15	624.86	913.96	576.45	Line 1 times Line 3
7	GI - Market Avg.	314.00	289.00	488.18	300.38	702.40	459.00	701.10	499.80	574.62	785.48	517.50	Line 1 times Line 4
8	AA v Nov	-100.48	-15.50	-24.64	-75.44	150.40	104.85	32.49	35.28	-131.88	21.90	45.45	Line 6 minus Line 5
9	MA v Nov	-161.71	-17.50	-78.54	-143.52	56.00	32.85	75.24	27.93	-182.12	-106.58	-13.50	Line 7 minus Line 5
10	NRTL - November	123		238		132		88		248		263	DLGF Calculation
11	NRTL - Annual Avg	65		188		260		122		153		297	Line 10 + or - Avg. Line 8
12	NRTL - Market Avg	33		127		176		140		116		203	Line 10 + or - Avg. Line 9
13	NRTL Average	74		184		189		116		172		254	Average Lines 10, 11, & 12
14	FRBC RE Rate	0.0772		0.0750		0.0643		0.0614		0.0589		0.0550	Fed. Res. Bank of Chicago
15	FRBC OP Rate	0.0863		0.0838		0.0669		0.0620		0.0604		0.0572	Fed. Res. Bank of Chicago
16	Avg. FRBC Rate	0.0818		0.0794		0.0656		0.0617		0.0597		0.0561	Average Lines 14 & 15
17	Operating Market Value In Use	905		2,317		2,881		1,880		2,881		4,528	Line 13 / Line 16

NRTL = Net Return To Land
 FRBC = Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Line #	C 2006		D 2006		E 2007		F 2007		G 2008		H 2008		I 2009		J 2009		K 2010		L 2010		K 2011		L 2011		Source of Information	
	Corn	Beans																								
1	157	50	154	46	160	45	171	49	157	48.5	146	45	146	45	146	45	146	45	146	45	146	45	146	45	IN Ag. Stats. Service	
2	3.03	6.13	3.68	9.65	4.04	9.47	3.66	9.63	4.82	11.50	6.11	11.80	6.11	11.80	6.11	11.80	6.11	11.50	6.11	11.80	6.11	11.80	6.11	11.80	IN Ag. Stats. Service	
3	476	307	567	444	646	426	626	472	757	558	892	531	892	531	892	531	757	558	892	531	892	531	892	531	Line 1 X Line 2	
4	222	125	239	120	380	182	425	223	342	183	397	200	397	200	342	183	425	223	342	183	397	200	397	200	Purdue Crop Guide	
5	254	182	328	324	266	244	201	249	266	244	201	249	266	244	201	249	266	244	201	249	266	244	201	249	Line 3 - Line 4	
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7	238		337		268		236		409		29		409		29		409		29		409		29		409	Lines 5 + 6 / 2
Less Overhead:																										
8	52		43		58		66		77		76		77		76		77		76		77		76		77	Purdue Crop Guide
9	7		9		9		11		12		12		11		12		12		12		12		12		12	Purdue Crop Guide
10	39		30		52		52		52		52		52		52		52		52		52		52		52	Purdue Crop Guide
11	17		17		17		19		20		20		19		20		20		20		20		22		22	DLGF Study
12	123		238		132		88		248		263		88		248		248		248		248		263		263	Line 7 - 8,9,10, 11

Source for Calculation: Doster/Huie Publication titled "A Method for Assessing Indiana Cropland-An Income Approach to Value" dated June 24, 1999 (See Table 1)

Indiana Corn Yields:

1980	96
1981	108
1982	126
1983	73
1984	117
1985	123
1986	122
1987	135
1988	83
1989	133
1990	129
1991	92
1992	147
1993	132
1994	144
1995	113
1996	123
1997	122
1998	137
1999	132
2000	146
2001	156
2002	121
2003	146
2004	168
2005	154

2006	157
2007	154
2008	160
2009	171
2010	157
2011	146

2012

Indiana Soybean Yields:

1980	36
1981	33
1982	38.5
1983	31
1984	34.5
1985	41.5
1986	37
1987	40
1988	27.5
1989	36.5
1990	41
1991	39
1992	43
1993	46
1994	47
1995	39.5
1996	38
1997	43.5
1998	42
1999	39
2000	46
2001	49
2002	41.5
2003	38
2004	51.5
2005	49

2006	50
2007	46
2008	45
2009	49
2010	48.5
2011	45

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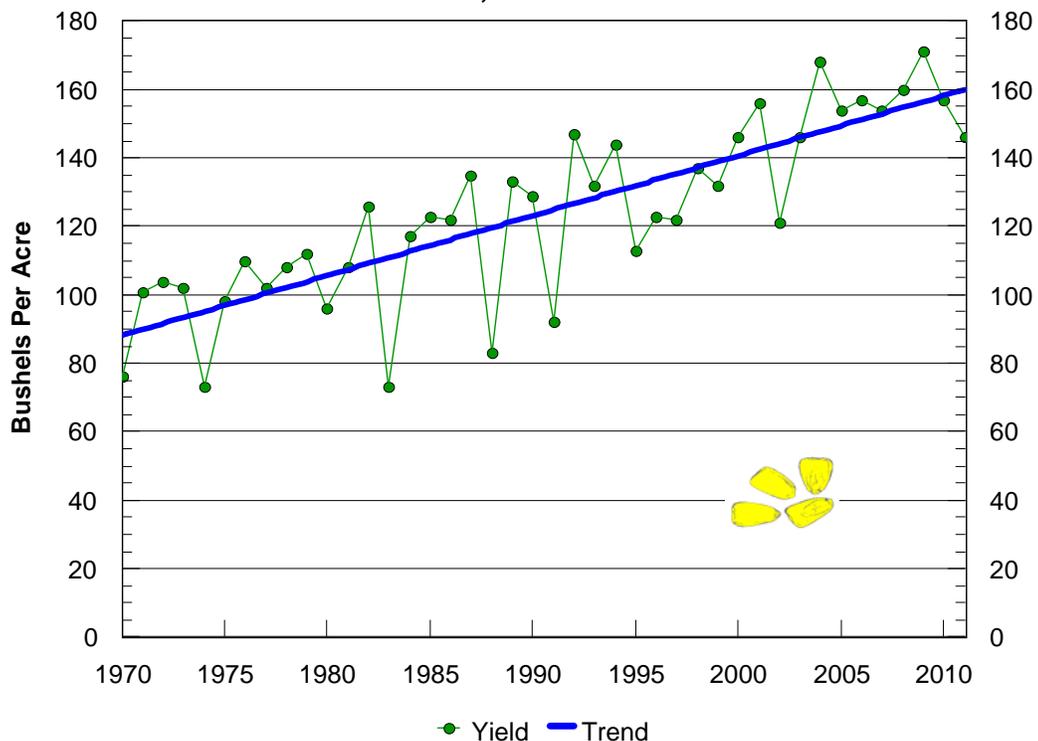
Source: Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service

CROP SUMMARY

CORN FORECAST AND FINAL YIELD INDIANA, 1988-2011

Year	August Forecast	September Forecast	October Forecast	November Forecast	Final Yield Per Acre
	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	(Bushels)
1988	70	74	74	78	83
1989	123	128	130	134	133
1990	128	132	132	130	129
1991	98	93	94	94	92
1992	130	130	133	143	147
1993	140	136	133	128	132
1994	132	132	137	141	144
1995	135	125	119	116	113
1996	118	118	120	124	123
1997	127	122	120	120	122
1998	136	139	137	137	137
1999	130	128	128	130	132
2000	155	155	151	147	146
2001	147	152	160	160	156
2002	124	119	117	117	121
2003	144	145	148	150	146
2004	168	168	168	168	168
2005	145	149	149	151	154
2006	167	167	165	159	157
2007	157	160	158	158	154
2008	164	162	160	160	160
2009	163	163	166	166	171
2010	176	170	160	160	157
2011	150	145	145	145	146

Corn Yield Trend
Indiana, 1970-2011

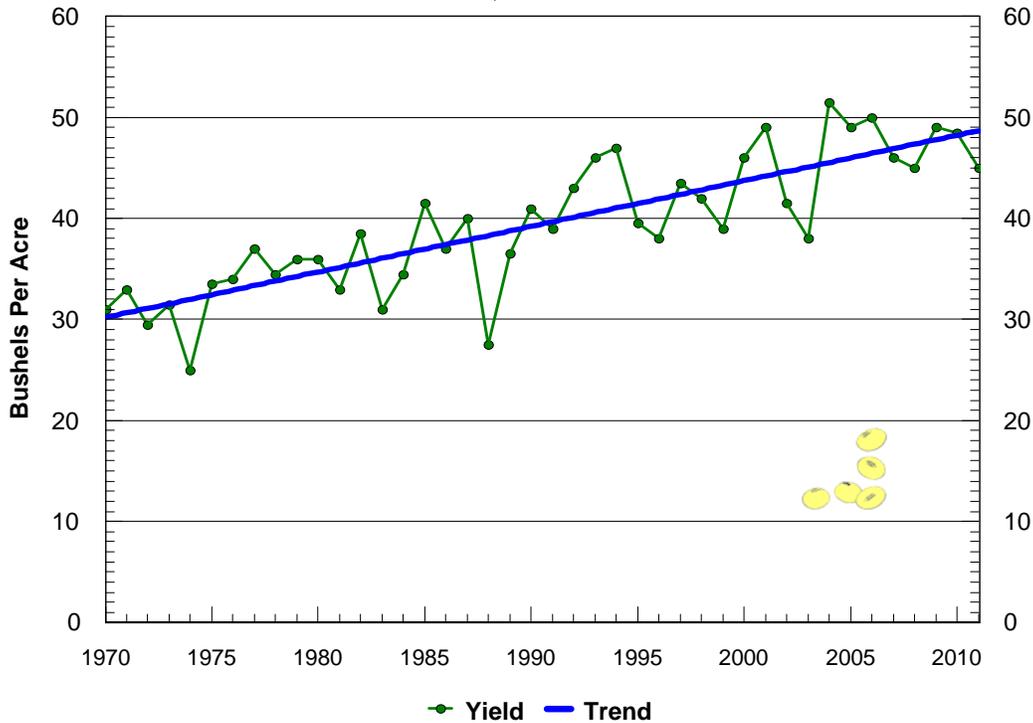


CROP SUMMARY

SOYBEAN FORECAST AND FINAL YIELD INDIANA, 1988-2011

Year	August Forecast	September Forecast	October Forecast	November Forecast	Final Yield Per Acre
	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	(Bushels)
1988	29.0	30.0	30.0	28.0	27.5
1989	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	36.5
1990	36.0	37.0	39.0	41.0	41.0
1991	35.0	35.0	38.0	39.0	39.0
1992	41.0	41.0	41.0	42.0	43.0
1993	45.0	47.0	47.0	45.0	46.0
1994	43.0	43.0	46.0	46.0	47.0
1995	43.0	44.0	40.0	39.0	39.5
1996	35.0	35.0	38.0	39.0	38.0
1997	44.0	42.0	42.0	44.0	43.5
1998	45.0	45.0	42.0	42.0	42.0
1999	41.0	40.0	39.0	38.0	39.0
2000	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0
2001	46.0	48.0	49.0	49.0	49.0
2002	41.0	41.0	40.0	41.0	41.5
2003	43.0	43.0	40.0	38.0	38.0
2004	45.0	45.0	51.0	53.0	51.5
2005	46.0	45.0	46.0	48.0	49.0
2006	49.0	50.0	51.0	51.0	50.0
2007	47.0	43.0	43.0	44.0	46.0
2008	46.0	43.0	42.0	44.0	45.0
2009	45.0	43.0	43.0	46.0	49.0
2010	49.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	48.5
2011	43.0	42.0	42.0	42.0	45.0

**Soybean Yield Trend
Indiana, 1970-2011**



Corn Prices

Source: Indiana Agricultural Statistics

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average	Marketing Average *
1988	1.88	1.91	1.97	1.99	2.10	2.51	2.90	2.86	2.78	2.62	2.56	2.65	2.39	2.08
1989	2.72	2.64	2.70	2.66	2.70	2.63	2.65	2.48	2.38	2.32	2.28	2.37	2.54	2.65
1990	2.46	2.43	2.49	2.68	2.81	2.85	2.81	2.75	2.44	2.21	2.18	2.25	2.53	2.47
1991	2.35	2.37	2.43	2.42	2.46	2.37	2.34	2.41	2.37	2.36	2.36	2.44	2.39	2.31
1992	2.55	2.55	2.61	2.58	2.55	2.55	2.36	2.18	2.18	1.92	1.95	1.96	2.33	2.45
1993	2.06	2.04	2.17	2.23	2.20	2.17	2.31	2.37	2.26	2.26	2.52	2.73	2.28	2.09
1994	2.73	2.78	2.76	2.67	2.63	2.66	2.27	2.12	2.18	1.98	1.93	2.12	2.40	2.51
1995	2.25	2.27	2.34	2.41	2.45	2.56	2.76	2.73	2.76	2.85	3.11	3.33	2.65	2.25
1996	3.20	3.42	3.81	4.31	4.52	4.70	4.70	4.55	3.63	2.80	2.69	2.64	3.75	3.38
1997	2.77	2.73	2.86	2.96	2.86	2.73	2.59	2.60	2.60	2.62	2.60	2.61	2.71	2.78
1998	2.66	2.62	2.61	2.46	2.36	2.29	2.17	1.91	1.96	1.97	2.06	2.23	2.28	2.53
1999	2.26	2.20	2.22	2.24	2.15	2.12	1.94	1.97	1.82	1.74	1.75	1.89	2.03	2.11
2000	1.97	2.06	2.08	2.15	2.15	1.95	1.65	1.63	1.67	1.75	1.83	2.06	1.91	1.88
2001	2.03	2.01	2.02	1.98	1.95	1.84	1.97	2.01	1.93	1.83	1.83	1.92	1.94	1.90
2002	1.98	1.99	1.91	1.91	2.05	2.07	2.25	2.58	2.55	2.38	2.41	2.43	2.21	1.98
2003	2.42	2.44	2.44	2.47	2.49	2.44	2.28	2.25	2.27	2.15	2.25	2.46	2.36	2.41
2004	2.50	2.75	2.96	3.07	3.08	2.80	2.57	2.44	2.07	1.88	1.81	1.95	2.49	2.53
2005	2.09	2.01	2.01	1.96	2.02	2.07	2.20	1.97	1.80	1.72	1.71	2.04	1.97	1.99
2006	2.09	2.07	2.15	2.20	2.26	2.21	2.31	2.08	2.32	2.70	3.03	3.23	2.39	2.00
2007	3.16	3.53	3.64	3.54	3.65	3.73	3.36	3.27	3.32	3.34	3.68	4.07	3.52	3.17
2008	4.23	4.67	4.96	5.49	5.82	5.89	5.92	5.67	4.73	4.15	4.04	4.14	4.98	4.39
2009	4.46	4.06	3.92	4.11	4.12	4.14	3.64	3.45	3.31	3.70	3.66	3.62	3.85	4.10
2010	3.79	3.69	3.62	3.51	3.65	3.55	3.69	3.80	4.24	4.50	4.82	4.94	3.98	3.66
2011	4.95	5.78	5.80	6.71	6.62	6.82	7.04	7.18	6.14	5.89	6.11	6.02	6.26	5.38

Soybean Prices

Source: Indiana Agricultural Statistics

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average	Marketing Average *
1988	5.89	5.93	6.29	6.81	7.24	8.71	8.95	8.60	8.09	7.64	7.46	7.71	7.44	5.94
1989	7.76	7.44	7.64	7.32	7.37	7.18	6.95	6.26	5.83	5.62	5.74	5.77	6.74	7.55
1990	5.95	5.75	5.77	5.98	6.14	6.08	6.16	6.13	6.08	5.91	5.77	5.74	5.96	5.79
1991	5.76	5.78	5.76	5.82	5.74	5.57	5.40	5.66	5.76	5.52	5.52	5.51	5.65	5.81
1992	5.60	5.69	5.81	5.75	5.96	6.05	5.69	5.52	5.44	5.25	5.37	5.52	5.64	5.68
1993	5.66	5.65	5.77	5.87	5.94	6.03	6.82	6.84	6.17	5.97	6.42	6.75	6.16	5.61
1994	6.67	6.76	6.82	6.70	6.89	6.74	6.19	5.70	5.49	5.33	5.34	5.54	6.18	6.31
1995	5.54	5.50	5.66	5.68	5.70	5.86	6.10	5.98	6.07	6.24	6.61	6.98	5.99	5.53
1996	6.91	7.16	7.13	7.65	7.95	7.72	7.82	8.10	8.02	6.94	6.90	6.98	7.44	6.73
1997	7.31	7.34	7.94	8.38	8.60	8.22	7.71	7.18	6.54	6.62	6.88	6.68	7.45	7.34
1998	6.80	6.73	6.57	6.37	6.41	6.42	6.38	5.74	5.24	5.23	5.49	5.51	6.07	6.59
1999	5.41	4.94	4.71	4.77	4.63	4.50	4.28	4.55	4.54	4.58	4.56	4.56	4.67	5.05
2000	4.65	4.90	5.06	5.18	5.27	5.11	4.62	4.63	4.71	4.51	4.57	4.93	4.85	4.71
2001	4.74	4.53	4.52	4.25	4.43	4.62	4.98	5.15	4.60	4.17	4.18	4.25	4.54	4.61
2002	4.29	4.34	4.56	4.63	4.79	5.05	5.51	5.67	5.53	5.24	5.53	5.61	5.06	4.42
2003	5.62	5.69	5.70	5.92	6.28	6.15	5.87	5.84	6.49	6.90	7.25	7.44	6.26	5.55
2004	7.38	8.38	9.43	9.76	9.62	9.45	8.89	7.18	5.51	5.24	5.22	5.47	7.63	7.67
2005	5.57	5.46	6.02	5.99	6.32	6.76	6.93	6.29	5.76	5.60	5.58	6.01	6.02	5.66
2006	6.06	5.83	5.76	5.69	5.83	5.80	5.85	5.53	5.40	5.63	6.13	6.38	5.82	5.78
2007	6.44	6.95	7.17	7.13	7.36	7.83	7.97	8.03	8.49	8.81	9.65	10.30	8.01	6.53
2008	10.10	12.30	11.70	12.30	12.80	14.50	14.50	13.50	11.00	9.78	9.47	9.70	11.80	10.20
2009	10.30	9.88	9.49	10.10	11.10	11.90	11.10	11.00	9.97	9.49	9.63	10.20	10.35	10.20
2010	10.00	9.82	9.70	9.79	9.77	9.79	10.10	10.50	10.10	10.60	11.50	12.20	10.32	9.80
2011	11.70	13.00	12.80	13.30	13.70	13.40	13.70	13.70	12.90	11.80	11.80	11.90	12.81	11.50

CROP PRICES

MONTHLY PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS CROPS, INDIANA, 2005-2012 ¹

Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Marketing Year Avg.
<u>Corn (Dollars per Bushel)</u>													
2005-06	1.80	1.72	1.71	2.04	2.09	2.07	2.15	2.20	2.26	2.21	2.31	2.08	2.00
2006-07	2.32	2.70	3.03	3.23	3.16	3.53	3.64	3.54	3.65	3.73	3.36	3.27	3.17
2007-08	3.32	3.34	3.68	4.07	4.23	4.67	4.96	5.49	5.82	5.89	5.92	5.67	4.39
2008-09	4.73	4.15	4.04	4.14	4.46	4.06	3.92	4.11	4.12	4.14	3.64	3.45	4.10
2009-10	3.31	3.70	3.66	3.62	3.79	3.69	3.62	3.51	3.65	3.55	3.69	3.80	3.66
2010-11	4.24	4.50	4.82	4.94	4.95	5.78	5.80	6.71	6.62	6.82	7.04	7.18	5.38
2011-12	6.14	5.89	6.11	6.02	6.21	6.45	6.59	6.56	6.52	6.55	7.43	7.92	6.25
<u>Soybeans (Dollars per Bushel)</u>													
2005-06	5.76	5.60	5.58	6.01	6.06	5.83	5.76	5.69	5.83	5.80	5.85	5.53	5.78
2006-07	5.40	5.63	6.13	6.38	6.44	6.95	7.17	7.13	7.36	7.83	7.97	8.03	6.53
2007-08	8.49	8.81	9.65	10.30	10.10	12.30	11.70	12.30	12.80	14.50	14.50	13.50	10.20
2008-09	11.00	9.78	9.47	9.70	10.30	9.88	9.49	10.10	11.10	11.90	11.10	11.00	10.20
2009-10	9.97	9.49	9.63	10.20	10.00	9.82	9.70	9.79	9.77	9.79	10.10	10.50	9.80
2010-11	10.10	10.60	11.50	12.20	11.70	13.00	12.80	13.30	13.70	13.40	13.70	13.70	11.50
2011-12	12.90	11.80	11.80	11.90	12.20	12.50	13.10	14.00	14.10	14.10	15.90	16.40	12.70
Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Marketing Year Avg.
<u>Wheat (Dollars per Bushel)</u>													
2005-06	3.16	3.18	2.92	2.88	3.03	3.02	3.04	3.21	3.34	3.29	2.98	3.43	3.15
2006-07	3.34	3.18	2.95	3.31	3.56	4.38	4.46	4.08	4.16	4.05	4.07	4.54	3.41
2007-08	4.90	5.10	5.70	7.09	8.02	5.52	7.58	7.56	9.05	9.56	10.70	6.36	5.20
2008-09	6.18	6.32	6.43	5.10	4.14	3.82	4.93	5.46	5.23	5.79	4.52	5.10	5.91
2009-10	4.47	4.33	3.91	3.35	3.77	3.79	4.24	4.22	4.30	4.17	4.27	4.99	4.27
2010-11	4.49	5.06	5.88	6.31	5.17	5.81	6.14	6.83	7.78	7.58	7.71	7.55	5.12
2011-12	6.03	6.51	7.05	6.71	6.08	5.69	6.72	7.38	7.04	7.06	6.52	6.60	6.53

¹ Weighted monthly average for market year. 2011 and 2012 are preliminary.

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Table 1. Estimated per Acre Crop Budgets for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

	Low Productivity Soil						Average Productivity Soil						High Productivity Soil					
	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Second-Year Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Second-Year Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Second-Year Beans	Wheat	DC Beans
Expected yield per acre ²	107.0	118.9	37.3	33.5	59.0	21.0	132.4	147.1	46.2	41.6	65.8	25.7	162.8	180.9	56.8	51.2	72.7	31.7
Harvest price ³	\$2.31	\$2.31	\$5.84	\$5.84	\$3.48	\$5.84	\$2.31	\$2.31	\$5.84	\$5.84	\$3.48	\$5.84	\$2.31	\$2.31	\$5.84	\$5.84	\$3.48	\$5.84
Market Revenue	\$247	\$275	\$218	\$196	\$205	\$123	\$306	\$340	\$270	\$243	\$229	\$150	\$376	\$418	\$332	\$299	\$253	\$185
Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) ⁴	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total revenue	\$247	\$275	\$218	\$196	\$205	\$123	\$306	\$340	\$270	\$243	\$229	\$150	\$376	\$418	\$332	\$299	\$253	\$185
Less variable costs ⁵																		
Fertilizer ⁶	\$69	\$66	\$27	\$24	\$47	\$17	\$87	\$86	\$32	\$29	\$55	\$20	\$108	\$109	\$38	\$35	\$62	\$23
Seed ⁷	30	30	37	37	25	43	35	35	37	37	25	43	35	35	37	37	25	43
Chemicals ⁸	36	17	12	12	N/A	10	39	20	12	12	N/A	10	44	25	12	12	N/A	10
Dryer Fuel & Handling	24	20	1	1	N/A	3	30	25	1	1	N/A	4	36	31	1	1	N/A	4
Machinery Fuel @ \$2.15	15	15	15	15	9	6	17	17	17	17	9	6	19	19	19	19	9	6
Machinery Repairs ⁹	9	9	9	9	4	4	10	10	10	10	6	4	11	11	11	11	6	4
Hauling ¹⁰	6	7	2	2	4	1	8	9	3	3	4	2	10	11	3	3	4	2
Interest ¹¹	9	7	5	5	5	4	10	9	5	5	5	5	12	11	6	6	5	5
Insurance/misc.	11	11	8	8	7	4	11	11	8	8	8	4	11	11	8	8	8	4
Total variable cost ¹¹	\$209	\$182	\$116	\$113	\$101	\$92	\$247	\$222	\$125	\$122	\$112	\$98	\$286	\$263	\$135	\$132	\$119	\$101
Contribution margin ¹¹	\$38	\$93	\$102	\$83	\$104	\$31	\$59	\$118	\$145	\$121	\$117	\$52	\$90	\$155	\$197	\$167	\$134	\$84
(Revenue - variable costs)																		

¹ Estimated yields and costs are for yields with average management for three different soils representing low, average, and high productivity. On each soil, these estimated yields may vary \pm 10% for management and \pm 10% for plant/harvest date. These yields assume average weather conditions.

² Average yield based on timely plant/harvest date, except soybean double crop yield, which is based on July 1 plant date. Continuous corn, soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 90%; drill soybeans 33.5% (second year drill beans or for 30-inch beans in central Indiana 30.2%); wheat 53% on low yield, 48% on average yield, and 43% on high yield soils; and double crop soybeans (South-central Indiana) 18% (Source: ID-152 Estimating Potential Yield for Corn, Soybeans, and Wheat).

³ Harvest corn price is December 2006 CBOT futures price less \$0.25 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2006 CBOT futures price less \$0.30 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2006 CBOT futures price less \$0.30 basis.

⁴ Loan Deficiency Payment is paid on all bushels produced. The per bushel payment is the amount by which the loan rate exceeds the market price. Loan rates are \$2.01 for corn, \$5.12 for soybeans, and \$2.49 for wheat. Seed, fertilizer, chemical, and fuel prices are early February 2006 quotes.

⁵ Fertilizer based on tri-state fertilizer recommendations (Source: Michigan Extension Bulletin E-2567, July 1995). Lime amounts represent the pounds of standard ag lime needed to neutralize the acidity from the nitrogen supplied from sources other than ammonium sulfate. Pounds of N-P₂O₅-K₂O-lime by crop and soil: continuous corn, 120-39-49-359; 154-49-56-462; 195-60-64-584; rotation corn, 106-44-52-317; 144-54-60-432; 189-67-69-567; rotation beans, 0-30-72-0, 0-37-85-0, 0-46-100-0; wheat, 56-37-42-167; 68-42-44-203; 80-46-47-239; double crop beans, 0-17-49-0, 0-21-56-0, 0-25-64-0. Fertilizer prices per lb.: NH₃ @ \$0.34; urea @ \$0.42; P2O₅ @ \$0.36; K2O @ \$0.22; lime @ \$18/ton. 5-10% more nitrogen might be needed on both excessively and poorly drained soils. All soil tests for phosphorus and potassium are in the maintenance range, and the pH is in the recommended range.

⁶ The potash recommendations are for a light color loam or silt loam soil with a Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC) of 10. This recommendation will vary with CEC.

⁷ Add \$7 per acre for Bt corn seed. Soybean seed prices include Round-Up Ready@ varieties.

⁸ Corn rootworm insecticide @ \$18.90 per acre is included for continuous corn and should be added to rotation corn in northern Indiana.

⁹ Repairs are based on approximately five-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be \$6-10 higher, and indirect machinery costs will be lower.

¹⁰ Interest is based on 7.75% annual rate for 9 months for seed, fertilizer, and chemicals; and for 6 months for half the machinery fuel and repairs and all the insurance/misc.

¹¹ Contribution margin is the return to the unpaid operator labor/management, machinery services, and land resources.

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Table 2. Estimated per Farm Crop Budgets for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

Farm Acres	Low Productivity Soil				Average Productivity Soil				High Productivity Soil			
	900	1000	1200	1200	900	1000	1200	1200	900	1000	1200	1200
Rotation	c-c	c-b	c-b, c-w	c-b, c-w, dc	c-c	c-b	c-b, c-w	c-b, c-w, dc	c-c	c-b	c-b, c-w	c-b, c-w, dc
Crop contribution margin ²	\$34,200	\$97,500	\$117,400	\$123,600	\$53,100	\$131,500	\$152,200	\$162,600	\$81,000	\$176,000	\$198,600	\$215,400
Government payment ³	20,241	17,175	22,596	22,596	23,670	20,070	26,222	26,222	29,259	24,820	31,794	31,794
Total contribution margin	\$54,441	\$114,675	\$139,996	\$146,196	\$76,770	\$151,570	\$178,422	\$188,822	\$110,259	\$200,820	\$230,394	\$247,194
Annual overhead costs:												
Machinery replacement ⁴	45,000	48,500	48,500	49,000	48,600	52,100	52,100	52,600	54,000	57,500	57,500	58,000
Dry/handling	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,300	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,200	8,100	8,100	8,100	8,100
Family and hired labor ⁵	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000
Land ⁶	\$97,200	\$108,000	\$129,600	\$129,600	\$120,600	\$134,000	\$160,800	\$160,800	\$148,500	\$165,000	\$198,000	\$198,000
Earnings or (losses)	-\$133,059	-\$97,125	-\$93,404	-\$77,704	-\$138,630	-\$80,730	-\$80,678	-\$70,778	-\$139,341	-\$68,780	-\$72,206	-\$55,906

¹Rotations are as follows: c-c = 900 acres continuous corn; c-b = 500 acres rotation corn - 500 acres soybeans; c-b, c-w = 400 acres corn - 400 acres soybeans plus 200 acres corn - 200 acres wheat; c-b, c-w, dc = 400 acres corn - 400 acres soybeans plus 200 acres corn - 200 acres wheat, double crop beans (dc).

²Crop's contribution margin is per acre contribution margin from Table 1 times number of acres.

³Government payment includes the direct payment and the counter cyclical payment. The per bushel direct payment rate is \$0.28 for corn, \$0.44 for soybeans, and \$0.52 for wheat. Direct payment yields for corn were 94.5, 110.5, 136.6 on low, average, and high soils. Direct payment yields for soybeans were 31.7, 37.0, and 45.8 for low, average, and high soils.

Direct payment yields for wheat were 45.8, 49.3, 55.5 on low, average, and high soils. The counter cyclical payments were based on a target price of \$2.63 for corn, \$5.80 for soybeans, and \$3.92 for wheat. The average marketing year price assumed was \$2.43 for corn, \$6.07 for soybeans, and \$3.72 for wheat. The counter cyclical yields for corn were 108.1, 133.4, and 164.1 for low, average, and high soils. The counter cyclical yields for soybeans were 36.2, 44.7, and 55.0 for low, average and high soils. The counter cyclical yields for wheat were 59.5, 66.7, 73.8 for low, average, and high soils. A base acre for each acre of crop raised was assumed.

⁴The same basic machinery set, which is timely for each rotation, is used on all four farms of the same soil type. A no-till drill is added for beans, and a larger combine platform is added for double-crop beans. Average annual replacement costs were calculated using the Purdue Machinery Cost Calculator for timely set of fall plow or chisel tillage. Replacement costs for no-till are about 75% of fall chisel tillage. Seven-year trading policy assumed for combine and planter, 10-year policy for other field machinery. On livestock farms where fewer hours each day are available for crops, or on small farms, machinery costs and/or labor costs will be higher. On well-drained soils where more days are suitable for spring field work, machinery costs could be lower.

⁵Labor expenses include a family living withdrawal of \$26,989 (\$52,908 of family living expenses less \$25,919 in net nonfarm income. Values are reported in *Farm Income & Production Costs for 2003*, University of Illinois Extension, AE-4566, April 2004), and the balance is used for part-time hired labor.

⁶Based on cash rent at \$108 per acre on low-yield soil, \$134 per acre on average-yield soil, and \$165 per acre on high-yield soil.

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(The numbers in this publication are best considered as general guidelines when beginning the process of generating one's own specific crop budgets for 2007.)

Table 1. Estimated per Acre Crop Budgets for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

	Crop Budgets for Three Yield Levels ¹															
	Low Productivity Soil					Average Productivity Soil					High Productivity Soil					
	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	
Expected yield per acre ²	118.9	126.5	39.6	56.4	23.4	147.1	156.5	49.0	69.8	28.9	181.0	192.5	60.3	85.9	35.6	
Harvest price ³	\$3.71	\$3.71	\$7.65	\$4.05	\$7.65	\$3.71	\$3.71	\$7.65	\$4.05	\$7.65	\$3.71	\$3.71	\$7.65	\$4.05	\$7.65	
Market Revenue	\$441	\$469	\$303	\$228	\$179	\$546	\$581	\$375	\$283	\$221	\$671	\$714	\$461	\$348	\$272	
Less variable costs ⁴																
Fertilizer ⁵	\$68	\$63	\$28	\$44	\$18	\$65	\$79	\$34	\$58	\$21	\$106	\$98	\$40	\$75	\$25	
Seed ⁶	39	39	39	26	45	43	43	39	26	45	45	45	39	26	45	
Chemicals ⁷	49	30	12	N/A	10	49	30	12	N/A	10	49	30	12	N/A	10	
Dryer Fuel	22	18	N/A	N/A	3	27	22	N/A	N/A	3	34	27	N/A	N/A	4	
Machinery Fuel @ \$2.20	16	16	7	10	7	16	16	7	10	7	16	16	7	10	7	
Machinery Repairs ⁸	10	10	6	10	9	10	10	6	10	9	10	10	6	10	9	
Hauling ⁹	10	11	3	5	2	12	13	4	6	2	15	16	5	7	3	
Interest ¹⁰	11	9	6	5	5	12	11	6	6	6	14	12	6	7	6	
Insurance/misc.	15	15	12	3	4	15	15	12	3	4	16	16	12	3	4	
Total variable cost	\$240	\$211	\$113	\$103	\$103	\$289	\$239	\$120	\$119	\$107	\$305	\$270	\$127	\$138	\$113	
Contribution margin ¹¹																
(Revenue - variable costs)	\$201	\$258	\$190	\$125	\$76	\$277	\$342	\$255	\$164	\$114	\$366	\$444	\$334	\$210	\$159	

¹Estimated yields and costs are for yields with average management for three different soils representing low, average, and high productivity soils. Historically, the high yield has been based on Brookston soil, which is one of the most productive soils in Indiana. The high rotation corn yield shown here is likely 5 to 10 bushels per acre higher than one would expect on average for the top one-third of corn yields in Indiana.

²These yields assume average weather conditions and timely plant/harvest date, except soybean double crop yield, which is based on July 1 plant date. Continuous corn, soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 94% assumes a chisel plow tillage system; drill soybeans 31.3%; and wheat 49.2% on low productivity soil and 44.6% on average and high productivity soils. Double crop soybeans (South-central Indiana) are 59% of rotation soybeans.

³Harvest corn price is December 2007 CBOT futures price less \$0.25 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2007 CBOT futures price less \$0.30 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2007 CBOT futures price less \$0.75 basis. The prices shown here were estimated using closing prices on February 8, 2007. These prices will change.

⁴Seed, fertilizer, chemical, and fuel prices are based on January 2007 quotes.

⁵Fertilizer based on tri-state fertilizer recommendations (Source: Michigan Extension Bulletin E-2567, July 1995). Lime amounts represent the pounds of standard ag lime needed to neutralize the acidity from the nitrogen supplied from sources other than ammonium sulfate. Pounds of N-P₂O₅-K₂O-lime by crop and soil: continuous corn, 130-44-52-39¹, 169-54-60-506, 215-67-69-644; rotation corn, 111-47-54-332, 143-58-62-430, 180-71-72-540; rotation beans, 0-32-75-0, 0-39-89-0, 0-48-104-0; wheat, 51-36-41-154, 75-44-46-224, 102-54-52-308; double crop beans, 0-19-53-0, 0-23-61-0, 0-29-70-0. Fertilizer prices per lb.: NH₃ @ \$0.28; urea @ \$0.40; P₂O₅ @ \$0.38; K₂O @ \$0.21; lime @ \$18/ton. 5-10% more nitrogen might be needed on poorly drained soils. All soil tests for phosphorus and potassium are in the maintenance range, and the pH is in the recommended range.

⁶Corn assumes non-GMO seed. Depending on variety and seeding rate, GMO corn would add \$15 or more per acre. Soybean seed prices include Round-Up Ready® varieties.

⁷Corn rootworm insecticide @ \$18.90 per acre is included for continuous corn and should be added to rotation corn in northern Indiana.

⁸Repairs are based on approximately five-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be higher and indirect machinery costs will be lower.

⁹Hauling charge represents moving grain from field to storage. Based on Machinery Cost Estimates: Harvesting, University of Illinois, Farm Business Management Handbook, FBM 0203, July 2006.

¹⁰Interest is based on 8.75% annual rate for 9 months for seed, fertilizer, and chemicals, and for 6 months for half the machinery fuel and repairs and all the insurance/misc.

¹¹Contribution margin is the return to the unpaid operator labor/management, machinery services, and land resources.

2007 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide

(The numbers in this publication are best considered as general guidelines when beginning the process of generating one's own specific crop budgets for 2007.)

Table 2. Estimated per Acre Indirect Charges for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

Farm Acres Rotation ¹	Low Productivity Soil		Average Productivity Soil		High Productivity Soil	
	2700 c-c	3000 c-b	2700 c-c	3000 c-b	2700 c-c	3000 c-b
Crop contribution margin ²	\$201	\$224	\$277	\$299	\$366	\$389
Government payment ³	\$17	\$17	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$25
Total contribution margin	\$218	\$241	\$297	\$319	\$391	\$414
Annual overhead costs:						
Machinery replacement ⁴	\$43	\$43	\$43	\$43	\$43	\$43
Drying/handling	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9
Family and hired labor ⁵	\$34	\$30	\$34	\$30	\$34	\$30
Land ⁶	\$115	\$115	\$142	\$142	\$175	\$175
Earnings or (losses)	\$13	\$44	\$65	\$95	\$126	\$157

¹Rotations are as follows: c-c = 2,700 acres continuous corn; c-b = 1,500 acres rotation corn - 1,500 acres soybeans.

²Crop's contribution margin is per acre contribution margin from Table 1 times number of acres.

³Government payment includes only the direct payment. The per bushel direct payment rate is \$0.28 for corn and \$0.44 for soybeans. Direct payment yields for corn were 94.5, 110.5, 136.6 on low, average, and high soils. Direct payment yields for soybeans were 31.7, 37.0, and 45.8 for low, average, and high soils. Base acres for the farm are assumed half corn and half soybeans. Federal regulations pertaining to payment limits may limit this payment to a smaller amount than is shown here.

⁴The same basic machinery set, which is timely for each rotation, is used. Corn production utilizes a chisel plow tillage system and soybeans utilize no-till. Average annual replacement costs were calculated using the Purdue Machinery Cost Calculator for a timely machinery set. Seven-year trading policy assumed for combine and planter, 10-year policy for other field machinery. On livestock farms where fewer hours each day are available for crops, or on small farms, machinery costs and/or labor costs will be higher. On well-drained soils where more days are suitable for spring field work, machinery costs could be lower.

⁵Labor expenses include a family living withdrawal of \$40,826 (\$58,285 of family living expenses less \$27,810 in net nonfarm income plus \$10,351 in income and self-employment taxes. Values are reported in *Farm Income & Production Costs for 2005*, University of Illinois Extension, AE-4566, April 2006). A full-time employee with total compensation of \$35,800. Employee compensation based on Wages and Benefits for Farm Employees, Iowa State University, University Extension FM 1862, July 2006. The balance is used for part-time hired labor.

⁶Based on cash rent per bushel reported in Indiana Farmland Values Continue to Increase, *Purdue Agricultural Economics Report*, August, 2006. Cash rent for low-yield soil estimated to be \$115 per acre, average-yield soil estimated to be \$142 per acre, and high-yield soil estimated to be \$175 per acre. The sharp rise in crop prices since the time of the survey may result in a wide variation in cash rents and thus the estimated land charge.

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2008 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide

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The numbers in this publication are best considered general guidelines for beginning the process of generating one's own specific crop budgets. Both product prices and input prices may have significantly changed since these estimates were prepared.

Table 1. Estimated per Acre Crop Budgets for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

	Low Productivity Soil					Average Productivity Soil					High Productivity Soil				
	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Wheat	DC Beans
Expected yield per acre ²	118	125	39	62	23	147	157	49	70	29	177	188	59	84	35
Harvest price ³	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$12.40	\$8.30	\$12.40	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$12.40	\$8.30	\$12.40	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$12.40	\$8.30	\$12.40
Market revenue	\$590	\$625	\$484	\$515	\$285	\$735	\$785	\$608	\$581	\$360	\$885	\$940	\$732	\$697	\$434
Less variable costs ⁴															
Fertilizer ⁵	\$142	\$130	\$50	\$81	\$33	\$152	\$141	\$61	\$95	\$39	\$162	\$151	\$71	\$119	\$45
Seed ⁶	67	67	48	36	54	79	79	48	36	54	79	79	48	36	54
Pesticides ⁷	39	39	19	7	17	39	39	19	7	17	39	39	19	7	17
Dyer fuel ⁸	28	23	N/A	N/A	3	35	28	N/A	N/A	3	42	34	N/A	N/A	4
Machinery fuel @ \$3.25	24	24	11	15	10	24	24	11	15	10	24	24	11	15	10
Machinery repairs ⁹	11	11	8	8	8	11	11	8	8	8	11	11	8	8	8
Hauling ¹⁰	10	11	3	5	2	12	13	4	6	2	15	16	5	7	3
Interest ¹¹	17	16	8	8	7	19	18	9	9	8	11	8	10	11	8
Insurance/misc. ¹²	26	26	22	3	4	27	27	22	3	4	28	28	23	3	4
Total variable cost	\$364	\$347	\$169	\$163	\$138	\$398	\$380	\$182	\$179	\$145	\$411	\$390	\$195	\$206	\$153
Contribution margin ¹³ (Revenue - variable costs)	\$226	\$278	\$315	\$352	\$147	\$337	\$405	\$426	\$402	\$215	\$474	\$550	\$537	\$491	\$281

¹Estimated yields and costs are for yields with average management for three different soils representing low, average, and high productivity. The high productivity soils represent soils capable of producing corn and soybeans with yields about 20% higher than average soils. Low productivity soils represent soils capable of producing corn and soybeans with yields about 20% lower than the average soils.

²These yields assume average weather conditions and timely plant/harvest date, except soybean double-crop yield, which is based on July 1 plant date. Continuous corn, soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 94%; rotation soybeans 31.3%; wheat 49.2% on low productivity soil and 44.6% on average and high productivity soils; and double-crop soybeans 18.5%. Continuous corn yields assume chisel plow tillage system. Double-crop soybean yields apply to central and southern Indiana.

³Harvest corn price is December 2008 CBOT futures price less \$0.40 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2008 CBOT futures price less \$0.75 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2008 CBOT futures price less \$1.10 basis. The prices shown here were estimated using closing prices on February 18, 2008. These prices will change.

⁴Seed, fertilizer, chemical, and fuel prices are based on projections for 2008.

Table 1 (Continued)

⁵ Phosphate, potash, and lime applications are based on Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations (Source: Michigan Extension Bulletin E-2567, July 1995). Lime amounts represent the pounds of standard ag lime needed to neutralize the acidity from the nitrogen supplied from sources other than ammonium sulfate. Nitrogen application rate for corn is based on research from Department of Agronomy, Purdue University. Anhydrous ammonia is used as the nitrogen source for corn. Urea is used as the nitrogen source for wheat. Pounds of N-P₂O₅-K₂O-lime by crop and soil: continuous corn, 190-44-52-570, 190-54-60-570, 190-65-68-570; rotation corn, 160-46-54-480, 160-58-62-480, 160-69-71-480; rotation beans, 0-31-75-0, 0-39-89-0, 0-47-102-0; wheat, 60-39-43-181, 75-44-46-224, 99-53-51-298; double crop beans, 0-19-53-0, 0-23-61-0, 0-28-69-0. Fertilizer prices per lb.: NH₃ @ \$0.46; urea @ \$0.63; P₂O₅ @ \$0.62; K₂O @ \$0.41; lime @ \$18/ton. 5-10% more nitrogen might be needed on poorly drained soils. All soil tests for phosphorus and potassium are in the maintenance range, and the pH is in the recommended range.

⁶ Corn seed prices assume a triple-stacked biotech variety (Bt-RW, Bt-CB, & RR traits). A 20% refuge is planted with varieties that do not contain insect resistant traits. According to the USDA's Agricultural Prices report for April 2007, biotech corn seed prices averaged 154% of non-biotech corn seed. This price differential is expected to increase in 2008. Seeding rates for corn are 28,000 seeds per acre on low productivity soils and 33,000 seeds per acre on average and high productivity soils. Soybean seed prices include Round-Up Ready® varieties. Rotation soybeans are drilled with a seeding rate of 180,000 seeds per acre. Double-crop soybeans are drilled with a seeding rate of 208,000 seeds per acre.

⁷ Includes both insecticides and herbicides. For corn, rootworm insecticide is applied to the refuge acres. In some areas of Indiana, this may not be required. Herbicide costs can vary widely based on both the herbicides selected and the required rate of application.

⁸ Fuel used to dry crop to a safe moisture level for storage. For double-crop soybeans, the drying charge represents the drying of wheat in order to allow an earlier planting of soybeans.

⁹ Repairs are based on approximately five-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be higher.

¹⁰ Hauling charge represents moving grain from field to storage. Based on Machinery Cost Estimates: Harvesting, University of Illinois, Farm Business Management Handbook, FBM 0203, July 2006.

¹¹ Interest is based on 8.75% annual rate for 9 months for seed, fertilizer, and chemicals, and for 6 months for half the machinery fuel and repairs, and all miscellaneous expenses.

¹² The cost of crop insurance represents the premium for CRC insurance at the 75% level. Crop insurance is included in budgets for corn and full-season soybeans, but is not included for wheat and double-crop soybeans.

¹³ Contribution margin is the return to labor and management, machinery services, and land resources.

Table 2. Estimated per Acre Indirect Charges for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

	Low Productivity Soil						Average Productivity Soil						High Productivity Soil											
	900		1000		2700		3000		900		1000		2700		3000		900		1000		2700		3000	
	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b
Farm Acres	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000
Rotation ¹																								
Crop contribution margin ²	\$226	\$297	\$226	\$297	\$337	\$416	\$337	\$416	\$474	\$544	\$474	\$544	\$474	\$544	\$474	\$544	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Government payment ³	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Total contribution margin	\$243	\$314	\$243	\$314	\$357	\$436	\$357	\$436	\$499	\$569	\$499	\$569	\$499	\$569	\$499	\$569	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Annual overhead costs:																								
Machinery replacement ⁴	\$64	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$64	\$58	\$51	\$46	\$70	\$63	\$52	\$47	\$70	\$63	\$52	\$47	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9
Drying/handling	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$9
Family and hired labor ⁵	\$60	\$52	\$33	\$29	\$60	\$52	\$33	\$29	\$60	\$52	\$33	\$29	\$60	\$52	\$33	\$29	\$60	\$52	\$33	\$29	\$60	\$52	\$33	\$29
Land ⁶	\$124	\$124	\$124	\$124	\$155	\$155	\$155	\$155	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186	\$186
Earnings or (losses)	-\$19	\$71	\$25	\$109	\$64	\$162	\$104	\$196	\$169	\$258	\$169	\$258	\$169	\$258	\$169	\$258	\$169	\$258	\$169	\$258	\$169	\$258	\$169	\$258

¹Rotations are as follows: c-c = all of the farm acres in continuous corn; c-b = one-half of the farm acres in rotation corn and one-half in rotation soybeans.

²Crop's contribution margin is per acre contribution margin from Table 1.

³Government payment includes only the direct payment. The per bushel direct payment rate is \$0.28 for corn and \$0.44 for soybeans. These are the payment rates for 2007. These payment rates could be changed in the new Farm Bill. Direct payment yields for corn were 94.5, 110.5, 136.6 on low, average, and high soils. Direct payment yields for soybeans were 31.7, 37.0, and 45.8 for low, average, and high soils. Base acres for the farm are assumed half corn and half soybeans. Federal regulations pertaining to payment limits may limit this payment to a smaller amount than is shown here.

⁴The same basic machinery set, which is timely for each rotation, is used for both the c-c and c-b rotation. The larger farm size requires larger, more expensive machinery. Corn production utilizes a chisel plow tillage system, and soybeans utilize no-till. Average annual replacement costs for the larger farm size were calculated using the Purdue Machinery Cost Calculator for a timely machinery set. Seven-year trading policy assumed for combine and planter, 10-year policy for other field machinery. On livestock farms where fewer hours each day are available for crops, or on small farms, machinery costs and/or labor costs will be higher. On well-drained soils where more days are suitable for spring field work, machinery costs could be lower. The machinery costs for the smaller farm size were estimated using a machinery complement and cost estimates adapted from budgets published by The Ohio State University. A 10-year trading policy was assumed for all machinery on the smaller acreages. Machinery ownership costs are likely to vary widely from farm to farm.

⁵For the larger acreages, labor expense includes a family living withdrawal of \$40,323 (\$59,686 of family living expenses less \$29,614 in net nonfarm income plus \$10,251 in income and self-employment taxes) and a full-time employee with total compensation of \$35,800. The balance is used for part-time hired labor. Family living withdrawal is from Farm Income & Production Costs for 2006, University of Illinois Extension, AE-4566, April 2007. Employee compensation is based on Wages and Benefits for Farm Employees, Iowa State University, University Extension FM 1862, July 2006. For the smaller acreages, labor expense includes the same operator costs plus part-time employee(s). The c-c rotation requires more total labor. Labor costs are likely to vary widely from farm to farm.

⁶Based on cash rent per bushel of corn yield reported in Indiana Farmland Values & Cash Rent Jump Upward, *Purdue Agricultural Economics Report*, August, 2007.

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2009 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide

January 2009 Estimates

Both product prices and input prices may have significantly changed since these estimates were prepared.
Table 1. Estimated per Acre Crop Budgets for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

	Low Productivity Soil					Average Productivity Soil					High Productivity Soil				
	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	Wheat	DC Beans
Expected yield per acre ²	118	126	39	62	23	149	158	49	70	29	179	190	59	84	35
Harvest price ³	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$8.70	\$5.20	\$8.70	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$8.70	\$5.20	\$8.70	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$8.70	\$5.20	\$8.70
Market revenue	\$472	\$504	\$339	\$322	\$200	\$596	\$632	\$426	\$364	\$252	\$716	\$760	\$513	\$437	\$305
Less variable costs ⁴															
Fertilizer ⁵	\$178	\$166	\$74	\$91	\$49	\$192	\$180	\$89	\$104	\$58	\$205	\$194	\$104	\$128	\$67
Seed ⁶	75	75	52	43	60	89	89	52	43	60	89	89	52	43	60
Pesticides ⁷	41	41	29	8	26	41	41	29	8	26	41	41	29	8	26
Dryer fuel ⁸	24	19	N/A	N/A	4	30	24	N/A	N/A	5	37	29	N/A	N/A	6
Machinery fuel @ \$2.40	18	18	8	11	8	18	18	8	11	8	18	18	8	11	8
Machinery repairs ⁹	12	12	9	9	9	12	12	9	9	9	12	12	9	9	9
Hauling ¹⁰	13	14	4	7	3	16	17	5	8	3	20	21	6	9	4
Interest ¹¹	16	16	9	7	8	18	17	9	8	8	9	9	10	9	9
Insurance/misc. ¹²	26	26	22	3	4	27	27	22	3	4	28	28	23	3	4
Total variable cost	\$403	\$387	\$207	\$179	\$171	\$443	\$425	\$223	\$194	\$181	\$459	\$441	\$241	\$220	\$193
Contribution margin ¹³ (Revenue - Variable costs)	\$69	\$117	\$132	\$143	\$29	\$153	\$207	\$203	\$170	\$71	\$257	\$319	\$272	\$217	\$112

¹Estimated yields and costs are for yields with average management for three different soils representing low, average, and high productivity. The high productivity soils represent soils capable of producing corn and soybeans with yields about 20% higher than average soils. Low productivity soils represent soils capable of producing corn and soybeans with yields about 20% lower than the average soils.

²These yields assume average weather conditions and timely plant/harvest date, except soybean double-crop yield, which is based on a July 1 planting date. Continuous corn, soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 94%; rotation soybeans 31%; wheat 49% on low productivity soil and 44% on average and high productivity soils; and double-crop soybeans 18%. Continuous corn yields assume a chisel plow tillage system. Double-crop soybean yields apply to central and southern Indiana.

³Harvest corn price is December 2009 Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2009 CBOT futures price less \$0.60 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2009 CBOT futures price less \$1.00 basis. The prices shown were estimated using closing prices on January 28, 2009. These prices will change.

⁴Seed, fertilizer, pesticide, and fuel prices are based on projections for 2009.

Table 1 (Continued)

⁵ Phosphate, potash, and lime applications are based on Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations (Source: Michigan Extension Bulletin E-2567, July 1995). Lime amounts represent the pounds of standard ag lime needed to neutralize the acidity from the nitrogen supplied from sources other than ammonium sulfate. Nitrogen application rate for corn is based on research from the Department of Agronomy, Purdue University. Anhydrous ammonia is used as the nitrogen source for corn. Urea is used as the nitrogen source for wheat. Pounds of N, P₂O₅, K₂O, and lime by crop and soil were as follows: continuous corn, 190-44-52-570, 190-55-60-570, 190-66-68-570; rotation corn, 160-47-54-480, 160-58-63-480, 160-70-71-480; rotation beans, 0-31-75-0, 0-39-89-0, 0-47-103-0; wheat, 61-39-43-183, 75-44-46-225, 99-53-51-299; double crop beans, 0-18-52-0, 0-23-61-0, 0-28-69-0. Fertilizer prices per lb.: NH₃ @ \$0.49; urea @ \$0.53; P₂O₅ @ \$0.66; K₂O @ \$0.71; lime @ \$24/ton spread on the field. 5-10% more nitrogen might be needed on poorly drained soils. All soil tests for phosphorus and potassium are assumed to be in the maintenance range, and the pH is in the recommended range.

⁶ Corn seed prices assume a biotech variety with multiple traits. A 20%-refuge is planted with varieties that do not contain insect resistant traits. According to the USDA's Agricultural Prices report for April 2008, biotech corn seed prices averaged 60% more than non-biotech corn seed, which was up from 54% more a year earlier. Seeding rates for corn are 28,000 seeds per acre on low productivity soils and 33,000 seeds per acre on average and high productivity soils. Soybean seed prices include Round-Up Ready® varieties. Rotation soybeans are drilled with a seeding rate of 169,000 seeds per acre with a 90% germination rate. Double-crop soybeans are drilled with a seeding rate of 195,000 seeds per acre.

⁷ Includes both insecticides and herbicides. For corn, rootworm insecticide is applied to the refuge acres. In some areas of Indiana, this may not be required. Herbicide costs can vary widely based on both the herbicides selected and the required rate of application.

⁸ Fuel used to dry crop to a safe moisture level for storage. For double-crop soybeans, the drying charge represents the drying of wheat in order to allow an earlier planting of soybeans.

⁹ Repairs are based on approximately 5-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be higher.

¹⁰ Hauling charge represents moving grain from field to storage. (Based on Machinery Cost Estimates: Harvesting, University of Illinois, Farm Business Management Handbook, May 2008.)

¹¹ Interest is based on 7% annual rate for 9 months for seed, fertilizer, and chemicals, and for 6 months for half the machinery fuel and repairs, and all miscellaneous expenses.

¹² The cost of crop insurance represents the premium for a Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) policy at the 75% level. Since rates for the 2009 crop year are not available, estimates were based on rates in 2008. These rates are based on a base price of \$5.25 per bushel for corn and \$12.75 per bushel for soybeans. Rates will change based on the price guarantees and other parameters selected for the 2009 crop year. Crop insurance is included in budgets for corn and full-season soybeans, but is not included for wheat and double-crop soybeans.

¹³ Contribution margin is the return to labor and management, machinery services, and land resources.

Table 2. Estimated per Acre Indirect Charges for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

	Low Productivity Soil						Average Productivity Soil						High Productivity Soil												
	900		1000		2700		3000		900		1000		2700		3000		900		1000		2700		3000		
	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	
Farm Acres	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000	900	1000	2700	3000	
Rotation ¹	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	c-c	c-b	
Crop contribution margin ²	\$69	\$125	\$69	\$125	\$153	\$205	\$153	\$205	\$257	\$296	\$257	\$296	\$257	\$296	\$257	\$296	\$257	\$296	\$257	\$296	\$257	\$296	\$257	\$296	
Government payment ³	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	
Total contribution margin	\$86	\$142	\$86	\$142	\$173	\$225	\$173	\$225	\$282	\$321	\$282	\$321	\$282	\$321	\$282	\$321	\$282	\$321	\$282	\$321	\$282	\$321	\$282	\$321	
Annual overhead costs:																									
Machinery replacement ⁴	\$74	\$66	\$55	\$49	\$74	\$66	\$59	\$53	\$81	\$73	\$60	\$54	\$81	\$73	\$60	\$54	\$81	\$73	\$60	\$54	\$81	\$73	\$60	\$54	
Drying/handling	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	\$16	\$11	
Family and hired labor ⁵	\$60	\$52	\$36	\$32	\$60	\$52	\$36	\$32	\$60	\$52	\$36	\$32	\$60	\$52	\$36	\$32	\$60	\$52	\$36	\$32	\$60	\$52	\$36	\$32	
Land ⁶	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$169	\$169	\$169	\$169	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	\$203	
Earnings or (losses)	-\$198	-\$122	-\$155	-\$85	-\$145	-\$73	-\$107	-\$39	-\$78	-\$18	-\$33	-\$21	-\$78	-\$18	-\$33	-\$21	-\$78	-\$18	-\$33	-\$21	-\$78	-\$18	-\$33	-\$21	

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⁴The same basic machinery set, which is timely for each rotation, is used for both the c-c and c-b rotation. The larger farm size requires larger, more expensive machinery. Corn production utilizes a chisel plow tillage system, and soybeans utilize no-till. Average annual replacement costs for the larger farm size were calculated using the Purdue Machinery Cost Calculator for a timely machinery set. Seven-year trading policy is assumed for combine and planter, 10-year policy for other field machinery. On livestock farms where fewer hours each day are available for crops, or on small farms, machinery costs and/or labor costs will be higher. On well-drained soils where more days are suitable for spring field work, machinery costs could be lower. The machinery costs for the smaller farm size were estimated using a machinery complement and cost estimates adapted from budgets published by The Ohio State University. A 10-year trading policy was assumed for all machinery on the smaller acreages. Machinery ownership costs are likely to vary widely from farm to farm.

⁵For the larger acreages, labor expense includes a family living withdrawal of \$45,708 (\$66,412 of family living expenses less \$31,668 in net nonfarm income plus \$10,964 in income and self-employment taxes) and a full-time employee with total compensation of \$38,200. The balance is used for part-time hired labor. Family living withdrawal is from Farm Income & Production Costs for 2007, University of Illinois Extension, AE-4566, April 2008. Employee compensation is based on Wages and Benefits for Farm Employees, Iowa State University, University Extension FM 1862, July 2006 and adjusted for increases in wage rates. For the smaller acreages, labor expense includes the same operator costs plus part-time employee(s). The c-c rotation requires more total labor. Labor costs are likely to vary widely from farm to farm.

⁶Based on cash rent per bushel of corn yield reported in Indiana Farmland Values & Cash Rent Continue Sharp Upward Climb, *Purdue Agricultural Economics Report*, August, 2008.

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2010 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide

January 2010 Estimates

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Table 1. Estimated per Acre Crop Budgets for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

	Low Productivity Soil					Average Productivity Soil					High Productivity Soil				
	Cont.	Rot.	Rot.	Wheat	DC	Cont.	Rot.	Rot.	Wheat	DC	Cont.	Rot.	Rot.	Wheat	DC
	Corn	Corn	Beans		Beans	Corn	Corn	Beans		Beans	Corn	Corn	Beans		Beans
Expected yield per acre ²	119	127	39	62	23	149	159	49	70	29	180	191	59	84	35
Harvest price ³	\$4.20	\$4.20	\$9.60	\$4.90	\$9.60	\$4.20	\$4.20	\$9.60	\$4.90	\$9.60	\$4.20	\$4.20	\$9.60	\$4.90	\$9.60
Market revenue	\$500	\$533	\$374	\$304	\$221	\$626	\$668	\$470	\$343	\$278	\$756	\$802	\$566	\$412	\$336
Less variable costs ⁴															
Fertilizer ⁵	\$103	\$96	\$44	\$63	\$30	\$111	\$104	\$53	\$73	\$35	\$119	\$112	\$63	\$90	\$41
Seed ⁶	78	78	52	34	60	94	94	52	34	60	94	94	52	34	60
Pesticides ⁷	37	37	29	7	26	37	37	29	7	26	37	37	29	7	26
Dryer fuel ⁸	24	19	N/A	N/A	4	30	24	N/A	N/A	4	37	29	N/A	N/A	5
Machinery fuel @ \$2.70	20	20	9	12	9	20	20	9	12	9	20	20	9	12	9
Machinery repairs ⁹	14	14	10	10	10	14	14	10	10	10	14	14	10	10	10
Hauling ¹⁰	11	11	4	6	2	13	14	4	6	3	16	17	5	8	3
Interest ¹¹	9	8	5	4	5	10	9	5	4	5	5	5	6	5	5
Insurance/misc. ¹²	26	26	21	3	4	26	26	21	3	4	28	28	21	3	4
Total variable cost	\$322	\$309	\$174	\$139	\$150	\$355	\$342	\$183	\$149	\$156	\$370	\$356	\$195	\$169	\$163
Contribution margin ¹³ (Revenue - Variable costs)	\$178	\$224	\$200	\$165	\$71	\$271	\$326	\$287	\$194	\$122	\$386	\$446	\$371	\$243	\$173

¹Estimated yields and costs are for yields with average management for three different soils representing low, average, and high productivity. The high productivity soils represent soils capable of producing corn and soybeans with yields about 20% higher than average soils. Low productivity soils represent soils capable of producing corn and soybeans with yields about 20% lower than the average soils.

²These yields assume average weather conditions and timely plant/harvest date, except soybean double-crop yield, which is based on a July 1 planting date. Continuous corn, soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 94%; rotation soybeans 31%; wheat 49% on low productivity soil, 44% on average and high productivity soils; and double-crop soybeans 18%. Continuous corn yields assume a chisel plow tillage system. Double-crop soybean yields apply to central and southern Indiana. Rotation corn yields for average soils are based on the twenty-year trend in state average yields reported by the Indiana office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

³Harvest corn price is December 2010 CME Group futures price less \$0.30 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2010 CME Group futures price less \$0.40 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2010 CME Group futures price less \$1.00 basis. The prices shown were estimated using closing prices on January 8, 2010. These prices will change.

Table 1 (Continued)

⁴Input prices for variable costs reflect expected prices for 2010. These prices will vary by location and time of the year. Users need to adjust these prices to reflect their own expectations and price situation.

⁵ Phosphate, potash, and lime applications are based on Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations (Source: Michigan Extension Bulletin E-2567, July 1995). Lime amounts represent the pounds of standard ag lime needed to neutralize the acidity from the nitrogen supplied from sources other than ammonium sulfate. Nitrogen application rate for corn is based on research from the Department of Agronomy, Purdue University. Anhydrous ammonia is used as the nitrogen source for corn. Urea is used as the nitrogen source for wheat. Pounds of N, P₂O₅, K₂O, and lime by crop and soil were as follows: continuous corn, 190-44-52-570, 190-55-60-570, 190-67-69-570; rotation corn, 160-47-54-480, 160-59-63-480, 160-71-72-480; rotation beans, 0-31-75-0, 0-39-88-0, 0-47-103-0; wheat, 61-39-43-183, 75-44-46-225, 100-53-51-299; double crop beans, 0-18-52-0, 0-23-61-0, 0-28-69-0. Fertilizer prices per lb.: NH₃ @ \$0.30; urea @ \$0.45; P₂O₅ @ \$0.39; K₂O @ \$0.43; lime @ \$18/ton spread on the field. 5-10% more nitrogen might be needed on poorly drained soils. All soil tests for phosphorus and potassium are assumed to be in the maintenance range, and the pH is in the recommended range.

⁶Corn seed prices assume a biotech variety with multiple traits. A 20%-refuge is planted with varieties that do not contain insect resistant traits, but do include herbicide tolerance. According to the USDA's Agricultural Prices report for April 2009, biotech corn seed prices averaged 69% more than non-biotech corn seed, which was up from 60% more a year earlier. Seeding rates for corn are 29,000 seeds per acre on low productivity soils and 35,000 seeds per acre on average and high productivity soils. Soybean seed prices include Round-Up Ready® varieties. Rotation soybeans are drilled with a seeding rate of 169,000 seeds per acre with a 90% germination rate. Double-crop soybeans are drilled with a seeding rate of 195,000 seeds per acre. The seeding rate for wheat is two bushels per acre.

⁷Includes insecticides and herbicides. For corn, rootworm insecticide is applied to the refuge acres. In some areas of Indiana, this may not be required. These costs do not include the application of fungicide to corn. If fungicide is applied, this will add an additional \$28 to \$32 per acre for material and application. Pesticide costs can vary widely based on herbicides selected, required rate of application, and product pricing.

⁸Fuel used to dry crop to a safe moisture level for storage. For double-crop soybeans, the drying charge represents the drying of wheat in order to allow an earlier planting of soybeans.

⁹Repairs are based on approximately 5-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be higher.

¹⁰Hauling charge represents moving grain from field to storage. (Based on Machinery Cost Estimates: Harvesting, University of Illinois, Farm Business Management Handbook, May 2008.)

¹¹Interest is based on 5% annual rate for 9 months for seed, fertilizer, and chemicals, and for 6 months for half the machinery fuel and repairs, and all miscellaneous expenses.

¹²The cost of crop insurance represents the premium for a Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) policy at the 75% level. Since rates for the 2010 crop year are not available, estimates were based on rates in 2009. These revenue insurance rates contain a base price of \$4.04 per bushel for corn and \$8.80 per bushel for soybeans. Per acre rates will change based on the price guarantees, volatility parameters, and level of protection selected for the 2010 crop year. Crop insurance is included in budgets for corn and full-season soybeans, but is not included for wheat and double-crop soybeans.

¹³Contribution margin is the return to labor and management, machinery services, and land resources.

Table 2. Estimated per Acre Indirect Charges for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

Farm Acres Rotation ¹	Low Productivity Soil				Average Productivity Soil				High Productivity Soil			
	900 c-c	1000 c-b	2700 c-c	3000 c-b	900 c-c	1000 c-b	2700 c-c	3000 c-b	900 c-c	1000 c-b	2700 c-c	3000 c-b
Crop contribution margin ²	\$178	\$212	\$178	\$212	\$271	\$307	\$271	\$307	\$386	\$409	\$386	\$409
Government payment ³	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Total contribution margin	\$195	\$229	\$195	\$229	\$291	\$327	\$291	\$327	\$411	\$434	\$411	\$434
Annual overhead costs:												
Machinery replacement ⁴	\$85	\$77	\$63	\$57	\$85	\$77	\$68	\$61	\$94	\$84	\$70	\$63
Drying/handling	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12
Family and hired labor ⁵	\$60	\$52	\$43	\$38	\$60	\$52	\$43	\$38	\$60	\$52	\$43	\$38
Land ⁶	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$131	\$167	\$167	\$167	\$167	\$208	\$208	\$208	\$208
Earnings or (losses)	-\$99	-\$43	-\$59	-\$8	-\$38	\$19	-\$4	\$50	\$32	\$77	\$74	\$114

¹Rotations are as follows: c-c = all of the farm acres in continuous corn; c-b = one-half of the farm acres in rotation corn and one-half in rotation soybeans.

²Crop's contribution margin is the per acre contribution margin from Table 1.

³Government payment includes only the direct payment with no participation in ACRE. The per bushel direct payment rate is \$0.28 for corn and \$0.44 for soybeans. These are the payment rates for 2010. Direct payment yields for corn were 94.5, 110.5, 136.6 on low, average, and high soils. Direct payment yields for soybeans were 31.7, 37.0, and 45.8 for low, average, and high soils. Base acres for the farm are assumed half corn and half soybeans. Federal regulations pertaining to payment limits may limit this payment to a smaller amount than is shown here. If a producer participates in the ACRE program, direct payment rates are reduced 20%. The decision about participating in the ACRE program will likely need to be made by June 1, 2010. An advantage of participating in ACRE is the possibility of receiving a more stable revenue for corn, soybeans, and wheat if crop prices decline. As grain prices decline, both the possibility of a payment and the size of the payment increases. Producers will need to review their revenue estimates for the state and their farms as the ACRE sign-up deadline approaches. Tools that can be used to estimate the potential payments from ACRE can be found at <http://www.ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/agpolicy.aspx>.

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⁵For the larger acreages, labor expense includes a family living withdrawal of \$57,543 (\$72,686 of family living expenses less \$30,913 in net nonfarm income plus \$15,770 in income and self-employment taxes) and a full-time employee with total compensation of \$41,314. The balance is used for part-time hired labor. Family living withdrawal is from Farm Income & Production Costs for 2009, University of Illinois Extension, AE-4566, April 2008. Employee compensation is based on Wages and Benefits for Farm Employees, Iowa State University, University Extension FM 1862, July 2006 and adjusted for increases in wage rates. For the smaller acreages, labor expense includes the same operator costs plus part-time employee(s). The c-c rotation requires more total labor. Labor costs are likely to vary widely from farm to farm.

⁶Based on 2009 cash rent per bushel of corn yield reported in Indiana Farmland Values & Cash Rent: Relative Calm in a Turbulent Economy, Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, August, 2009.

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2011 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide

January 2011 Estimates

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Table 1. Estimated per Acre Crop Budgets for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

	Low Productivity Soil					Average Productivity Soil					High Productivity Soil				
	Cont.	Rot.	Rot.	Wheat	DC	Cont.	Rot.	Rot.	Wheat	DC	Cont.	Rot.	Rot.	Wheat	DC
	Corn	Corn	Beans		Beans	Corn	Corn	Beans		Beans	Corn	Corn	Beans		Beans
Expected yield per acre ²	121	129	39	62	23	151	161	49	70	29	181	193	59	84	35
Harvest price ³	\$5.54	\$5.54	\$13.12	\$8.21	\$13.12	\$5.54	\$5.54	\$13.12	\$8.21	\$13.12	\$5.54	\$5.54	\$13.12	\$8.21	\$13.12
Market revenue	\$670	\$715	\$512	\$509	\$302	\$837	\$892	\$643	\$575	\$380	\$1,003	\$1,069	\$774	\$690	\$459
Less variable costs ⁴															
Fertilizer ⁵	\$151	\$138	\$57	\$84	\$38	\$162	\$151	\$69	\$97	\$45	\$174	\$163	\$81	\$120	\$52
Seed ⁶	82	82	59	39	68	99	99	59	39	68	99	99	59	39	68
Pesticides ⁷	35	35	27	7	25	35	35	27	7	25	35	35	27	7	25
Dryer fuel ⁸	26	21	N/A	N/A	4	33	26	N/A	N/A	4	39	31	N/A	N/A	5
Machinery fuel @ \$3.10	23	23	10	14	10	23	23	10	14	10	23	23	10	14	10
Machinery repairs ⁹	14	14	10	10	10	14	14	10	10	10	14	14	10	10	10
Hauling ¹⁰	11	12	4	6	2	14	15	5	6	3	17	18	5	8	3
Interest ¹¹	11	10	6	5	5	12	11	6	5	5	6	6	7	6	6
Insurance/misc. ¹²	24	23	14	3	4	23	23	14	3	4	24	24	14	3	4
Total variable cost	\$377	\$358	\$187	\$168	\$166	\$415	\$397	\$200	\$181	\$174	\$431	\$413	\$213	\$207	\$183
Contribution margin ¹³ (Revenue - Variable costs)	\$293	\$357	\$325	\$341	\$136	\$422	\$495	\$443	\$394	\$206	\$572	\$656	\$561	\$483	\$276

¹Estimated yields and costs are for yields with average management for three different soils representing low, average, and high productivity. The high productivity soils represent soils capable of producing corn and soybeans with yields about 20% higher than average soils. Low productivity soils represent soils capable of producing corn and soybeans with yields about 20% lower than the average soils.

²These yields assume average weather conditions and timely plant/harvest date, except soybean double-crop yield, which is based on a July 1 planting date. Continuous corn, soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 94%; rotation soybeans 30%; wheat 48% on low productivity soil, 43% on average and high productivity soils; and double-crop soybeans 18%. Continuous corn yields assume a chisel plow tillage system. Double-crop soybean yields apply to central and southern Indiana. Rotation corn yields for average soils are based on the twenty-year trend in state average yields reported by the Indiana office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

³Harvest corn price is December 2011 CME Group futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2011 CME Group futures price less \$0.40 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2011 CME Group futures price less \$.80 basis. Harvest prices were based on closing prices on January 26, 2011. Wheat prices rose sharply this year because of drought conditions outside the U.S. Corn and soybean prices rose sharply in October because of lowered yield forecasts for the 2010 corn crop in the US. These prices will change.

Table 1 (Continued)

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Table 2. Estimated per Acre Government Payments, Overhead Costs & Earnings for Low, Average, and High Productivity Indiana Soils

Farm Acres Rotation ¹	Low Productivity Soil				Average Productivity Soil				High Productivity Soil			
	900 c-c	1000 c-b	2700 c-c	3000 c-b	900 c-c	1000 c-b	2700 c-c	3000 c-b	900 c-c	1000 c-b	2700 c-c	3000 c-b
Crop contribution margin ²	\$293	\$341	\$293	\$341	\$422	\$469	\$422	\$469	\$572	\$609	\$572	\$609
Government payment ³	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Total contribution margin	\$311	\$358	\$311	\$358	\$442	\$489	\$442	\$489	\$597	\$634	\$597	\$634
Annual overhead costs:												
Machinery replacement ⁴	\$84	\$76	\$62	\$56	\$84	\$76	\$67	\$60	\$92	\$83	\$69	\$62
Drying/handling	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12	\$17	\$12
Family and hired labor ⁵	\$60	\$52	\$43	\$38	\$60	\$52	\$43	\$38	\$60	\$52	\$43	\$38
Land ⁶	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$167	\$167	\$167	\$167	\$208	\$208	\$208	\$208
Earnings or (losses)	\$11	\$81	\$51	\$115	\$114	\$182	\$149	\$212	\$219	\$279	\$261	\$315

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⁶ Based on 2010 cash rent per bushel of corn yield reported in Indiana Farmland Values & Cash Rent: Renewed Strength in a Weak Economy, Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, August, 2010. With the large estimated contribution margins for 2011, this will place upward pressure on 2011 cash rents.

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Calculation of Average Government Payments per Acre

March 1, 2014

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total Government Payment	(1) 541,285,000	(2) 302,505,000	(2) 321,887,000	(2) 304,337,000	(2) 372,486,000	(2) 300,460,000
Less Milk Income Loss Pymt	(1) -6,538,000	(2) -1,200,000	(2) -4,000	(2) -13,784,000	(2) -781,000	(2) -4,000
Net Government Payment	534,747,000	301,305,000	321,883,000	290,553,000	371,705,000	300,456,000
Cropland Acres	(3) 12,909,002	(3) 12,909,002	(4) 12,716,037	(4) 12,716,037	(4) 12,716,037	(4) 12,716,037
Pymt Per Acre	41.42	23.34	25.31	22.85	29.23	23.63

Source:

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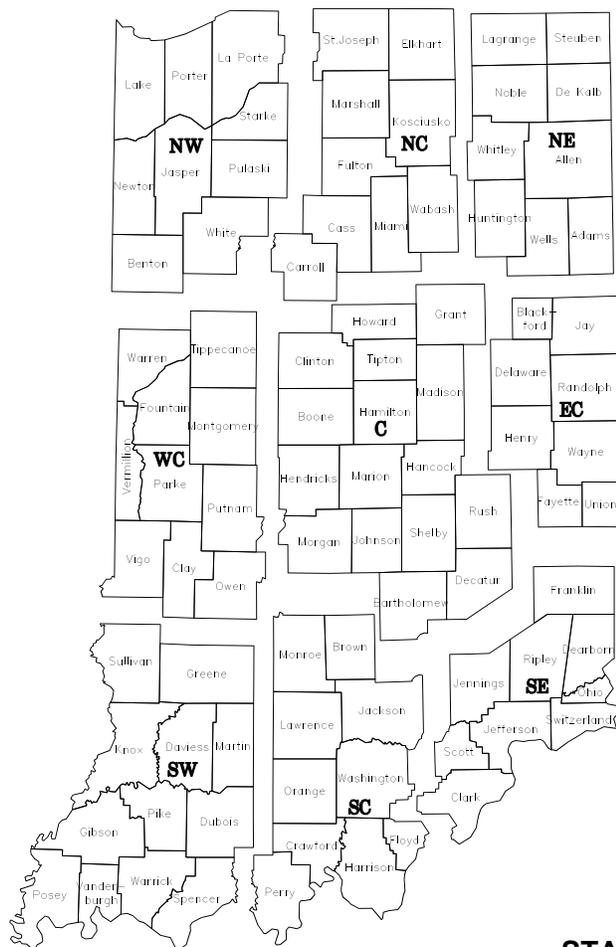
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STATE DATA

2000 Census Population	6,080,485	2006 Cash Receipts	\$6,040,112,000
2002 Total Land Area (acres)	22,945,817	Crop Receipts	\$3,787,303,000
2002 Number of Farms	60,296	Livestock Receipts	\$2,252,809,000
2002 Land in Farms (acres)	15,058,670	2006 Other Income	\$765,206,000
2002 Average Size of Farm (acres)	250	Government Payments	\$541,141,000
2002 Value of Land & Bldgs (avg/acre)	\$2,567	Imputed Income/Rent Received	\$224,065,000
2002 Cropland (acres)	12,909,002	2006 Total Income	\$6,805,318,000
2002 Harvested Cropland (acres)	11,937,370	Less: Production Expenses	\$6,222,612,000
2002 Pastureland, all types (acres)	1,098,301	Realized Net Income	\$582,706,000
2002 Woodland (acres)	1,153,779		

<u>2007 CROPS</u>	<u>PLTD</u>	<u>HARV</u>	<u>YLD</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PROD</u>	<u>LIVESTOCK</u>	<u>NUMBER HEAD</u>
Corn	6,500,000	6,370,000	155	Bu	987,350,000	Jan 2008 All Cattle	890,000
Soybeans	4,700,000	4,680,000	45	Bu	210,600,000	Beef Cows	234,000
Wheat	420,000	370,000	57	Bu	21,090,000	Milk Cows	166,000
Hay	---	660,000	2.34	Ton	1,544,000	2002 All Hogs	3,478,570
2002 Popcorn	---	69,207	---	Lbs	219,836,706	2002 All Sheep	61,620
						2002 Chickens	21,952,110
						2002 Turkeys	3,848,054

INDIANA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS



2010-2011

FARM INCOME

FARM INCOME INDICATORS, INDIANA, 2006-2010

Item	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	<u>Thousand Dollars</u>				
Gross Farm Income	7,292,900	9,100,500	11,378,300	10,712,000	10,868,600
Gross Cash Income	6,789,300	8,648,200	10,246,300	9,876,800	10,296,300
Noncash Income	639,100	713,200	733,100	739,700	763,400
Value of Inventory Adjustment	(135,500)	(260,900)	398,900	95,500	(191,100)
Total Production Expenses	5,947,900	7,348,200	8,207,600	8,319,400	8,481,400
Purchased Inputs	3,415,800	4,693,900	5,371,400	5,500,900	5,510,900
Interest	470,700	498,000	507,000	500,000	479,000
Contract and Hired Labor Expenses	309,100	385,700	360,200	374,500	387,700
Net Rent to Nonoperator Landlords	548,400	498,200	611,300	561,800	700,300
Capital Consumption	890,100	911,800	973,100	1,023,400	1,045,600
Property Taxes	300,000	360,000	380,000	350,000	350,000
NET FARM INCOME	1,345,000	1,752,400	3,170,700	2,392,500	2,387,200
Gross Receipts of Farms	6,661,600	8,401,100	10,686,200	10,003,200	10,139,300
Farm Production Expenditures	5,620,200	6,990,100	7,800,900	7,918,000	8,082,300
RETURNS TO OPERATORS	1,041,400	1,411,000	2,885,300	2,085,200	2,057,000
Gross Cash Income	6,789,300	8,648,200	10,246,300	9,876,800	10,296,300
Cash Expenses	4,997,500	6,353,600	7,097,300	7,188,900	7,339,400
NET CASH INCOME	1,791,800	2,294,600	3,149,000	2,688,000	2,956,900

Source: Economic Research Service

U.S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS BY PROGRAM, INDIANA, 2006-2010 ^{1/}

Program	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	<u>Thousand Dollars</u>				
Production Flexibility Contracts	(2)	(1)	---	---	---
Direct Payments ^{2/}	228,189	228,025	228,437	213,253	214,055
Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE payment)	---	---	---	---	3,104
Counter-cyclical Program Payments	185,161	67	21	5	3
Loan Deficiency Payments	44,099	252	295	11	14
Marketing Loan Gains	7,617	---	---	---	---
Commodity Certificate Exchange Gains	61	5	---	---	---
Milk Income Loss Payments ^{3/}	6,538	1,200	4	13,784	781
Tobacco Transition Payments ^{4/}	10,980	8,272	7,296	6,641	5,454
Conservation ^{5/}	58,253	63,006	64,411	61,739	69,929
Supplemental Funding ^{6/}	460	1,722	21,478	8,943	79,193
Miscellaneous ^{7/}	(71)	(44)	(56)	(38)	8
Total	541,285	302,505	321,887	304,337	372,540

^{1/} Amounts include only cash payments made directly to farmers.

^{2/} Direct Payments are authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 for 2002 through 2007 crops. Direct Payments for the 2002 crops are reduced by the amount of fiscal year 2002 payment received under Production Flexibility Contracts. The Act also increases the number of crops authorized to receive Direct Payments.

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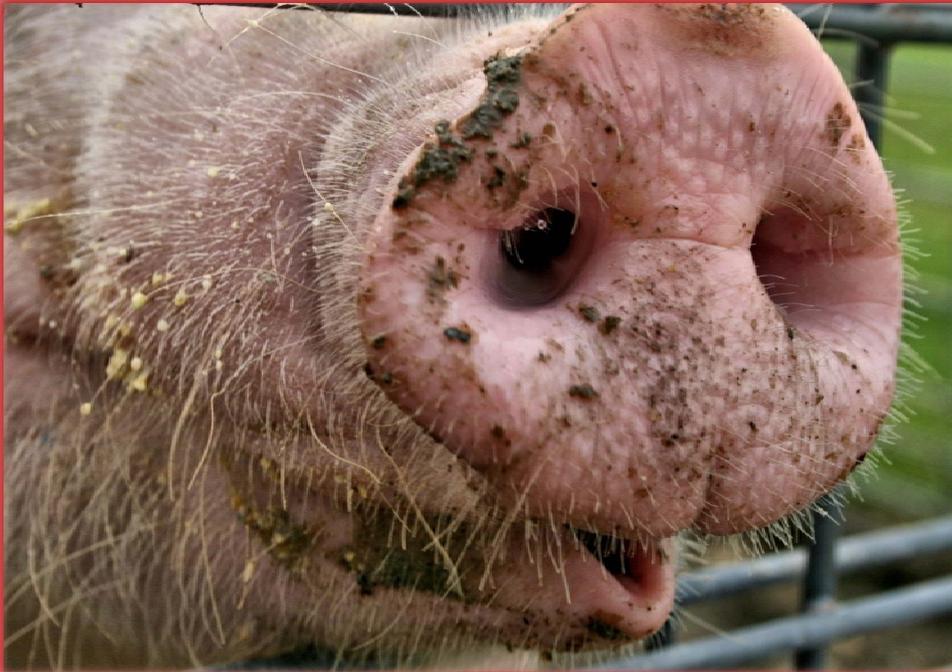
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Source: Economic Research Service

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AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

2011-2012

FARM INCOME

FARM INCOME INDICATORS, INDIANA, 2007-2011

Item	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	<u>Thousand Dollars</u>				
Gross Farm Income	9,100,500	11,378,300	10,718,100	10,809,800	13,192,500
Total Production Expenses	7,348,200	8,205,500	8,314,900	8,445,600	9,388,600
Purchased Inputs	4,693,900	5,370,900	5,500,700	5,481,000	6,304,500
Interest	498,000	505,300	494,200	482,100	467,400
Contract and Hired Labor Expenses	385,700	360,200	374,500	375,700	371,700
Net Rent to Nonoperator Landlords	498,200	611,400	563,200	702,700	752,200
Capital Consumption	911,800	973,100	1,023,400	1,046,900	1,098,100
Property Taxes	360,000	380,000	350,000	350,000	400,000
NET FARM INCOME	1,752,400	3,170,800	2,403,200	2,364,100	3,803,900
Gross Receipts of Farms	8,401,100	10,686,200	10,009,300	10,080,500	12,420,100
Farm Production Expenditures	6,990,200	7,798,800	7,914,100	8,048,000	8,962,400
RETURNS TO OPERATORS	1,411,000	2,887,400	2,095,300	2,032,400	3,457,700
Gross Cash Income	8,648,200	10,246,300	9,884,900	10,457,100	12,636,100
Cash Expenses	6,353,600	7,095,200	7,184,900	7,303,400	8,195,600
NET CASH INCOME	2,294,600	3,151,100	2,700,000	3,153,700	4,440,500
Source: Economic Research Service					

U.S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS BY PROGRAM, INDIANA, 2007-2011 ¹

Program	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	<u>Thousand Dollars</u>				
Production Flexibility Contracts	(1)	---	---	---	---
Direct Payments ²	228,025	228,437	213,253	213,977	210,287
Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE payment)	---	---	---	3,104	577
Counter-cyclical Program Payments	67	21	5	3	---
Loan Deficiency Payments	252	295	11	14	7
Marketing Loan Gains	---	---	---	---	---
Commodity Certificate Exchange Gains	5	---	---	---	---
Milk Income Loss Payments ³	1,200	4	13,784	781	4
Tobacco Transition Payments ⁴	8,272	7,296	6,641	5,454	5,433
Conservation ⁵	63,006	64,411	61,739	69,953	77,439
Supplemental Funding ⁶	1,722	21,478	8,943	79,193	6,713
Miscellaneous ⁷	(44)	(56)	(38)	8	2
Total	302,505	321,887	304,337	372,486	300,460

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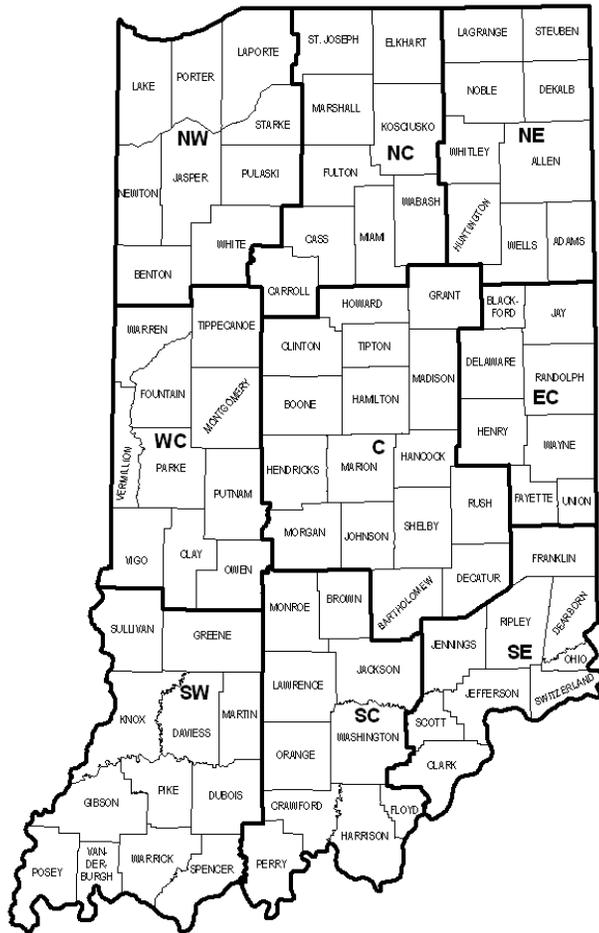
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STATE DATA

2007 Census Population	6,335,862	2010 Cash Receipts	\$9,976,612,000
2007 Total Land Area (acres)	22,924,685	Crop Receipts	\$6,742,115,000
2007 Number of Farms	60,938	Livestock Receipts	\$3,234,497,000
2007 Land in Farms (acres)	14,773,184	2010 Other Income	\$708,314,000
2007 Average Size of Farm (acres)	242	Government Payments	\$372,540,000
2007 Value of Land & Bldgs (avg/acre)	\$3,583	Imputed Income/Rent Received	\$335,774,000
2007 Cropland (acres)	12,716,037	2010 Total Income	\$10,684,926,000
2007 Harvested Cropland (acres)	12,108,940	Less: Production Expenses	\$8,465,378,000
2007 Pastureland, all types (acres)	986,522	Realized Net Income	\$2,219,548,000
2007 Woodland (acres)	1,020,287		

<u>2011 CROPS</u>	<u>PLTD</u>	<u>HARV</u>	<u>YLD</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PROD</u>	<u>LIVESTOCK</u>	<u>NUMBER HEAD</u>
Corn	5,900,000	5,750,000	146.0	Bu	839,500,000	Jan 2012 All Cattle	860,000
Soybeans	5,300,000	5,290,000	45.5	Bu	240,695,000	Beef Cows	195,000
Wheat	430,000	400,000	62.0	Bu	24,800,000	Milk Cows	175,000
Alfalfa Hay	---	300,000	4.00	Ton	1,200,000	2007 All Hogs	3,669,057
Other Hay	---	370,000	1.90	Ton	703,000	2007 All Sheep	49,021
2007 Popcorn	---	55,768	---	Lbs	220,971,578	2007 Chickens	24,238,513
						2007 Turkeys	5,971,548

AN OVERVIEW OF HOW THE CALENDAR IS USED IN CALCULATING THE AG LAND BASE RATE

<u>SPRING, 2010</u>	<u>SUMMER, 2010</u>	<u>FALL, 2010</u>	<u>WINTER, 2010</u>	<u>SPRING, 2011</u>	<u>SUMMER, 2011</u>
Planting 2010 crops	Care for 2010 crops	Harvest 2010 crops	Prep equipment for storage	Planting 2011 crops	Care for 2011 crops
Sell a portion of his 2009 crops	Sell remainder of his 2009 crops	Sell a portion of his 2010 crops	Sell a portion of his 2010 crops	Sell a portion of his 2010 crops	Sell remainder of his 2010 crops
Paying 3/1/09 Property Taxes		Paying 3/1/09 Property Taxes		Paying 3/1/10 Property Taxes	
Collect portion of 2010 Cash Rent		Collect remainder of 2010 Cash Rent		Collect portion of 2011 Cash Rent	

CASH RENT INCOME - CALENDAR YEAR

OPER. INCOME -
1/3 NOVEMBER
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