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**REFERENCE  
MATERIALS  
FOR VALUING  
AGRICULTURAL  
LAND FOR  
JANUARY 1, 2017**

**BASE RATE - \$1,850**

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**General Notes for the Agricultural Land Market  
Value in Use for January 1, 2017 Rate of \$1,850**

**March, 2017**

**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. The base rate for March 1, 2015 was updated by removing the 2006 data, adding the 2012 data, and excluding the highest year (2011) of the six-year average to arrive at a base rate of \$2,420; however Senate Enrolled Act 436-2015 was passed which set the March 1, 2015 base rate at \$2,050 (unchanged from 2014). SEA 436-2015 also established a new method of calculating the base rate for 2016 which took the preceding year's base rate and multiplied it times an assessed value growth quotient; however in the 2016 legislative session, Senate Enrolled Act 308 repealed this new method and re-instated the previous method of using a six-year rolling average with the highest year excluded and added the requirement of using the most current data available and adjusting the capitalization rate after the preliminary base rate was determined. The base rate for January 1, 2016 was updated by removing the 2007, 2008, & 2009 data, adding the 2013, 2014, & 2015 data, excluding the highest year (2013) of the six-year average, and adjusting the capitalization rates per SEA 308-2016 to arrive at a final base rate of \$1,960. The base rate for January 1,

2017 was updated by removing the 2010 data, adding the 2016 data, excluding the highest year (2013) of the six-year average, and adjusting the capitalization rates per SEA 308-2016 to arrive at a final base rate of \$1,850.

**SEA 308 – The New Calculation of the Amland Base Rate Beginning January 1, 2016**

**IC 6-1.1-4-4.5 (e)** In making the annual determination of the base rate to satisfy the requirement for an annual adjustment under subsection (c) for the January 1, 2016, assessment date and each assessment date thereafter, the department of local government finance shall determine the base rate using the methodology reflected in Table 2-18 of Book 1, Chapter 2 of the department of local government finance's Real Property Assessment Guidelines (as in effect on January 1, 2005), except that the department shall adjust the methodology as follows:

**(1)** Use a six (6) year rolling average adjusted under subdivision (3) instead of a four (4) year rolling average.

**(2)** Use the data from the six (6) most recent years preceding the year in which the assessment date occurs for which data is available, before one (1) of those six (6) years is eliminated under subdivision (3) when determining the rolling average.

**(3)** Eliminate in the calculation of the rolling average the year among the six (6) years for which the highest market value in use of agricultural land is determined.

**(4)** After determining a preliminary base rate that would apply for the assessment date without applying the adjustment under this subdivision, the department of local government finance shall adjust the preliminary base rate as follows:

**(A)** If the preliminary base rate for the assessment date would be at least ten percent (10%) greater than the final base rate determined for the preceding assessment date, a capitalization rate of eight percent (8%) shall be used to determine the final base rate.

**(B)** If the preliminary base rate for the assessment date would be at least ten percent (10%) less than the final base rate determined for the preceding assessment date, a capitalization rate of six percent (6%) shall be used to determine the final base rate.

**(C)** If neither clause (A) nor clause (B) applies, a capitalization rate of seven percent (7%) shall be used to determine the final base rate.

**(D)** In the case of a market value in use for a year that is used in the calculation of the six (6) year rolling average under subdivision (1) for purposes of determining the base rate for the assessment date:

**(i)** that market value in use shall be recalculated by using the capitalization rate determined under clauses (A) through (C) for the calculation of the base rate for the assessment date; and

**(ii)** the market value in use recalculated under item (i) shall be used in the calculation of the six (6) year rolling average under subdivision (1).

## Updates to Table 2-18 for January 1, 2017

### **Table 2-18 – Years:**

For January 1, 2017, the six years of data used in the calculations were: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.

### **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 2011 & 2012 rents, go to Table 2 of Page 4 (P-19) of the August of 2012 report. For the 2013 & 2014 rents, go to Table 2 of Page 2 (P-21) of the August of 2014 report. For the 2015 & 2016 rents, go to Table 4 of Page 7 (P-23) of the August of 2016 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 (P-13) 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 of the January 1, 2017 Base Rate:**

The Department first calculated the Table 2-18 Base Rate including years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. Next the highest market value in use for one of the years in the six-year rolling average was eliminated from the calculation. Then the implementation of Senate Enrolled Act 308-2016 changed the capitalization rates to 8% which lowered the Preliminary Table 2-18 Base Rate of \$2,940 to a Final Base Rate of \$1,850. (Refer to Page 15 of this packet for a detailed comparison.)

## 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**

YEAR	NET INCOMES		CAP. RATE	MARKET VALUE IN USE		
	Cash Rent	Operating		Cash Rent	Operating	Average
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.

### Converting Units of Measurement for Agricultural Land

Figure 2-23 shows the units of measurement commonly used to measure agricultural land. Table 2-19 describes equivalencies for these units of measurement.

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## Certification of Agricultural Land Base Rate Value for Assessment Year 2017

This memorandum hereby serves to notify assessing officials of the agricultural base rate to be used for the January 1, 2017 assessment date: **\$1,850 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. Senate Enrolled Act 308 then requires a comparison of the preliminary Table 2-18 base rate to the prior year's Table 2-18 base rate in order to determine the statutory capitalization rate to be used to calculate the final base rate for this assessment date.

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)

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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 (2011 to 2016) 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 language contained in SEA 308. The table below summarizes the data used in developing the average market value in use.

**Senate Enrolled Act 308 – Final Agricultural Land Base Rate**

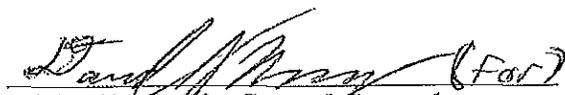
Year	<u>NET INCOMES</u>			<u>MARKET VALUE IN USE</u>		
	Cash Rent	Operating	Cap. Rate	Cash Rent	Operating	Average
2011	161	254	8.00%	2,013	3,175	2,594
2012	185	116	8.00%	2,313	1,450	1,881
2013	204	341	8.00%	2,550	4,263	3,406
2014	205	171	8.00%	2,563	2,138	2,350
2015	198	-39	8.00%	2,475	-488	994
2016	173	58	8.00%	2,163	725	1,444
				<b>Average Market Value in Use</b>		<b>\$1,850</b>

The statewide agricultural land base rate value for the 2017 assessment year will be \$1,850 per acre.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2017.

  
 Courtney L. Schaafsma, Commissioner  
 Department of Local Government Finance

Attest:

  
 Michael E. Duffy, 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.

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### 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<sup>1/</sup> 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.

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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.

<sup>1/</sup>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 <sup>1/</sup>	123	38	122	43.5	132	42	134.1	42.9
Price (November) <sup>1/</sup>	<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 <sup>2/</sup>	<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 <sup>3/</sup>	<u>\$23</u>		<u>\$45</u>		<u>\$53</u>		<u>\$34</u>	
Total contribution margin	\$194		\$214		\$167		\$154	
Less overhead:								
Annual machinery <sup>2/</sup>	48		50		49		49	
Drying/handling	6		6		7		7	
Family/hired labor <sup>2/</sup>	37		37		37		37	
Real estate tax <sup>3/</sup>	<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<sup>4/</sup> = .0821  
Estimated land value = \$971

<sup>1/</sup> State average yield, state average November price as reported by Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>2/</sup> Costs are taken from annual Purdue Crop Guide, ID-166.

<sup>3/</sup> Government payments and real estate tax are estimated by the author.

<sup>4/</sup> 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 <sup>1/</sup>	151.3	46.8	49.9	53.6	169	51	165	52.8
Price (November) <sup>1/</sup>	<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 <sup>2/</sup>	<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 <sup>3/</sup>	<u>\$29</u>		<u>\$56</u>		<u>\$64</u>		<u>\$42</u>	
Total contribution margin	\$252		\$276		\$216		\$202	
Less overhead:								
Annual machinery <sup>2/</sup>	53		55		54		54	
Drying/handling	7		7		8		8	
Family/hired labor <sup>2/</sup>	37		37		37		37	
Real estate tax <sup>3/</sup>	<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<sup>4/</sup> = .0821  
Estimated land value = \$1510

<sup>1/</sup> State average yield, state average November price as reported by Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>2/</sup> Costs are taken from annual Purdue Crop Guide, ID-166.

<sup>3/</sup> Government payments and real estate tax are estimated by the author.

<sup>4/</sup> Average annual effective interest rate on new loans under the Farm Credit Bank System, St Paul district.

January 1, 2017

Senate Enrolled Act 308 - Assignment of Capitalization Rate To Determine Final Base Rate Per IC 6-1.1-4-4.5 (e)

Department of Local Government Finance's Table 2-18 Calculation of Agricultural Land Base Rate

Year	NET INCOMES PER ACRE		RATE	MARKET VALUE IN USE PER ACRE		AVERAGE MARKET VALUE IN USE PER ACRE
	Cash Rent	Owner-Operated		Cash Rent	Owner-Operated	
2011	161	254	5.61%	2,870	4,528	3,699
2012	185	116	5.06%	3,656	2,292	2,974
2013	204	341	4.84%	4,215	7,045	5,630
2014	205	171	4.77%	4,298	3,585	3,941
2015	198	-39	4.74%	4,177	-823	1,677
2016	173	58	4.78%	3,619	1,213	2,416

2,940

Preliminary Table 2-18 Base Rate  
(Average - 5 Lowest Years)

Determination of SEA 308 Capitalization Rate:

Prior Year's Final Base Rate	1,960
Current Year's Preliminary Base Rate	2,940
Percent Difference	50%

SEA 308 Capitalization Rate To Use: 8%

Department of Local Government Finance's SEA 308 Calculation of Final Agricultural Land Base Rate

Year	NET INCOMES PER ACRE		RATE	MARKET VALUE IN USE PER ACRE		AVERAGE MARKET VALUE IN USE PER ACRE
	Cash Rent	Owner-Operated		Cash Rent	Owner-Operated	
2011	161	254	8.00%	2,013	3,175	2,594
2012	185	116	8.00%	2,313	1,450	1,881
2013	204	341	8.00%	2,550	4,263	3,406
2014	205	171	8.00%	2,563	2,138	2,350
2015	198	-39	8.00%	2,475	-488	994
2016	173	58	8.00%	2,163	725	1,444

1,850

SEA 308 Final Base Rate  
(Average - 5 Lowest Years)

Table 2-18 - Updated for January 1, 2017  
 Source: Real Property Assessment Guidelines

	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
Year	Cash Rent	Owner-Operated	Cap. Rate	Cash Rent	Owner-Operated	AVERAGE MARKET VALUE IN USE PER ACRE
2011	161	254	5.61%	2,870	4,528	3,699 (1)
2012	185	116	5.06%	3,656	2,292	2,974 (1)
2013	204	341	4.84%	4,215	7,045	5,630 (1)
2014	205	171	4.77%	4,298	3,585	3,941 (1)
2015	198	-39	4.74%	4,177	-823	1,677 (1)
2016	173	58	4.78%	3,619	1,213	2,416 (1)

Base Rate 2,940 (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)

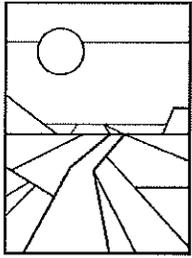
**Source:** Purdue Ag. Econ. Reports (PAER) = Indiana Ag. Statistics Service and Purdue Crop Guide = Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago = The base rate is the average of the 5 lowest averages above rounded to the nearest \$10. [IC 6-1.1-4-4.5 (e) (2)] (2)

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.

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

**Table 2-18 - Updated for January 1, 2017  
Calculation for Net Income-Cash Rent Column**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Gross</u> Cash <u>Rent</u>	<u>Less</u> Property <u>Taxes</u>	<u>Net</u> Cash <u>Rent</u>	<u>Cap.</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Cash</u> <u>Rent</u> <u>Value</u>
2011	182	-21	161	5.61%	2,870
2012	208	-23	185	5.06%	3,656
2013	229	-25	204	4.84%	4,215
2014	232	-27	205	4.77%	4,298
2015	229	-31	198	4.74%	4,177
2016	204	-31	173	4.78%	3,619



# Purdue Agricultural Economics Report

August 2012

## **Indiana's Farmland Market Continues Moving Higher**

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

While Indiana crops are suffering from the worst drought since 1988, the weather is not the only thing that has been hot. Robust net farm incomes, favorable interest rates, strong farmland demand, and a limited supply of farmland for sale kept Indiana farmland values and cash rents moving higher. The June 2012 Purdue Farmland Value Survey<sup>1</sup>, indicates the statewide increase in farmland value was 14.3% to 18.1%. Statewide cash rents increased 12.8% to 15.2%.

For the state as a whole, the 2012 survey found the average value of bare Indiana cropland ranged from \$5,013 per acre for poor quality land to \$7,704 per acre for top quality land (Table 1). Average quality cropland had a value of \$6,359 per acre. For the 12-month period ending June 2012, the value of top, average, and poor quality land increased 18.1%, 16.3% and 14.3%, respectively.

To assess farmland productivity, survey respondents estimated long-term corn yields for poor, average, and top quality land. For the state, the average long-term corn yields for poor, average, and top quality land were 126, 159, and 192 bushels per acre, respectively. State-wide,

<sup>1</sup> 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.

the value per estimated bushel of corn yield for poor, average, and top land qualities was \$39.70, \$39.97 and \$40.05 per bushel, respectively.

The transitional land market, that is farmland moving out of agriculture, appears to be coming back to life after declining for four straight years. In 2012, the average value was \$8,505, an increase of 7.2%. This is a specialized market with the transitional land value strongly influenced by the planned use and location. The estimated value of farmland in this market has a very wide range. In June 2012, transitional land value estimates ranged from \$2,500 to \$21,000 per acre. Because of the wide variation in transitional land values, the median value<sup>2</sup> may give a more meaningful picture than the arithmetic average. The median value of transitional land in June 2012 was \$8,000 per acre, \$750 per acre more than in 2011.

The June 2012 state-wide average value of rural recreational land, land used for hunting and other recreational activities, was \$3,489 per acre, an increase of 3.9% when compared to June 2011. As with transitional land, there is a wide range of values for rural

<sup>2</sup> The median is the middle observation in data arranged in ascending or descending numerical order.

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**Table 2. Average estimated Indiana cash rent per acre, (tillable, bare land) 2011 and 2012, Purdue Land Value Survey, June 2012**

Area	Land Class	Corn bu/A	Rent/Acre		Change '11-'12 %	Rent/bu. of Corn		Rent as % of June Land Value	
			2011 \$/A	2012 \$/A		2011 \$/bu.	2012 \$/bu.	2011 %	2012 %
North	Top	199	243	277	14.0%	1.24	1.39	3.6	3.5
	Average	161	187	211	12.8%	1.17	1.31	3.4	3.3
	Poor	127	139	154	10.8%	1.09	1.21	3.2	3.2
Northeast	Top	187	211	238	12.8%	1.18	1.27	3.5	3.3
	Average	153	162	187	15.4%	1.08	1.22	3.1	3.0
	Poor	120	123	143	16.3%	1.02	1.19	2.9	2.9
W. Central	Top	199	264	314	18.9%	1.35	1.58	3.5	3.5
	Average	169	217	253	16.6%	1.31	1.49	3.5	3.4
	Poor	140	172	195	13.4%	1.25	1.39	3.4	3.2
Central	Top	194	233	271	16.3%	1.21	1.40	3.5	3.4
	Average	162	190	214	12.6%	1.17	1.32	3.3	3.2
	Poor	131	154	171	11.0%	1.15	1.31	3.2	3.2
Southwest	Top	193	234	254	8.5%	1.24	1.32	3.3	3.2
	Average	154	176	195	10.8%	1.17	1.27	3.2	3.2
	Poor	117	130	142	9.2%	1.13	1.21	3.4	3.2
Southeast	Top	173	169	186	10.1%	0.99	1.08	4.3	4.2
	Average	142	129	141	9.3%	0.93	0.99	3.8	3.7
	Poor	107	95	106	11.6%	0.89	0.99	3.3	3.4
Indiana	Top	192	230	265	15.2%	1.22	1.38	3.5	3.4
	Average	159	182	208	14.3%	1.16	1.31	3.3	3.3
	Poor	126	141	159	12.8%	1.12	1.26	3.2	3.2

developed from several different responses regarding the perceived value and cash rent. In some cases, those responding might be closely clustered around the average. In this case, the range of survey responses will be narrow. In other cases, the responses may be widely dispersed; there will be a wide difference in survey responses. It is possible to have the same or nearly the same average with either type of dispersion. Figure 2 illustrates these properties for farmland values. The top of the dark line is the largest value reported by respondents in the area for land of the specified quality. The bottom of the dark

line indicates the smallest value. The square along the line indicates the average.

Consider top quality land in the North region. The range of reported values was from about \$6,000 per acre to \$10,000 per acre. The average of the responses was \$7,958 per acre, a value close to half way between the minimum and maximum. This indicates there was a reasonably even distribution of responses between the maximum and the minimum. For top land in the Northeast region there is greater range of values. In addition, the average is closer to the minimum

value than the maximum value. For this situation, more responses are clustered at the lower values.

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 a farmland 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.



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**AUGUST 2014**

## **A Time of Change? Indiana's Farmland Market in 2014**

By Craig L. Dobbins, Professor  
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The boom that has characterized crop agriculture for the past several years seems to be waning. Prospects for above normal yields and growing stocks have resulted in a downward trend in grain and soybean prices. The current speculation is about how low prices will go and what will be the new normal? USDA has forecast net farm income to be down about 27% in 2014. But, even with this decline the forecast net farm income will remain \$8 billion above the previous 10-year average.

While income prospects associated with crop farming have declined other factors that influence the farmland market remain strong. Interest rates continue to remain favorable, the farmland demand may have softened but there continues to be a limited supply of farmland for sale, farmland continues to be an attractive investment, and buyers still seem to be in a strong cash position.

The June 2014 Purdue Farmland Value Survey<sup>1</sup>, indicates the statewide increase in farmland values ranged from 6.4% to 7.1%. This was only half as much as in 2013. For the state as a whole, average and poor quality land increased 7.1% while top quality land increased 6.4% (Table 1). In June of 2014,

top, average, and poor quality farmland had a value of \$9,765, \$7,976, and \$6,160 per acre respectively.

Statewide the change in cash rents ranged from a decline of 0.7% to an increase of 2.9% (Table 2). Much less than the 9% to 10% increase reported in 2013. Top, average, and poor quality farmland had a cash rent of \$292, \$232, and \$179 per acre, respectively.

To assess farmland productivity, survey respondents estimated long-term corn yields for poor, average, and top quality land. For the state, the average long-term corn yields for poor, average, and top quality land were 132, 163, and 196 bushels per acre, respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

The transitional land market that represents farmland moving out of agriculture, continues to move strongly higher. The survey indicated a 22.6% increase in its average value, increasing from \$10,581 to 12,976 per acre. This is a specialized market with transitional land value strongly influenced by the planned use and location. The estimated value in this market has a very wide range. In June 2014, transitional land value estimates ranged from \$1,600 to \$35,000 per acre. Because of the wide variation in transitional land values, the median value<sup>2</sup> may give a more meaningful picture than the arithmetic average. The median value of transitional land in June 2014 was \$10,000 per acre, \$500 per acre more than in 2013.

The June 2013 state-wide average value of rural recreational land, land used for hunting and other recreational activities, was \$4,542 per acre, an increase of 19.9% when compared to June 2013. As with transitional land, there is a wide range of values for rural recreational land, again making the median value a more meaningful indicator than the arithmetic average. The median value for rural recreational land in June 2014 was \$3,875 per acre, \$725 more than in 2013, a 23% increase.

### State-wide Rents

The increases in average state-wide cash rents were also moderate in 2014 when compared to the previous two years. The largest change in 2014 was for poor quality land, \$5 per acre, or 2.9%. Rents for average quality land increased \$3 (1.3%). Rent on top quality farmland decreased \$2 or 0.7% per acre. The estimated cash rent was \$292 per acre on top quality land, \$232 per acre on average quality land, and \$179 per acre on poor quality land (Table 2). These cash rent

Table 1. Average estimated Indiana land value per acre (tillable, bare land), per bushel of corn yield, and percentage change by geographical area and land class, selected time periods, Purdue Land Value Survey, June 2014<sup>1</sup>

Area	Land Class	Corn bu/A	Land Value					Land Value/Bu			Projected Land Value	
			Dollars Per Acre			% Change	Amount			Dec.	% Change	
			2013 \$/A	2013 \$/A	2014 \$/A		2013 \$	2014 \$	% Change 6/13-6/14			
						6/13-6/14 %	12/13-6/14 %				2014 \$	6/14-12/14 %
North	Top	194	9,336	9,976	9,856	5.6%	-1.2%	46.22	50.80	9.9%	9,718	-1.4%
	Average	162	7,372	8,049	7,919	7.4%	-1.6%	45.23	48.88	8.1%	7,831	-1.1%
	Poor	130	5,424	6,108	5,888	8.6%	-3.6%	43.05	45.29	5.2%	5,660	-3.9%
Northeast	Top	189	8,946	9,280	9,310	4.1%	0.3%	48.62	49.26	1.3%	9,191	-1.3%
	Average	160	7,157	7,832	7,753	8.3%	-1.0%	47.40	48.46	2.2%	7,676	-1.0%
	Poor	132	5,668	5,935	6,013	6.1%	1.3%	46.46	45.55	-2.0%	5,916	-1.6%
W. Central	Top	206	10,948	12,108	11,726	7.1%	-3.2%	54.20	56.92	5.0%	11,714	-0.1%
	Average	175	8,955	10,078	9,616	7.4%	-4.6%	52.37	54.95	4.9%	9,575	-0.4%
	Poor	147	7,206	8,015	7,611	5.6%	-5.0%	51.11	51.78	1.3%	7,582	-0.4%
Central	Top	200	9,633	10,602	10,528	9.3%	-0.7%	49.65	52.64	6.0%	10,239	-2.7%
	Average	170	8,170	8,779	8,640	5.8%	-1.6%	50.43	50.82	0.8%	8,403	-2.7%
	Poor	142	6,459	7,003	6,861	6.2%	-2.0%	48.20	48.32	0.2%	6,672	-2.8%
Southwest	Top	189	9,252	9,119	9,041	-2.3%	-0.9%	49.19	47.84	-2.7%	9,028	-0.1%
	Average	151	7,085	7,088	7,006	-1.1%	-1.2%	46.31	46.40	0.2%	6,756	-3.6%
	Poor	112	4,908	4,593	4,513	-8.0%	-1.7%	42.31	40.29	-4.8%	4,377	-3.0%
Southeast	Top	181	4,873	5,246	5,212	7.0%	-0.6%	27.85	28.80	3.4%	5,217	0.1%
	Average	141	3,904	4,431	4,368	11.9%	-1.4%	27.11	30.98	14.3%	4,369	0.0%
	Poor	100	3,065	3,494	3,350	9.3%	-4.1%	28.38	33.50	18.0%	3,365	0.4%
Indiana	Top	196	9,177	9,855	9,765	6.4%	-0.9%	47.55	49.82	4.8%	9,680	-0.9%
	Average	163	7,446	8,129	7,976	7.1%	-1.9%	46.54	48.93	5.1%	7,884	-1.2%
	Poor	132	5,750	6,303	6,160	7.1%	-2.3%	45.28	46.67	3.1%	6,057	-1.7%
	Transition <sup>2</sup>	XXX	10,581	12,714	12,976	22.6%	2.1%				12,899	-0.6%
Recreation <sup>3</sup>	XXX	3,788	4,466	4,542	19.9%	1.7%				4,525	-0.4%	

<sup>1</sup> The land values contained in this summary represent averages over several different locations and soil types. The value for a specific property requires more information and should include an evaluation by a professional appraiser.

<sup>2</sup> Transition land is land moving out of production agriculture.

<sup>3</sup> Recreation land is land located in rural areas used for hunting and other recreational uses.

Table 2. Average estimated Indiana cash rent per acre, (tillable, bare land) 2013 and 2014, Purdue Land Value Survey, June 2014

Area	Land Class	Corn bu/A	Rent/Acre		Change '13-14 %	Rent/bu. of Corn		Rent as % of June Land Value	
			2013 \$/A	2014 \$/A		2013 \$/bu.	2014 \$/bu.	2013 %	2014 %
North	Top	194	310	297	-4.2%	1.53	1.53	3.3	3.0
	Average	162	228	228	0.0%	1.40	1.41	3.1	2.9
	Poor	130	165	166	0.6%	1.31	1.28	3.0	2.8
Northeast	Top	189	259	261	0.8%	1.41	1.38	2.9	2.8
	Average	160	204	205	0.5%	1.35	1.28	2.9	2.6
	Poor	132	154	159	3.2%	1.26	1.20	2.7	2.6
W. Central	Top	206	350	352	0.6%	1.73	1.71	3.2	3.0
	Average	175	282	291	3.2%	1.65	1.66	3.1	3.0
	Poor	147	222	233	5.0%	1.67	1.59	3.1	3.1
Central	Top	200	294	305	3.7%	1.52	1.53	3.1	2.9
	Average	170	238	248	4.2%	1.47	1.46	2.9	2.9
	Poor	142	188	197	4.8%	1.40	1.39	2.9	2.9
Southwest	Top	189	294	277	-5.8%	1.53	1.47	3.2	3.1
	Average	151	216	204	-5.6%	1.41	1.35	3.0	2.9
	Poor	112	165	143	-7.7%	1.34	1.28	3.2	3.2
Southeast	Top	181	199	186	-6.5%	1.14	1.03	4.1	3.6
	Average	141	152	141	-7.2%	1.06	1.00	3.9	3.2
	Poor	100	110	98	-10.9%	1.02	0.98	3.6	2.9
Indiana	Top	196	294	292	-0.7%	1.52	1.49	3.2	3.0
	Average	163	229	232	1.3%	1.43	1.42	3.1	2.9
	Poor	132	174	179	2.9%	1.37	1.36	3.0	2.9

<sup>2</sup> The median is the middle observation in data arranged in ascending or descending numerical order

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## INDIANA FARMLAND VALUES AND CASH RENTS CONTINUE DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENTS

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The agricultural press is devoting a significant amount of time to the low commodity prices and the corresponding decline in net farm income. The major decline in margins associated with Midwest crop production continues to ripple through the broader agriculture production sector. The effect of these low margins continue to show up in lower farmland values and cash rents. The Iowa farmland value survey reported an 8.9% decline in 2014. A second decline of 3.9% was reported in 2015. The Ag

Letter published by the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank reported district declines of 3% in farmland values in both 2014 and 2015. The 2014 Purdue Farmland Value survey indicated Indiana's farmland values were at a peak. In 2015, there was a state-wide decline of farmland values of about 5%. The 2016 Purdue Farmland Value Survey indicates a state wide decline of 8.2% to 8.7% (Table1). Declines of this size have not been seen since the mid-80s<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The Purdue Farmland Value Survey was first published in August 1974. Individuals surveyed include rural appraisers, commercial bank and Farm Credit Mid-

America agricultural loan officers, FSA personnel, farm managers, and farmers. Survey results provide information about the general level and trend in

Table 3. Projected five-year average corn and soybean prices, mortgage interest, and inflation

Year	Price \$ per bu.		Rate % per year	
	Corn	Beans	Interest	Inflation
2012	5.56	12.04	5.2%	3.1%
2013	5.52	12.16	5.1%	2.7%
2014	4.70	12.02	5.0%	2.7%
2015	4.02	9.76	5.0%	2.4%
2016	4.03	10.03	4.8%	2.3%
Average	\$4.77	\$11.20	5.0%	2.6%

accounted for 40% of the respondents. The remaining 57% of the respondents expect cash rent to be lower in 2017. The average decline for the group was 8.3%. Respondents expectations ranged from a decrease of 1% to 35%. The average across all respondents was for a decline of 4.5%.

As with farmland, these expectations indicate a continued decline in the rental market. If cash rent declines in 2017, it will be the third decline in a row. There has not been a period of three consecutive declines in cash rents since the 1980s.

Table 4. Average estimated Indiana cash rent per acre, (tillable, bare land) 2015 and 2016, Purdue Land Value Survey, June 2016

Area	Land Class	Corn Bu./A	Rent/Acre		Change '15-'16 %	Rent/bu. of Corn		Rent as % of June Land Value	
			2015 \$/A	2016 \$/A		2015 \$/bu.	2016 \$/bu.	2015 %	2016 %
North	Top	202	284	260	-8.5%	1.41	1.29	3.1	3.2
	Average	166	227	202	-11.0%	1.35	1.22	3.0	3.0
	Poor	128	167	148	-11.4%	1.23	1.16	3.0	2.9
Northeast	Top	188	262	236	-9.9%	1.37	1.26	2.9	2.7
	Average	162	203	192	-5.4%	1.26	1.19	2.7	2.7
	Poor	132	156	150	-3.8%	1.20	1.14	2.6	2.6
W. Central	Top	211	334	296	-11.4%	1.57	1.40	3.4	3.0
	Average	182	281	241	-14.2%	1.54	1.32	3.3	2.9
	Poor	155	224	193	-13.8%	1.44	1.25	3.4	3.0
Central	Top	198	296	271	-8.4%	1.47	1.37	3.2	3.0
	Average	170	241	221	-8.3%	1.39	1.30	3.0	2.9
	Poor	143	188	177	-5.9%	1.31	1.24	3.0	3.0
Southwest	Top	201	278	273	-1.8%	1.36	1.36	2.7	3.0
	Average	163	216	210	-2.8%	1.29	1.29	2.7	3.0
	Poor	124	149	149	0.0%	1.20	1.20	2.9	3.2
Southeast	Top	191	202	199	-1.5%	1.10	1.04	3.6	3.5
	Average	153	152	147	-3.3%	1.01	0.96	3.2	3.3
	Poor	111	118	111	-5.9%	1.04	1.00	2.8	3.3
Indiana	Top	198	285	257	-9.8%	1.43	1.30	3.1	3.0
	Average	166	229	204	-10.9%	1.36	1.23	3.0	2.9
	Poor	134	175	157	-10.3%	1.28	1.17	3.0	2.9

<sup>1</sup> The cash rent reported in this summary represents averages over several different locations and soil types. Determining an appropriate cash rent for a specific property requires more information than is contained in this report. You may also want to obtain advice from a professional that manages agricultural properties.

### COMBINING FARMLAND VALUES AND CASH RENT

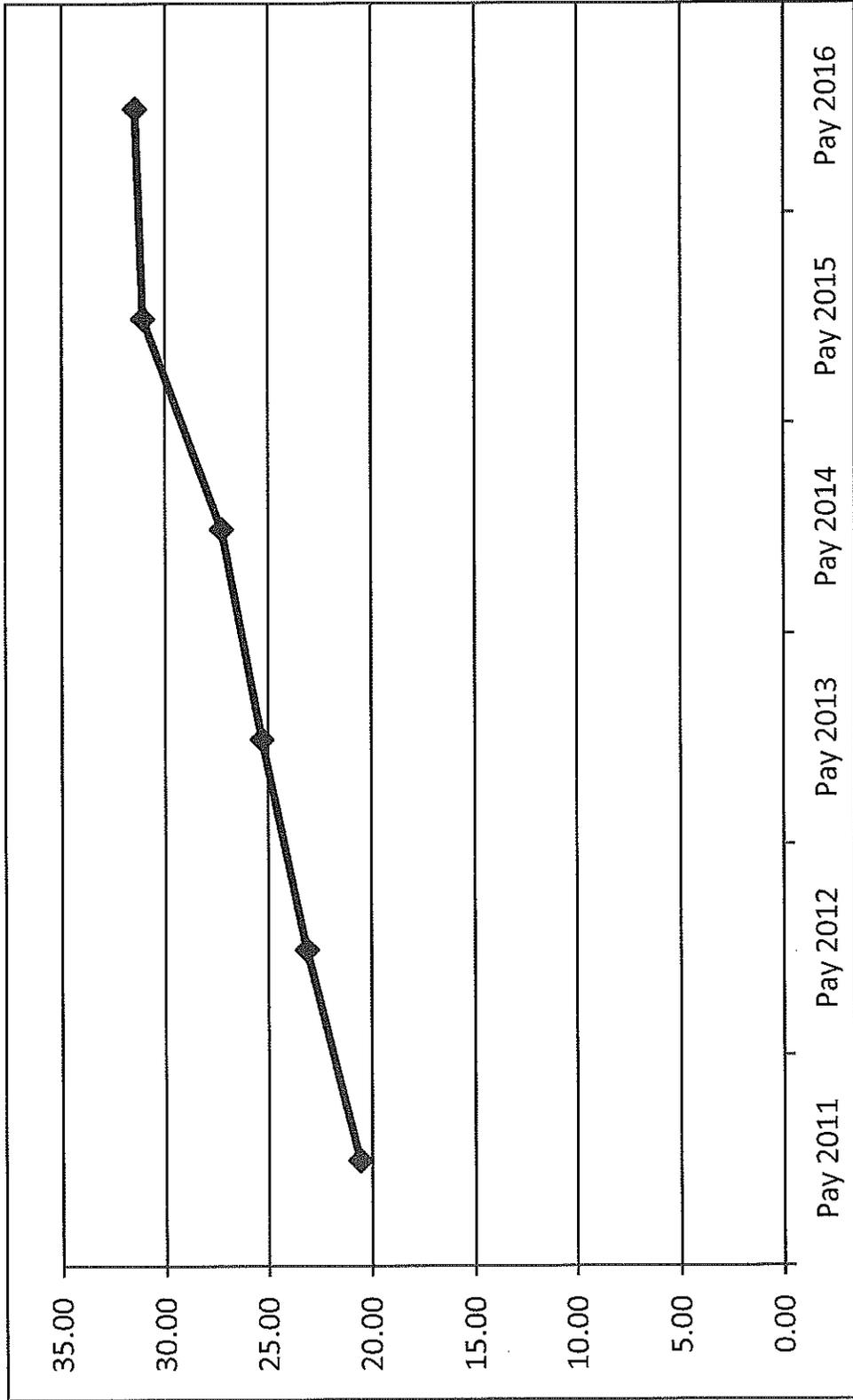
One of the principles of economics and finance is that capital assets derive their value from the net cash return generated by the asset. The simplest form of this relationship can be expressed as  $V = E \div C$ ,  $E$  represents the net annual earnings from the asset,  $C$  represents the capitalization rate. The capitalization rate is influenced by interest rates, risk premiums associated with being a landowner, expected rates of inflation, and expected growth rates in the net return.  $V$  is the expected value of the asset.

Doing a few algebraic manipulations, the

**January 1, 2017**  
**Average Net Tax Bill/Acre of Farmland**

<b>Pay 2011</b>	<b>20.56</b>
<b>Pay 2012</b>	<b>23.12</b>
<b>Pay 2013</b>	<b>25.30</b>
<b>Pay 2014</b>	<b>27.24</b>
<b>Pay 2015</b>	<b>31.07</b>
<b>Pay 2016</b>	<b>31.46</b>

# Average Net Tax Bill/Acre of Farmland



<b>Indiana</b>		<b><u>Real Estate Loans</u></b>	<b><u>Operating Loans</u></b>	<b><u>Avg.</u></b>	<b><u>Source:</u></b>
<b>2011</b>	Jan.	5.80	6.01		P-28
	April	5.62	5.75		P-28
	July	5.36	5.66		P-28
	Oct.	5.20	5.47		P-28
	Average	5.50	5.72	5.61	
<b>2012</b>	Jan.	5.08	5.34		P-28
	April	4.94	5.27		P-28
	July	4.86	5.21		P-28
	Oct.	4.70	5.03		P-28
	Average	4.90	5.21	5.06	
<b>2013</b>	Jan.	4.60	4.91		P-30
	April	4.65	4.94		P-30
	July	4.68	4.94		P-30
	Oct.	4.94	4.99		P-30
	Average	4.72	4.95	4.84	
<b>2014</b>	Jan.	4.66	4.93		P-30
	April	4.67	4.86		P-30
	July	4.62	4.89		P-30
	Oct.	4.61	4.87		P-30
	Average	4.64	4.89	4.77	
<b>2015</b>	Jan.	4.57	4.80		P-32
	April	4.64	4.81		P-32
	July	4.58	4.82		P-32
	Oct.	4.67	4.96		P-32
	Average	4.62	4.85	4.74	
<b>2016</b>	Jan.	4.65	4.91		P-32
	April	4.57	4.89		P-32
	July	4.57	4.87		P-32
	Oct.	4.71	5.03		P-32
	Average	4.63	4.93	4.78	

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## FARMLAND VALUES AND CREDIT CONDITIONS

### Summary

The annual increase in “good” farmland values was 16 percent in 2012 for the Seventh Federal Reserve District. In spite of the drought last year, the annual increase for 2012 was just a notch below those of 2007 and 2011. Relative to the third quarter of 2012, agricultural land values climbed 7 percent in the fourth quarter, according to survey respondents from 212 agricultural banks across the District. On the whole, respondents anticipated farmland values to rise further during the January through March period of 2013.

Overall, agricultural credit conditions strengthened in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared with the fourth quarter of 2011. Non-real-estate loan demand relative to a year ago was lower during the fourth quarter of 2012, but not nearly as much as it had been during the previous seven quarters. Funds availability and farm loan repayment rates were up in the October through December period of 2012 compared with the same period of 2011, and rates of loan renewals and extensions were down. At the end of the fourth quarter of 2012, agricultural interest rates were at their lowest in the history of the District’s survey. Moreover, the loan-to-deposit ratios for reporting banks averaged 67.2 percent—the second-lowest level since 1996.

### Farmland values

Toward the end of 2012, the increases in farmland values seemed to pick up their pace. District agricultural land values gained 7 percent from the third quarter to the fourth quarter of 2012, amid reports of strong farmland sales in the face of impending and uncertain changes in federal tax policies. The 16 percent year-over-year increase in farmland values in the fourth quarter of 2012 was a bit higher than the year-over-year increases recorded for the previous two quarters. And although the District’s annual increase of 16 percent in the value of “good” farmland for 2012 was a little lower than that for 2011, it was still the third-largest increase since the late 1970s (see chart 1 on next page). Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa saw year-over-year jumps in agricultural land values for the fourth quarter of 2012 that exceeded the annual increase for the District, while Indiana and Wisconsin experienced more modest year-over-year gains (see table and map below).

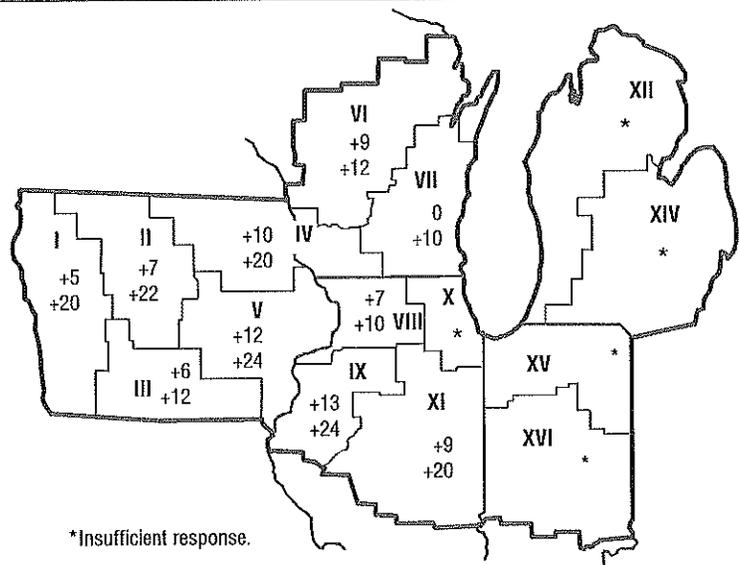
After adjusting for inflation, the District’s 2012 annual increase in agricultural land values (14 percent) was the third largest in 35 years. Moreover, 2012 marked the third consecutive year of significant jumps in agricultural land values: More specifically, farmland values experienced a cumulative rise of 52 percent over the period 2010–12, matching the fastest gain of the 1970s boom (over the period 1974–76) in real terms. By the end of 2012, the compound

### Percent change in dollar value of “good” farmland

Top: October 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013

Bottom: January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013

	October 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013	January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013
Illinois	+9	+18
Indiana	+7	+10
Iowa	+8	+20
Michigan	+3	+18
Wisconsin	+6	+11
Seventh District	+7	+16



\*Insufficient response.

## Credit conditions at Seventh District agricultural banks

	Loan demand (index) <sup>b</sup>	Funds availability (index) <sup>b</sup>	Loan repayment rates (index) <sup>b</sup>	Average loan-to-deposit ratio (percent)	Interest rates on farm loans		
					Operating loans <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Feeder cattle <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Real estate <sup>a</sup> (percent)
<b>2011</b>							
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
<b>2012</b>							
Jan-Mar	72	163	154	66.5	5.34	5.54	5.08
Apr-June	69	164	139	68.1	5.27	5.41	4.94
July-Sept	81	147	128	67.5	5.21	5.37	4.86
Oct-Dec	96	151	135	67.2	5.03	5.24	4.70

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and extensions during the October through December period of 2012 versus the same period of the prior year, while only 6 percent reported higher rates. Given that just 1.6 percent, on average, of the volume of the farm loan portfolio was reported as having "major" or "severe" repayment problems in the fourth quarter of 2012, credit quality for the District registered a slight improvement.

Almost 20 percent of the reporting banks tightened credit standards for agricultural loans in the fourth quarter of 2012 relative to the fourth quarter of 2011, and just 1 percent eased credit standards. Ten percent of reporting banks required larger amounts of collateral to qualify for non-real-estate farm loans during the October through December period of 2012 relative to a year earlier, and 2 percent required smaller amounts. These findings affirmed that additional tightening of credit standards had occurred.

Farm loan interest rates dropped to new lows in the fourth quarter of 2012. As of January 1, 2013, the average interest rates were 5.03 percent for farm operating loans and 4.70 percent for agricultural real estate loans.

### Looking forward

According to survey respondents, less than 1 percent of their farm customers with operating credit in 2012 would not qualify for new operating credit in the new year, which was slightly lower than the level reported a year ago. Non-real-estate agricultural loan volumes were expected to contract in the first quarter of 2013, except for operating loan volumes, which were predicted to expand, and farm machinery loan volumes, which were forecasted to hold steady. Additionally, responding bankers anticipated an expansion in the volume of farm real estate loans.

Farmers' capital expenditures—including expenditures on machinery and equipment, trucks and autos, and buildings and facilities—were forecasted by respondents to be even higher in 2013 than in 2012. With 43 percent of the responding bankers anticipating higher levels of land

purchases or improvements in 2013 than in 2012 and 15 percent anticipating lower levels, the survey indicated that momentum for rising farmland values still exists on the demand side in the year ahead. While 71 percent of the responding bankers expected farmland values to be stable from January through March of 2013, 28 percent expected farmland values to increase in the first quarter of 2013. With the USDA predicting net farm income to rise 14 percent from 2012 to \$128.2 billion in 2013, there would seem to be at least another leg to be run as farmland values continue their upward race.

Although the drought persisted in portions of the District, its severity had diminished in much of the Midwest following the harvest, giving more hope for a rebound in crop yields. Recovery from the drought will remain a key factor in 2013, as the movements of drought-influenced crop prices will affect both crop farmers and livestock producers.

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## FARMLAND VALUES AND CREDIT CONDITIONS

### Summary

The Seventh Federal Reserve District had an annual decrease of 3 percent in “good” farmland values for 2014, marking the first yearly decline since 1986. However, farmland values in the fourth quarter of 2014 remained largely the same as in the third quarter, according to survey respondents from 224 agricultural banks across the District. Half of the respondents expected farmland values to fall during the January through March period of 2015, while only 1 percent remained hopeful that farmland values would rise in the areas surrounding their respective banks.

Recent trends in agricultural credit conditions extended into the fourth quarter of 2014. Non-real-estate loan demand relative to a year ago was again higher. Funds available for lending remained above the level of a year earlier. The average loan-to-deposit ratio for the District climbed for the third quarter in a row, to 70.6 percent—the highest level of the past four years. Repayment rates on non-real-estate farm loans were markedly lower in the October through December period of 2014 versus the same period of 2013, and rates of loan renewals and extensions were higher. Average interest rates on farm operating and real estate loans had eased to near-historic lows by the end of the fourth quarter of 2014.

### Farmland values

The District’s annual decrease of 3 percent in “good” farmland values for 2014 was the first loss for a year since 1986 (see chart 1 on next page). Moreover, the fourth quarter of 2014 was the first time since the third quarter of 2009 that the District suffered a year-over-year drop in farmland values. When adjusted for inflation, the District’s annual decrease in agricultural land values for 2014 was the first one since 1992; the streak of annual increases in District farmland values in real terms had reached 21 years before being broken in 2014. Still, at the end of 2014 the index of inflation-adjusted agricultural land values for the District was 68 percent higher than at its 1979 peak from the 1970s boom (see chart 2 on next page). In the fourth quarter of 2014, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa experienced declines in agricultural land values on a year-over-year basis; in contrast, Wisconsin experienced a modest increase, and Michigan had no change (see table and map below).

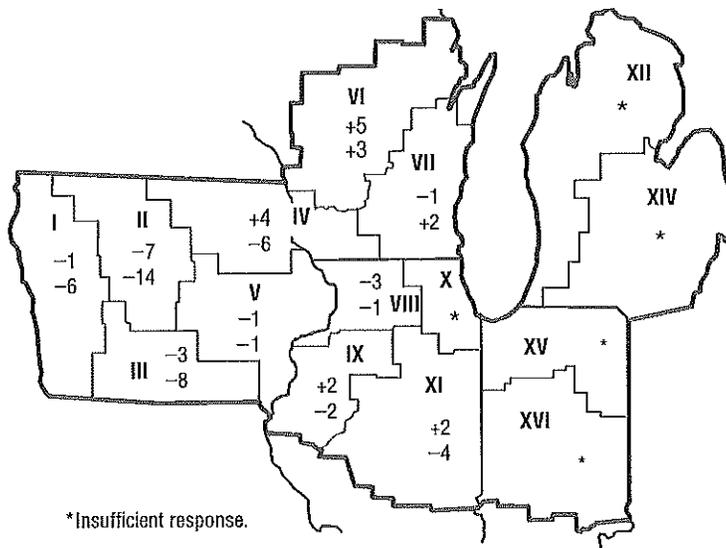
Farmland values were down in 2014, even though the District as a whole set records for both corn and soybean production. According to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) data, the District’s 2014 production increased 10 percent for corn and 17 percent for soybeans from 2013. The District’s corn yield increased 9.1 percent in 2014 from 2013, to a record-setting 184 bushels per acre. The District’s soybean yield was up 10.5 percent in 2014 from 2013, to

### Percent change in dollar value of “good” farmland

Top: October 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015

Bottom: January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015

	October 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015	January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015
Illinois	+1	-3
Indiana	-3	-2
Iowa	-1	-7
Michigan	-1	0
Wisconsin	+2	+2
Seventh District	0	-3



## Credit conditions at Seventh District agricultural banks

	Loan demand (index) <sup>b</sup>	Funds availability (index) <sup>b</sup>	Loan repayment rates (index) <sup>b</sup>	Average loan-to-deposit ratio (percent)	Interest rates on farm loans		
					Operating loans <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Feeder cattle <sup>a</sup> (percent)	Real estate <sup>a</sup> (percent)
<b>2013</b>							
Jan-Mar	67	161	143	63.7	4.91	5.12	4.60
Apr-June	87	142	129	64.6	4.94	5.16	4.65
July-Sept	91	128	115	66.9	4.94	5.14	4.68
Oct-Dec	120	121	91	67.3	4.99	5.10	4.94
<b>2014</b>							
Jan-Mar	114	128	96	67.0	4.93	5.07	4.66
Apr-June	110	123	93	67.3	4.86	4.98	4.67
July-Sept	123	106	85	69.5	4.89	5.01	4.62
Oct-Dec	137	109	69	70.6	4.87	5.03	4.61

<sup>a</sup>At end of period.

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quarter of 2014—which was half of a percentage point higher than a year ago.

Given the changes to credit quality, there were tighter credit standards too. Thirty-one percent of the survey respondents reported their banks had tightened credit standards for agricultural loans in the fourth quarter of 2014 relative to the fourth quarter of 2013, and 69 percent reported their banks had left credit standards essentially unchanged. Thus, credit availability in the final quarter of 2014 was more restricted than a year earlier. Credit tightening was also illustrated by 9 percent of survey respondents reporting that their banks required larger amounts of collateral for customers to qualify for non-real-estate farm loans during the October through December period of 2014 relative to the same period of a year ago and none of them reporting that their banks required smaller amounts. Funds availability during the fourth quarter of 2014 was above the level of a year ago: The index of funds availability moved up slightly to 109, as funds availability was higher at 17 percent of respondents' banks and lower at 8 percent. As of January 1, 2015, the average interest rates for farm operating loans (4.87 percent) and agricultural real estate loans (4.61 percent) were close to their all-time lows for the survey. Ticking up from the previous quarter, the average interest rate on feeder cattle loans stood at 5.03 percent at that time.

### Looking forward

Even with tighter credit standards, survey respondents noted only 1.4 percent of their farm customers with operating credit in 2014 were not likely to qualify for new operating credit in 2015. This percentage was only slightly higher than the level reported a year ago (for farm customers with operating credit in 2013). Responding bankers projected non-real-estate agricultural loan volumes (in particular, operating loans, feeder cattle loans, and loans guaranteed by the Farm Service Agency) to be higher in the first quarter of 2015 than in the same quarter of 2014. In contrast, they anticipated volumes for grain storage

loans, farm machinery loans, and farm real estate loans to be lower in the first quarter of 2015 relative to the same quarter of a year earlier.

Agricultural capital expenditures for land or improvements, buildings and facilities, machinery and equipment, and trucks and autos were all anticipated by survey respondents to be lower in the year ahead than in 2014. With 50 percent of the responding bankers expecting farmland values to decrease in the first quarter of 2015 and only 1 percent expecting them to increase, District farmland values seem to be headed lower. Nevertheless, agricultural credit conditions indicated only modest stress in the sector, and the vast majority of farm operations are expected to have no trouble qualifying for operating credit in 2015. Thus, large numbers of forced sales of farmland are unlikely to occur in 2015. By avoiding such a scenario, farmland values should simply drift lower over the coming months.

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## FARMLAND VALUES AND CREDIT CONDITIONS

### Summary

Agricultural land values in the Seventh Federal Reserve District suffered a third consecutive annual decrease, yet the 1 percent decrease for 2016 was smaller than the 3 percent declines for the previous two years. "Good" farmland values in the fourth quarter of 2016 were down 1 percent from the third quarter, according to 192 survey respondents from District banks. Nearly 60 percent of the survey respondents expected farmland values to be stable during the January through March period of 2017, while 40 percent expected farmland values to decrease in their local areas.

Farm credit conditions deteriorated further in the fourth quarter of 2016. Lower repayment rates on non-real-estate farm loans in the October through December period of 2016 versus the same period of 2015, combined with higher rates of loan renewals and extensions, suggested a worsening credit climate. Additionally, for 2017, 3 percent of farm loan customers were not expected to qualify for operating credit at the banks of the survey respondents. With non-real-estate loan demand up more than funds available for lending compared to their respective levels of a year ago, the average loan-to-deposit ratio for the District (75.0 percent) was higher than a year ago. Finally, average interest rates on agricultural loans jumped up at the end of 2016 to their highest levels since the end of 2013.

### Farmland values

The District experienced an annual decrease of 1 percent in "good" farmland values for 2016, marking the third year in a row of declines. However, this stretch of decreases has been much more moderate than the previous such stretch during the 1980s (see chart 1 on next page). Also, the final quarter of 2016 was the tenth straight quarter without the District as a whole seeing a year-over-year increase in agricultural land values. In the fourth quarter of 2016, Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan saw year-over-year decreases in agricultural land values, while Indiana and Wisconsin saw modest increases (see table and map below). The District's farmland values were down 1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2016 relative to the third quarter.

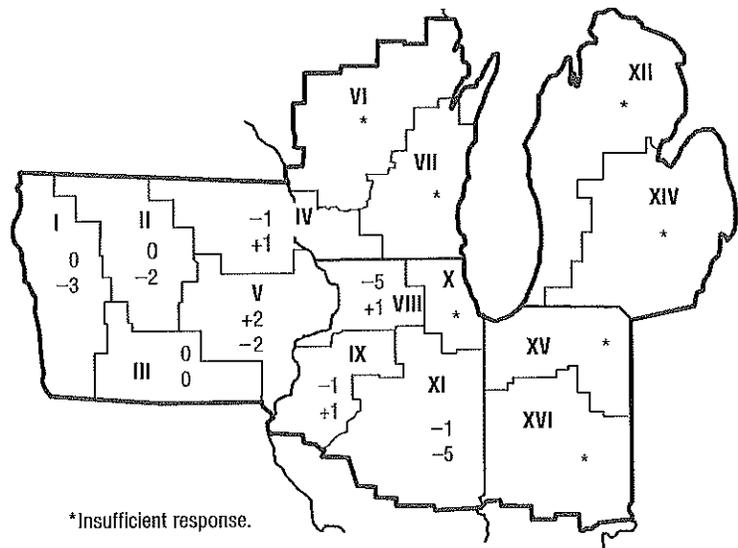
The District's decrease in farmland values for 2016 was 2 percent after adjusting for inflation. In real terms, the decrease in the District's agricultural land values from their peak in 2013 through the end of 2016 was 9.5 percent (see chart 2 on next page). Since their 2013 peaks, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan farmland values have experienced real declines of 11 percent, 7 percent, and 12 percent, respectively. Additionally, since their 2012 peak, Iowa farmland values have experienced a real decline of 15 percent. In contrast, Wisconsin agricultural land values have risen 4 percent in real terms since 2013. (Changes in farmland values are based on index values adjusted for inflation.) Even after

### Percent change in dollar value of "good" farmland

Top: October 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017

Bottom: January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017

	October 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017	January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017
Illinois	-1	-2
Indiana	-2	+2
Iowa	0	-2
Michigan	-1	-8
Wisconsin	-2	+3
Seventh District	-1	-1



\*Insufficient response.

## Credit conditions at Seventh District agricultural banks

	Loan demand	Funds availability	Loan repayment rates	Average loan-to-deposit ratio	Interest rates on farm loans		
					Operating loans <sup>a</sup>	Feeder cattle <sup>a</sup>	Real estate <sup>a</sup>
	(index) <sup>b</sup>	(index) <sup>b</sup>	(index) <sup>b</sup>	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>2015</b>							
Jan-Mar	141	105	57	69.0	4.80	4.95	4.57
Apr-June	140	102	64	72.1	4.81	4.97	4.64
July-Sept	125	105	60	72.3	4.82	4.96	4.58
Oct-Dec	134	104	43	72.9	4.96	5.07	4.67
<b>2016</b>							
Jan-Mar	156	105	32	73.3	4.91	5.01	4.65
Apr-June	126	108	48	72.6	4.89	5.05	4.57
July-Sept	132	103	48	75.3	4.87	4.95	4.57
Oct-Dec	114	105	65	75.0	5.03	5.10	4.71

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had tighter credit standards for agricultural loans in the fourth quarter of 2016 relative to the fourth quarter of 2015 and 60 percent reported no change. In addition, 24 percent of responding bankers noted that their banks required larger amounts of collateral for customers to qualify for non-real-estate farm loans during the October through December period of 2016 relative to the same period of a year ago, and only 1 percent required smaller amounts. Another notable development was an upward shift in agricultural interest rates. As of January 1, 2017, the average interest rates for farm operating loans (5.03 percent), feeder cattle loans (5.10 percent), and agricultural real estate loans (4.71 percent) were all at their highest levels since the end of 2013.

During the October through December period of 2016 there was more interest among agricultural producers in taking out non-real-estate loans than during the same period of 2015. With 34 percent of survey respondents seeing an increase in the demand for non-real-estate loans and 20 percent seeing a decrease, the index of loan demand stood at 114 in the fourth quarter of 2016. Funds availability during the fourth quarter of 2016 was also above the level of a year ago, as it had been in the final quarter of every year since 2000. The index of funds availability was up a bit at 105, with funds availability higher at 12 percent of the survey respondents' banks and lower at 7 percent. The District's average loan-to-deposit ratio was higher than a year ago, at 75.0 percent—5.8 percentage points below the average level desired by the responding bankers.

### Looking forward

Survey respondents indicated 3 percent of their farm customers with operating credit in 2016 were not likely to qualify for new operating credit in 2017 (up a full percentage point from their year-ago projections for 2016). Responding bankers anticipated non-real-estate agricultural loan volumes (primarily operating loans and loans guaranteed by the USDA's Farm Service Agency) to be higher during the first quarter of 2017 relative to the same quarter of a

year earlier. Volumes for grain storage loans, farm machinery loans, feeder cattle loans, and farm real estate loans were forecasted to be lower in the January through March period of 2017 relative to the same period of 2016.

At the end of 2016, survey respondents still expected capital spending by farmers to be lower in the year ahead compared with the year just ending. The outlook for capital spending on land or improvements, buildings and facilities, machinery and equipment, and trucks and autos hasn't been positive since the end of 2012. Also, 40 percent of the responding bankers envisaged agricultural land values to decline in the first quarter of 2016, while almost 60 percent envisaged them to be steady. According to a survey respondent, "2016 ended much better than expected," assisted by strong crop yields and some increases in product prices from a year ago. Yet, survey respondents forecasted the downward trends for farmland values and agricultural credit conditions to continue into 2017.

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January 1, 2017

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

Line #	Column	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		Source or Formula:
		Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans	Corn	Beans	
1	Yield	146	45.5	99	44	177	51.5	188	55.5	150	50	173	57.5	IASS - Crop Summary
2	Price - November	5.94	11.80	7.43	14.60	4.17	12.70	3.54	10.20	3.99	8.77	3.44	9.64	IASS - Crop Prices
3	Price - Annual Avg.	6.24	12.81	6.96	14.23	6.22	14.36	4.20	12.74	3.88	9.70	3.78	9.71	DLGF Calculation
4	Price - Market Avg.	5.38	11.50	6.31	12.70	7.23	14.70	4.47	13.20	3.75	10.20	3.85	9.16	IASS - Crop Prices
5	GI - November	867.24	536.90	735.57	642.40	738.09	654.05	665.52	566.10	598.50	438.50	595.12	554.30	Line 1 times Line 2
6	GI - Annual Avg.	911.04	582.86	689.04	626.12	1100.94	739.54	789.60	707.07	582.00	485.00	653.94	558.33	Line 1 times Line 3
7	GI - Market Avg.	785.48	523.25	624.69	558.80	1279.71	757.05	840.36	732.60	562.50	510.00	666.05	526.70	Line 1 times Line 4
8	AA v Nov	43.80	45.96	-46.53	-16.28	362.85	85.49	124.08	140.97	-16.50	46.50	58.82	4.02	Line 6 minus Line 5
9	MA v Nov	-81.76	-13.65	-110.88	-83.60	541.62	103.00	174.84	166.50	-36.00	71.50	70.93	-27.60	Line 7 minus Line 5
10	NRTL - November	255		159		159		70		-50		40		DLGF Calculation
11	NRTL - Annual Avg	300		128		383		203		-35		71		Line 10 + or - Avg. Line 8
12	NRTL - Market Avg	207		62		481		241		-32		62		Line 10 + or - Avg. Line 9
13	NRTL Average	254		116		341		171		-39		58		Average Lines 10, 11, & 12
14	FRBC RE Rate	0.0550		0.0490		0.0472		0.0464		0.0462		0.0463		Fed. Res. Bank of Chicago
15	FRBC OP Rate	0.0572		0.0521		0.0495		0.0489		0.0485		0.0493		Fed. Res. Bank of Chicago
16	Avg. FRBC Rate	0.0561		0.0506		0.0484		0.0477		0.0474		0.0478		Average Lines 14 & 15
17	Operating Market Value In Use	4,528		2,292		7,045		3,585		-823		1,213		Line 13 / Line 16

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

Sources: (pages references within this packet)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1	Yield	P-35	P-35	P-35	P-35	P-35
2	Price - November	P-40 & 41				
3	Price - Annual Avg.	P-40 & 41				
4	Price - Market Avg.	P-40 & 41				
10	NRTL - November	P-34 Line 12				
14	FRBC RE Rate	P-26 & 28	P-26 & 30	P-26 & 30	P-26 & 32	P-26 & 32
15	FRBC OP Rate	P-26 & 28	P-26 & 28	P-26 & 30	P-26 & 32	P-26 & 32
16	Avg. FRBC Rate	P-26	P-26	P-26	P-26	P-26

Line #	A 2011		B 2011		C 2012		D 2012		E 2013		F 2013		G 2014		H 2014		I 2015		J 2015		K 2016		L 2016		Source of Information	
	Corn	Beans																								
1	146	45.5	99	44	177	51.5	188	55.5	150	50	173	57.5	150	50	173	57.5	150	50	173	57.5	150	50	173	57.5	IN Ag. Stats. Service	
2	5.94	11.80	7.43	14.60	4.17	12.70	3.54	10.20	3.99	8.77	3.44	9.64	3.99	8.77	3.44	9.64	3.99	8.77	3.44	9.64	3.99	8.77	3.44	9.64	IN Ag. Stats. Service	
3	867	537	736	642	738	654	666	566	599	439	595	554	599	439	595	554	599	439	595	554	599	439	595	554	Line 1 X Line 2	
4	397	200	461	243	462	239	432	227	446	222	399	203	446	222	399	203	446	222	399	203	446	222	399	203	Purdue Crop Guide	
5	470	337	275	399	276	415	234	339	153	217	196	351	234	339	153	217	196	351	153	217	196	351	20	284	Line 3 - Line 4	
6	24		25		26		8		18		194		8		18		194		18		194		20	284	IN Ag. Stats. Service	
7	416		349		359		290		359		194		290		359		194		359		194		20	284	Lines 5 + 6 / 2	
8	76		102		111		115		111		119		115		119		119		119		119		122		Purdue Crop Guide	
9	12																									Purdue Crop Guide
10	52		65		64		78		64		93		78		93		93		93		93		91		Purdue Crop Guide	
11	21		23		25		27		25		31		27		31		31		31		31		31			DLGF Study
12	255		159		159		70		159		-50		70		-50		-50		-50		-50		40			Line 7 - 8,9,10, 11

Sources: (pages references within this packet)

Line #	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		Source of Information
	P-35	P-40 & 41											
1	P-35	P-40 & 41	IN Ag. Stats. Service										
2	P-35	P-40 & 41	IN Ag. Stats. Service										
4	P-45		P-48		P-51		P-54		P-57		P-60		Purdue Crop Guide
6	P-63		IN Ag. Stats. Service										
8	P-47		P-50		P-53		P-56		P-59		P-62		Purdue Crop Guide
9	P-47		N/A		Purdue Crop Guide								
10	P-47		P-50		P-53		P-56		P-59		P-62		Purdue Crop Guide
11	P-25		DLGF Study										

Foundation for Calculation: Doster/Huie Publication titled "A Method for Assessing Indiana Cropland-An Income Approach to Value" dated June 24, 1999 (See P-10 thru P-14 with emphasis on Table 1 found on P-13)

**Indiana Corn Yields:**

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	P-36
2012	99	P-36
2013	177	P-36
2014	188	P-36
2015	150	P-36
2016	173	P-37

**Indiana Soybean Yields:**

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	45.5	P-38
2012	44	P-38
2013	51.5	P-38
2014	55.5	P-38
2015	50	P-38
2016	57.5	P-39

Source: Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service

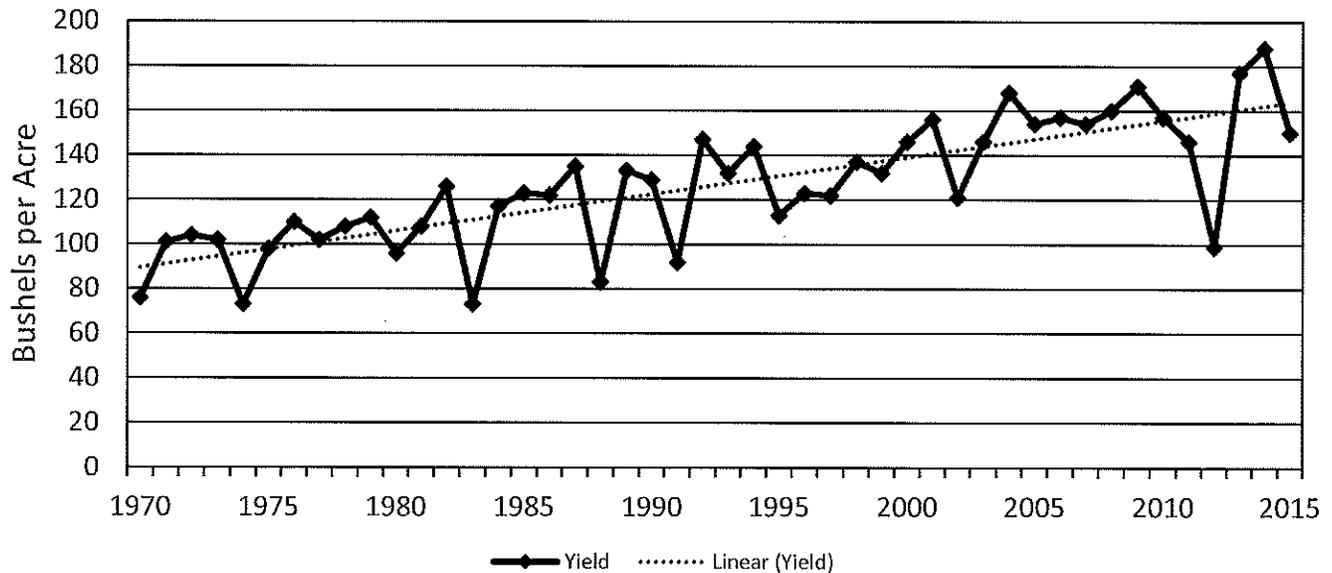
# CROP SUMMARY

## CORN FORECAST AND FINAL YIELD INDIANA, 1991-2015

Year	August Forecast	September Forecast	October Forecast	November Forecast	Final Yield Per Acre
	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	(Bushels)
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	156	157	167	169	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
2012	100	100	100	100	99
2013	166	166	( <sup>1</sup> )	174	177
2014	179	184	186	186	188
<b>2015</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>150</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data not available due to sequestration.

## Corn Yield Trend Indiana, 1970-2015



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Program	Year	Period	Week Ending	Geo Level	State	State ANSI	Ag District	Ag District Code	County	County ANSI	Zip Code	Region	watershed_code	Watershed	Commodity	Data Item	Domain	Domain Category	Value	CV (%)
SURVEY	2016	YEAR		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	173	
SURVEY	2016	YEAR - AUG FORECAST		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	187	
SURVEY	2016	YEAR - NOV FORECAST		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	177	
SURVEY	2016	YEAR - OCT FORECAST		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	177	
SURVEY	2016	YEAR - SEP FORECAST		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	185	

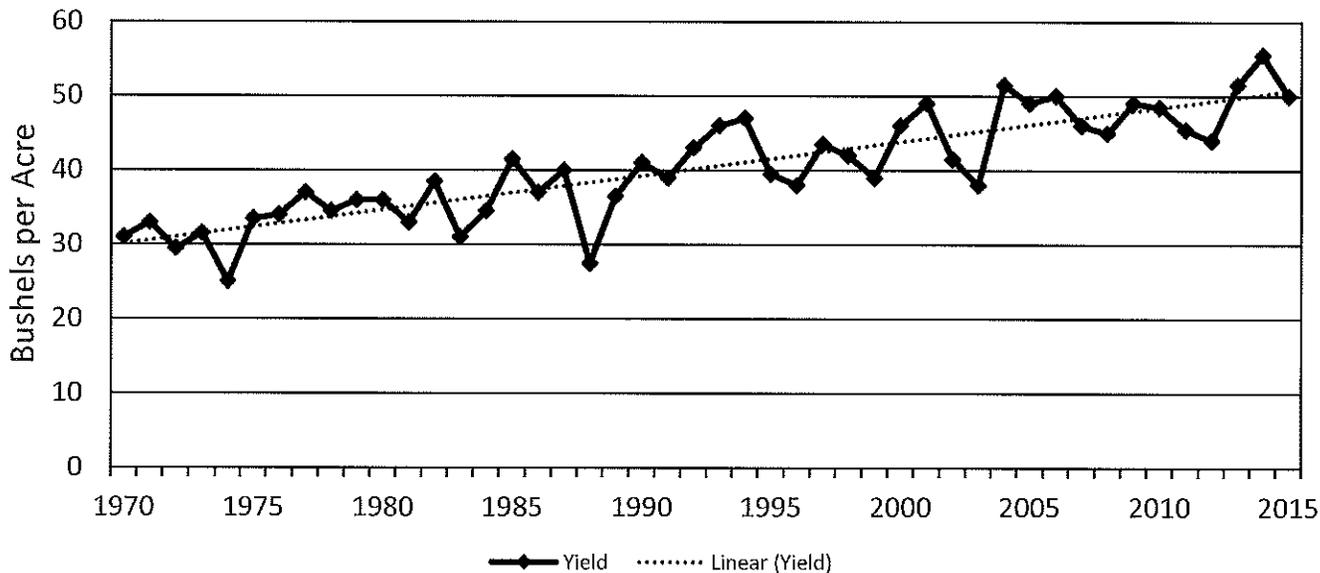
# CROP SUMMARY

## SOYBEAN FORECAST AND FINAL YIELD INDIANA, 1991-2015

Year	August Forecast	September Forecast	October Forecast	November Forecast	Final Yield Per Acre
	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	Yield (Bu)	(Bushels)
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	45.5
2012	37.0	37.0	41.0	44.0	44.0
2013	50.0	48.0	(1)	50.0	51.5
2014	51.0	52.0	54.0	54.0	55.5
<b>2015</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>

Data not available due to sequestration.

## Soybean Yield Trend Indiana, 1970-2015



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Program	Year	Period	Week Ending	Geo Level	State	State ANSI	Ag District	Ag District Code	County	County ANSI	Zip Code	Region	watershed_code	Watershed	Commodity	Data Item	Domain	Domain Category	Value	CV (%)
SURVEY	2016	YEAR		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	57.5	
SURVEY	2016	YEAR - AUG FORECAST		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	55	
SURVEY	2016	YEAR - NOV FORECAST		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	59	
SURVEY	2016	YEAR - OCT FORECAST		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	59	
SURVEY	2016	YEAR - SEP FORECAST		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - YIELD, MEASURED IN BU / ACRE	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	58	

Corn Prices

Source: Indiana Agricultural Statistics

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Average	Marketing Average *
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	5.94	6.02	6.24	5.38
2012	6.21	6.46	6.59	6.56	6.52	6.55	7.43	7.92	7.37	7.22	7.43	7.27	6.96	6.31
2013	7.26	7.38	7.48	7.12	7.16	7.15	6.71	6.38	5.11	4.34	4.17	4.37	6.22	7.23
2014	4.49	4.48	4.68	4.86	4.91	4.63	4.07	3.88	3.59	3.48	3.54	3.80	4.20	4.47
2015	3.86	3.93	3.94	3.84	3.74	3.67	4.03	3.90	3.85	3.87	3.99	3.88	3.88	3.75
2016	3.97	3.92	3.93	3.98	4.09	4.26	3.89	3.54	3.41	3.40	3.44	3.57	3.78	3.85

\*Marketing average is Sept. of the previous year to Aug. in the current year.

Source: Pages 42 & 43 of this packet

Soybean Prices  
 Source: Indiana Agricultural Statistics

	Annual Marketing													
	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average *	
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
2012	12.20	12.50	13.10	14.00	14.10	14.10	15.90	16.40	14.80	14.50	14.60	14.50	14.23	12.70
2013	14.60	14.80	15.00	14.70	15.10	15.60	15.80	14.90	13.40	12.60	12.70	13.10	14.36	14.70
2014	13.20	13.40	13.90	14.60	14.80	14.70	13.70	12.90	11.00	10.00	10.20	10.50	12.74	13.20
2015	10.50	10.20	10.10	9.94	9.91	9.91	10.30	10.00	9.00	8.80	8.77	8.95	9.70	10.20
2016	8.93	8.80	8.90	9.28	10.10	10.90	10.70	10.30	9.62	9.45	9.64	9.90	9.71	9.16

\*Marketing average is Sept. of the previous year to Aug. in the current year.

Source: Page 42 & 44 of this packet

# CROP PRICES

## MONTHLY PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS CROPS, INDIANA, 2009-2016 <sup>1</sup>

Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Marketing Year Avg.
<b><u>Corn (Dollars per Bushel)</u></b>													
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	5.94	6.02	6.21	6.46	6.59	6.56	6.52	6.55	7.43	7.92	6.31
2012-13	7.37	7.22	7.43	7.27	7.26	7.38	7.48	7.12	7.16	7.15	6.71	6.38	7.23
2013-14	5.11	4.34	4.17	4.37	4.49	4.48	4.68	4.86	4.91	4.63	4.07	3.88	4.47
2014-15	3.59	3.48	3.54	3.80	3.86	3.93	3.94	3.84	3.74	3.67	4.03	3.90	3.75
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>3.99</b>	<b>3.88</b>	<b>3.97</b>	<b>3.92</b>	<b>3.93</b>	<b>3.98</b>	<b>4.09</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>3.54</b>	<b>3.85</b>
<b><u>Soybeans (Dollars per Bushel)</u></b>													
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
2012-13	14.80	14.50	14.60	14.50	14.60	14.80	15.00	14.70	15.10	15.60	15.80	14.90	14.70
2013-14	13.40	12.60	12.70	13.10	13.20	13.40	13.90	14.60	14.80	14.70	13.70	12.90	13.20
2014-15	11.00	10.00	10.20	10.50	10.50	10.20	10.10	9.94	9.91	9.91	10.30	10.00	10.20
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>8.77</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>8.93</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>9.28</b>	<b>10.10</b>	<b>10.90</b>	<b>10.70</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>9.16</b>
Year	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Marketing Year Avg.
<b><u>Wheat (Dollars per Bushel)</u></b>													
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
2012-13	6.62	8.25	8.56	8.88	8.97	8.63	8.56	8.12	7.80	7.27	7.23	7.08	7.28
2013-14	6.75	6.54	6.15	6.29	6.05	6.44	6.22	6.11	6.09	6.07	6.33	6.24	6.42
2014-15	5.64	5.20	4.88	4.54	4.83	4.19	5.42	5.42	5.48	5.47	4.83	4.72	5.22
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>5.28</b>	<b>4.91</b>	<b>4.61</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>4.98</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>5.05</b>	<b>4.59</b>	<b>5.14</b>	<b>4.48</b>	<b>4.20</b>	<b>4.41</b>	<b>4.88</b>

<sup>1</sup> Weighted monthly average for market year. 2015 and 2016 are preliminary.

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SURVEY	2016	JAN		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.97	
SURVEY	2016	FEB		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.92	
SURVEY	2016	MAR		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.93	
SURVEY	2016	APR		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.97	
SURVEY	2016	MAY		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	4.09	
SURVEY	2016	JUN		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	4.26	
SURVEY	2016	JUL		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.89	
SURVEY	2016	AUG		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.54	
SURVEY	2016	SEP		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.41	
SURVEY	2016	OCT		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.4	
SURVEY	2016	NOV		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.44	
SURVEY	2016	DEC		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		CORN	CORN, GRAIN - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	3.57	

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SURVEY	2016	JAN		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	8.93	
SURVEY	2016	FEB		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	8.8	
SURVEY	2016	MAR		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	8.9	
SURVEY	2016	APR		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	9.29	
SURVEY	2016	MAY		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	10.1	
SURVEY	2016	JUN		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	10.9	
SURVEY	2016	JUL		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	10.7	
SURVEY	2016	AUG		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	10.3	
SURVEY	2016	SEP		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	9.62	
SURVEY	2016	OCT		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	9.45	
SURVEY	2016	NOV		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	9.64	
SURVEY	2016	DEC		STATE	INDIANA	18							00000000		SOYBEANS	SOYBEANS - PRICE RECEIVED, MEASURED IN \$ / BU	TOTAL	NOT SPECIFIED	9.9	

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## January 2011 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

	Crop Budgets for Three Yield Levels <sup>1</sup>														
	Low Productivity Soil				Average Productivity Soil				High Productivity Soil						
	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Beans	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Beans	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Beans	DC Beans			
Expected yield per acre <sup>2</sup>	121	129	39	62	23	151	161	49	70	29	181	193	59	84	35
Harvest price <sup>3</sup>	\$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 <sup>4</sup>															
Fertilizer <sup>5</sup>	\$151	\$138	\$57	\$84	\$38	\$162	\$151	\$69	\$97	\$45	\$174	\$163	\$81	\$120	\$52
Seed <sup>6</sup>	82	82	59	39	68	99	99	59	39	68	99	99	59	39	68
Pesticides <sup>7</sup>	35	35	27	7	25	35	35	27	7	25	35	35	27	7	25
Dryer fuel <sup>8</sup>	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 <sup>9</sup>	14	14	10	10	10	14	14	10	10	10	14	14	10	10	10
Hauling <sup>10</sup>	11	12	4	6	2	14	15	5	6	3	17	18	5	8	3
Interest <sup>11</sup>	11	10	6	5	5	12	11	6	5	5	6	6	7	6	6
Insurance/misc. <sup>12</sup>	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 <sup>13</sup>	\$293	\$357	\$325	\$341	\$136	\$422	\$495	\$443	\$394	\$206	\$572	\$656	\$561	\$483	\$276
(Revenue - variable costs) per acre															

<sup>1</sup>Estimated 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.

<sup>2</sup>These 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.

<sup>3</sup>Harvest 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 \$0.80 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)**

<sup>4</sup>Input prices for variable costs reflect expected prices for 2011. 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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 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, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, and lime by crop and soil were as follows: continuous corn, 190-45-53-570, 190-56-61-570, 190-67-69-570; rotation corn, 160-50-53-480, 160-48-55-480, 160-50-53-480; rotation beans, 0-31-75-0, 0-39-89-0, 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.: NH<sub>3</sub> @ \$0.49; urea @ \$0.57; P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> @ \$0.66; K<sub>2</sub>O @ \$0.48; lime @ \$19.00/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.

<sup>6</sup> Corn 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 2010, biotech corn seed prices averaged 54% more than non-biotech corn seed, which was down from 69% 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.

<sup>7</sup> Includes 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>11</sup> Interest 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.

<sup>12</sup> The cost of crop insurance represents the premium for a Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) policy at the 75% level. Since rates for the 2011 crop year are not available, estimates were based on rates in 2010. These revenue insurance rates contain a base price of \$3.99 per bushel for corn and \$9.23 per bushel for soybeans. Per acre rates will change based on the price guarantees, volatility parameters, and level of protection selected for the 2011 crop year. Since the base price for corn and soybeans is expected to be much higher for the 2011 revenue protection products, 2011 premiums will be higher. Crop insurance is included in budgets for corn and full-season soybeans, but is not included for wheat and double-crop soybeans.

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Rotations 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.

<sup>2</sup>Crop's contribution margin is the per acre contribution margin from Table 1.

<sup>3</sup>Government 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, 2011. 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 signup 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>.

<sup>4</sup>The 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.

<sup>5</sup>For the larger acreages, labor expense includes a family living withdrawal of \$7,543 (\$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.

<sup>6</sup>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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Expected yield per acre <sup>2</sup>	122	130	43	56	30	153	163	54	70	38	184	196	65	84	46	
Harvest price <sup>3</sup>	\$5.60	\$11.90	\$11.90	\$6.40	\$11.90	\$5.60	\$11.90	\$11.90	\$6.40	\$11.90	\$5.60	\$5.60	\$11.90	\$6.40	\$11.90	
Market revenue	\$683	\$728	\$512	\$358	\$357	\$857	\$913	\$643	\$448	\$452	\$1,030	\$1,098	\$774	\$538	\$547	
Less variable costs <sup>4</sup>																
Fertilizer <sup>5</sup>	\$182	\$162	\$68	\$79	\$51	\$194	\$175	\$83	\$104	\$62	\$207	\$189	\$98	\$129	\$72	
Seed <sup>6</sup>	87	87	62	41	72	107	107	62	41	72	107	107	62	41	72	
Pesticides <sup>7</sup>	38	38	29	8	26	38	38	29	8	26	38	38	29	8	26	
Dryer fuel <sup>8</sup>	32	26	N/A	N/A	3	40	32	N/A	N/A	4	49	39	N/A	N/A	5	
Machinery fuel @ \$3.60	27	27	16	16	12	27	27	16	16	12	27	27	16	16	12	
Machinery repairs <sup>9</sup>	21	21	18	18	15	21	21	18	18	15	21	21	18	18	15	
Hauling <sup>10</sup>	11	12	4	5	3	14	15	5	6	4	17	18	6	8	4	
Interest <sup>11</sup>	12	12	7	5	6	13	13	7	6	6	7	7	8	7	7	
Insurance/misc. <sup>12</sup>	32	33	23	3	4	32	33	23	3	4	32	33	23	3	4	
Total variable cost	\$442	\$418	\$227	\$175	\$192	\$486	\$461	\$243	\$202	\$205	\$505	\$479	\$260	\$230	\$217	
Contribution margin <sup>13</sup>	\$241	\$310	\$285	\$183	\$165	\$371	\$452	\$400	\$246	\$247	\$525	\$619	\$514	\$308	\$330	
(Revenue - variable costs)																

<sup>1</sup>Estimated 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.

<sup>2</sup>These 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, full-season soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 94%; rotation soybeans 33%; and wheat 43%. Double-crop soybean yields are 70% of full-season soybean yields. 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 20 year trend in state average yields reported by the Indiana office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>3</sup>Harvest corn price is December 2012 CME Group futures price less \$0.25 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2012 CME Group futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2012 CME Group futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest prices were based on closing prices on January 9, 2012. These prices will change.

**Table 1 (Continued)**

- <sup>4</sup>Input prices for variable costs reflect expected prices for 2012. 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.
- <sup>5</sup>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, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, and lime by crop and soil were as follows: continuous corn, 220-45-53-660, 220-56-61-660, 220-67-69-660; rotation corn, 180-48-55-540, 180-60-63-540, 180-71-72-540; rotation beans, 0-34-80-0, 0-43-96-0, 0-52-111-0; wheat, 58-38-42-172, 84-47-48-251, 110-57-53-330; double crop beans, 0-24-62-0, 0-30-73-0, 0-37-84-0. Fertilizer prices per lb.: NH<sub>3</sub> @ \$0.52; P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> @ \$0.54; urea @ \$0.66; K<sub>2</sub>O @ \$0.57; lime @ \$19.00/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. The economically optimal nitrogen rate for corn has been increased in this estimate relative to the 2011 crop costs and returns (published in January 2011).
- <sup>6</sup>Corn 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 2010, biotech corn seed prices averaged 54% more than non-biotech corn seed, which was down from 69% more a year earlier. Seeding rates for corn are 27,000 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. The seeding rate for wheat is two bushels per acre.
- <sup>7</sup>Includes 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.
- <sup>8</sup>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.
- <sup>9</sup>Repairs are based on approximately 5-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be higher.
- <sup>10</sup>Hauling charge represents moving grain from field to storage. (Based on Machinery Cost Estimates: Harvesting, University of Illinois, Farm Business Management Handbook, April 2010.)
- <sup>11</sup>Interest is based on 6% 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.
- <sup>12</sup>The cost of crop insurance represents the premium estimated for a Revenue Coverage (RP) policy at the 75% level. Since rates for the 2012 crop year are not available, estimates were based on rates in 2011. These revenue insurance rates contain a base price of \$6.01 per bushel for corn and \$13.49 per bushel for soybeans, which were the base prices for the 2011 crops. Per acre rates will change based on the price guarantees, volatility parameters, and level of protection selected for the 2012 crop year. Crop insurance is included in budgets for corn and full-season soybeans, but is not included for wheat and double-crop soybeans. Revenue Protection coverage was new for 2011.
- <sup>13</sup>Contribution margin is the return to labor and management, machinery services, land resources, and risk.

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

Farm Acres Rotation <sup>1</sup>	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	
Crop contribution margin <sup>2</sup>	\$241	\$298	\$241	\$298	\$241	\$298	\$241	\$298	\$371	\$426	\$371	\$426	\$371	\$426	\$371	\$426	\$525	\$567	\$525	\$567	\$525	\$567	\$525	\$567	
Government payment <sup>3</sup>	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	
Total contribution margin	\$258	\$315	\$258	\$315	\$258	\$315	\$258	\$315	\$391	\$446	\$391	\$446	\$391	\$446	\$391	\$446	\$550	\$592	\$550	\$592	\$550	\$592	\$550	\$592	
Annual overhead costs: <sup>4</sup>																									
Machinery ownership <sup>4</sup>	\$111	\$96	\$91	\$77	\$91	\$77	\$91	\$77	\$118	\$102	\$96	\$82	\$96	\$82	\$96	\$82	\$121	\$104	\$98	\$84	\$98	\$84	\$98	\$84	
Family and hired labor <sup>5</sup>	\$74	\$65	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$45	\$74	\$65	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$45	\$74	\$65	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$45	
Land <sup>6</sup>	\$146	\$146	\$146	\$146	\$146	\$146	\$146	\$146	\$189	\$189	\$189	\$189	\$189	\$189	\$189	\$189	\$239	\$239	\$239	\$239	\$239	\$239	\$239	\$239	
Earnings or (losses)	-\$73	\$8	-\$29	\$47	-\$29	\$47	-\$29	\$47	\$10	\$90	\$55	\$130	\$55	\$130	\$55	\$130	\$116	\$184	\$116	\$184	\$116	\$184	\$116	\$184	

<sup>1</sup>Rotations 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.

<sup>2</sup>Crop's contribution margin is the per acre contribution margin from Table 1.

<sup>3</sup>Government 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 2012. 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, 2012. 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 signup 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>.

<sup>4</sup>The 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.

<sup>5</sup>For the larger acreages, labor expense includes a family living withdrawal of \$58,297 (\$74,209 of family living expenses less \$35,976 in net nonfarm income plus \$20,064 in income and self-employment taxes) and a full-time employee with total compensation of \$41,612. The balance is used for part-time hired labor. Family living withdrawal is from Farm Income & Production Costs for 2010, University of Illinois Extension, AE-4566, April 2011. 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.

<sup>6</sup>Based on 2011 cash rent per bushel of corn yield reported in the article entitled "Indiana Farmland Market Continues to Sizzle," Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, August, 2011. The relatively large estimated contribution margins for 2012 will likely place upward pressure on 2012 cash rents.

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# 2013 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide

## November 2012 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

	Crop Budgets for Three Yield Levels <sup>1</sup>															
	Low Productivity Soil				Average Productivity Soil				High Productivity Soil							
	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Beans	Wheat	DC Beans	
Expected yield per acre <sup>2</sup>	122	130	43	56	30	153	163	54	70	38	184	196	65	84	46	
Harvest price <sup>3</sup>	\$5.80	\$5.80	\$12.40	\$8.20	\$12.40	\$5.80	\$5.80	\$12.40	\$8.20	\$12.40	\$5.80	\$5.80	\$12.40	\$8.20	\$12.40	
Market revenue	\$708	\$754	\$533	\$459	\$372	\$887	\$945	\$670	\$574	\$471	\$1,067	\$1,137	\$806	\$689	\$570	
Less variable costs <sup>4</sup>																
Fertilizer <sup>5</sup>	\$184	\$164	\$64	\$78	\$48	\$195	\$176	\$77	\$103	\$58	\$207	\$188	\$91	\$127	\$68	
Seed <sup>6</sup>	94	94	69	41	80	115	115	69	41	80	115	115	69	41	80	
Pesticides <sup>7</sup>	38	38	24	10	23	38	38	24	10	23	38	38	24	10	23	
Dryer fuel <sup>8</sup>	23	19	N/A	N/A	3	29	23	N/A	N/A	4	35	28	N/A	N/A	5	
Machinery fuel @ \$3.45	26	26	16	16	11	26	26	16	16	11	26	26	16	16	11	
Machinery repairs <sup>9</sup>	22	22	18	18	15	22	22	18	18	15	22	22	18	18	15	
Hauling <sup>10</sup>	12	13	4	6	3	15	16	5	7	4	18	20	7	8	5	
Interest <sup>11</sup>	13	12	6	5	6	14	13	7	6	6	7	7	8	7	7	
Insurance/misc. <sup>12</sup>	32	33	23	3	4	32	33	23	3	4	32	33	23	3	4	
Total variable cost	\$444	\$421	\$224	\$177	\$193	\$486	\$462	\$239	\$204	\$205	\$500	\$477	\$256	\$230	\$218	
Contribution margin <sup>13</sup>	\$264	\$333	\$309	\$282	\$179	\$401	\$483	\$431	\$370	\$266	\$567	\$660	\$550	\$459	\$352	
(Revenue - variable costs) per acre																

<sup>1</sup>Estimated 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.

<sup>2</sup>These 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, full-season soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 94%; rotation soybeans 31%; and wheat 43%. Double-crop soybean yields are 70% of full-season soybean yields. 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 long-run trends in state average yields reported by the Indiana office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>3</sup>Harvest corn price is December 2013 CME Group futures price less \$0.25 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2013 CME Group futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2013 CME Group futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest prices were based on closing prices on November 15, 2012. These prices will change.

**Table 1 (Continued)**

- <sup>4</sup>Input prices for variable costs reflect expected prices for 2013. 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.
- <sup>5</sup>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, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, and lime by crop and soil were as follows: continuous corn, 220-45-53-660, 220-56-61-660, 220-67-69-660; rotation corn, 180-48-55-540, 180-60-63-540, 180-71-72-540; rotation beans, 0-34-80-0, 0-43-96-0, 0-52-111-0; wheat, 58-38-42-172, 84-47-48-251, 110-57-53-330, double crop beans, 0-24-62-0, 0-30-73-0, 0-37-84-0. Fertilizer prices per lb.: NH<sub>3</sub> @ \$0.55; urea @ \$0.65; P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> @ \$0.62; K<sub>2</sub>O @ \$0.53; lime @ \$19.00/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.
- <sup>6</sup>Corn 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. Seeding rates for corn are 27,000 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. The seeding rate for wheat is two bushels per acre.
- <sup>7</sup>Includes 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.
- <sup>8</sup>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.
- <sup>9</sup>Repairs are based on approximately 5-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be higher.
- <sup>10</sup>Hauling charge represents moving grain from field to storage.
- <sup>11</sup>Interest 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.
- <sup>12</sup>The cost of crop insurance represents the premium estimated for a Revenue Coverage (RC) policy at the 75% level. Estimates were based on rates in 2012. Crop insurance is included in budgets for corn and full-season soybeans, but is not included for wheat and double-crop soybeans.
- <sup>13</sup>Contribution margin is the return to labor and management, machinery services, land resources, and risk.

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

Farm Acres Rotation <sup>1</sup>	Low Productivity Soil			Average Productivity Soil			High Productivity Soil			
	900 c-c	1000 c-b	2700 c-c	900 c-c	1000 c-b	2700 c-c	900 c-c	1000 c-b	2700 c-c	3000 c-b
Crop contribution margin <sup>2</sup>	\$264	\$321	\$264	\$401	\$457	\$401	\$567	\$605	\$567	\$605
Government payment <sup>3</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total contribution margin	\$264	\$321	\$264	\$401	\$457	\$401	\$567	\$605	\$567	\$605
Annual overhead costs:										
Machinery ownership <sup>4</sup>	\$123	\$111	\$99	\$123	\$111	\$99	\$123	\$111	\$99	\$89
Family and hired labor <sup>5</sup>	\$71	\$64	\$38	\$71	\$64	\$38	\$71	\$64	\$38	\$34
Land <sup>6</sup>	\$164	\$164	\$164	\$214	\$214	\$214	\$270	\$270	\$270	\$270
Earnings or (losses)	-\$95	-\$18	-\$37	-\$7	\$68	-\$50	\$103	\$160	\$160	\$212

<sup>1</sup>Rotations 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.

<sup>2</sup>Crop's contribution margin is the per acre contribution margin from Table 1.

<sup>3</sup>It is assumed that the upcoming farm bill will not contain a provision for direct payments or ACRE payments.

<sup>4</sup>The 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. 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.

<sup>5</sup>For the larger acreages, labor expense includes a family living withdrawal of \$63,930 (\$79,658 of family living expenses less \$35,454 in net nonfarm income plus \$19,726 in income and self-employment taxes); a full-time employee with total compensation of \$36,762; and a part-time employee with compensation of \$3,086. Family living withdrawal information is obtained from Illinois FBFM summary information. Employee compensation is based on Employee Wage Rates and Compensation Packages on Kansas Farms, Kansas State University, August 2012. For the smaller acreages, labor expense includes the same family living withdrawal and no hired labor. Labor costs are likely to vary widely from farm to farm.

<sup>6</sup>Based on 2012 cash rent per bushel of corn yield reported in the article entitled "Indiana's Farmland Market Continues Moving Higher," Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, August, 2012. The relatively large estimated contribution margins for 2013 will likely place upward pressure on 2013 cash rents.

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# 2014 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide

## March 2014 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

	Crop Budgets for Three Yield Levels <sup>1</sup>														
	Low Productivity Soil				Average Productivity Soil				High Productivity Soil						
	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Rot. Beans	DC Beans			
Expected yield per acre <sup>2</sup>	122	130	43	56	153	163	54	70	38	184	196	65	84	46	
Harvest price <sup>3</sup>	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$11.40	\$6.50	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$11.40	\$6.50	\$11.40	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$11.40	\$6.50	\$11.40	
Market revenue	\$561	\$598	\$490	\$384	\$704	\$750	\$616	\$455	\$433	\$846	\$902	\$741	\$546	\$524	
Less variable costs <sup>4</sup>															
Fertilizer <sup>5</sup>	\$141	\$127	\$48	\$64	\$151	\$136	\$58	\$85	\$43	\$160	\$146	\$69	\$106	\$51	
Seed <sup>6</sup>	96	96	71	44	118	118	71	44	81	118	118	71	44	81	
Pesticides <sup>7</sup>	44	44	29	12	44	44	29	12	27	44	44	29	12	27	
Dryer fuel <sup>8</sup>	24	19	N/A	N/A	30	24	N/A	N/A	4	36	29	N/A	N/A	5	
Machinery fuel @ \$3.66	27	27	16	17	27	27	16	17	12	27	27	16	17	12	
Machinery repairs <sup>9</sup>	22	22	18	18	22	22	18	18	15	22	22	18	18	15	
Hauling <sup>10</sup>	12	13	4	6	15	16	5	7	4	18	20	7	8	5	
Interest <sup>11</sup>	11	11	6	5	12	12	7	6	6	7	6	7	7	6	
Insurance/misc. <sup>12</sup>	32	33	23	3	32	33	23	3	4	32	33	23	3	4	
Total variable cost	\$409	\$392	\$215	\$169	\$451	\$432	\$227	\$192	\$196	\$464	\$445	\$240	\$215	\$205	
Contribution margin <sup>13</sup> (Revenue - variable costs)	\$152	\$206	\$275	\$195	\$253	\$318	\$389	\$263	\$237	\$382	\$457	\$501	\$331	\$318	

<sup>1</sup>Estimated 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.

<sup>2</sup>These 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, full-season soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 94%; rotation soybeans 31%; and wheat 43%. Double-crop soybean yields are 70% of full-season soybean yields. 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 long-run trends in state average yields reported by the Indiana office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>3</sup>Harvest corn price is December 2014 CME Group futures price less \$0.25 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2014 CME Group futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2014 CME Group futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest prices were based on closing prices on March 12, 2014. These prices will change.

**Table 1 (Continued)**

- <sup>4</sup>Input prices for variable costs reflect expected prices for 2014. 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.
- <sup>5</sup>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, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, and lime by crop and soil were as follows: continuous corn, 220-45-53-660, 220-56-61-660, 220-67-69-660; rotation corn, 180-48-55-540, 180-60-63-540, 180-71-72-540; rotation beans, 0-34-80-0, 0-43-96-0, 0-52-111-0; wheat, 58-38-42-172, 84-47-48-251, 110-57-53-330; double crop beans, 0-24-62-0, 0-30-73-0, 0-37-84-0. Fertilizer prices per lb.: NH<sub>3</sub> @ \$0.42; urea @ \$0.46; P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> @ \$0.47; K<sub>2</sub>O @ \$0.40; lime @ \$19.00/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.
- <sup>6</sup>Corn 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. Seeding rates for corn are 27,000 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. The seeding rate for wheat is two bushels per acre.
- <sup>7</sup>Includes 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.
- <sup>8</sup>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.
- <sup>9</sup>Repairs are based on approximately 5-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be higher.
- <sup>10</sup>Hauling charge represents moving grain from field to storage.
- <sup>11</sup>Interest 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.
- <sup>12</sup>The cost of crop insurance represents the premium estimated for a Revenue Coverage (RP) policy at the 75% level. Estimates were based on rates in 2013. Crop insurance is included in budgets for corn and full-season soybeans, but is not included for wheat and double-crop soybeans.
- <sup>13</sup>Contribution margin is the return to labor and management, machinery services, land resources, and risk.

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

Farm Acres Rotation <sup>1</sup>	Low Productivity Soil			Average Productivity Soil			High Productivity Soil		
	900 c-c	1000 c-b	3000 c-b	900 c-c	1000 c-b	3000 c-b	900 c-c	1000 c-b	3000 c-b
Crop contribution margin <sup>2</sup>	\$152	\$241	\$241	\$152	\$354	\$354	\$382	\$479	\$479
Government payment <sup>3</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total contribution margin	\$152	\$241	\$241	\$152	\$354	\$354	\$382	\$479	\$479
Annual overhead costs:									
Machinery ownership <sup>4</sup>	\$128	\$115	\$92	\$128	\$115	\$92	\$128	\$115	\$92
Family and hired labor <sup>5</sup>	\$86	\$78	\$39	\$86	\$78	\$39	\$86	\$78	\$39
Land <sup>6</sup>	\$178	\$178	\$178	\$178	\$233	\$233	\$298	\$298	\$298
Earnings or (losses)	-\$240	-\$130	-\$68	-\$194	-\$72	-\$10	-\$130	-\$12	-\$62

<sup>1</sup>Rotations 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.

<sup>2</sup>Crop's contribution margin is the per acre contribution margin from Table 1.

<sup>3</sup>It is assumed that the upcoming farm bill will not contain a provision for direct payments or ACRE payments.

<sup>4</sup>The 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. 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.

<sup>5</sup>For the larger acreages, labor expense includes a family living withdrawal of \$77,965 (\$88,430 of family living expenses less \$38,257 in net nonfarm income plus \$27,792 in income and self-employment taxes); a full-time employee with total compensation of \$37,388; and a part-time employee with compensation of \$3,225. Family living withdrawal information is based on Illinois FBFM summary information. Employee compensation is based on Employee Wage Rates and Compensation Packages on Kansas Farms, Kansas State University, August 2012. For the smaller acreages, labor expense includes the same family living withdrawal and no hired labor. Labor costs are likely to vary widely from farm to farm.

<sup>6</sup>Based on 2013 cash rent per bushel of corn yield reported in the article entitled "Up Again: Indiana's Farmland Market in 2013," Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, August, 2013. The relatively large estimated contribution margins for 2014 will likely place upward pressure on 2014 cash rents.

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# 2015 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide

## March 2015 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. Beans		DC Beans		Cont. Corn		Rot. Beans		DC Beans		Cont. Corn		Rot. Beans		DC Beans	
	Yield	Price	Yield	Price	Yield	Price	Yield	Price	Yield	Price	Yield	Price	Yield	Price	Yield	Price	Yield	Price
Expected yield per acre <sup>2</sup>	124		132	40	57	28	155	165	50	71	35	186	198	60	85	42		
Harvest price <sup>3</sup>	\$3.90		\$3.90	\$9.40	\$4.70	\$9.40	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$9.40	\$4.70	\$9.40	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$9.40	\$4.70	\$9.40		
Market revenue	\$484	\$515	\$376	\$268	\$263	\$263	\$605	\$644	\$470	\$334	\$329	\$725	\$772	\$564	\$400	\$395		
Less variable costs <sup>4</sup>																		
Fertilizer <sup>5</sup>	\$153	\$137	\$47	\$63	\$35	\$35	\$163	\$147	\$57	\$82	\$42	\$172	\$156	\$67	\$102	\$49		
Seed <sup>6</sup>	100	100	74	44	85	85	123	123	74	44	85	123	123	74	44	85		
Pesticides <sup>7</sup>	43	43	28	12	26	26	43	43	28	12	26	43	43	28	12	26		
Dryer fuel <sup>8</sup>	31	24	N/A	N/A	3	3	38	30	N/A	N/A	4	46	37	N/A	N/A	5		
Machinery fuel @ \$2.50	19	19	11	11	8	8	19	19	11	11	8	19	19	11	11	8		
Machinery repairs <sup>9</sup>	22	22	18	18	15	15	22	22	18	18	15	22	22	18	18	15		
Hauling <sup>10</sup>	12	13	4	6	3	3	16	17	5	7	4	19	20	6	9	4		
Interest <sup>11</sup>	12	11	6	5	6	6	13	12	6	6	6	6	6	7	6	6		
Insurance/misc. <sup>12</sup>	32	33	23	3	4	4	32	33	23	3	4	32	33	23	3	4		
Total variable cost	\$424	\$402	\$211	\$162	\$185	\$185	\$469	\$446	\$222	\$183	\$194	\$482	\$459	\$234	\$205	\$202		
Contribution margin <sup>13</sup>	\$60	\$113	\$165	\$106	\$78	\$78	\$136	\$198	\$248	\$151	\$135	\$243	\$313	\$330	\$195	\$193		
(Revenue - variable costs)																		
per acre																		

<sup>1</sup> Estimated 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.

<sup>2</sup> These 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, full-season soybean, and wheat yields are a percent of rotation corn yield: continuous corn 64%; rotation soybeans 30%; and wheat 43%. Double-crop soybean yields are 70% of full-season soybean yields. 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 long-run trends in state average yields reported by the Indiana office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>3</sup> Harvest corn price is December 2015 CME Group futures price less \$0.25 basis. Harvest soybean price is November 2015 CME Group futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest wheat price is July 2015 CME Group futures price less \$0.35 basis. Harvest prices were based on closing prices on March 11, 2015. These prices will change.

**Table 1 (Continued)**

- <sup>4</sup>Input prices for variable costs reflect expected prices for 2015. 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.
- <sup>5</sup>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, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, and lime by crop and soil were as follows: continuous corn, 220-45-53-660, 220-56-61-660, 220-67-69-660; rotation corn, 180-48-55-540, 180-60-63-540, 180-71-72-540; rotation beans, 0-34-80-0, 0-43-96-0, 0-52-111-0; wheat, 58-38-42-172, 84-47-49-251, 110-57-53-330; double crop beans, 0-24-62-0, 0-30-73-0, 0-37-84-0. Fertilizer prices per lb.: NH<sub>3</sub> @ \$0.43; urea @ \$0.52; P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> @ \$0.53; K<sub>2</sub>O @ \$0.40; lime @ \$19.00/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.
- <sup>6</sup>Corn 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. Seeding rates for corn are 27,000 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. The seeding rate for wheat is two bushels per acre.
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- <sup>8</sup>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.
- <sup>9</sup>Repairs are based on approximately 5-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be higher.
- <sup>10</sup>Hauling charge represents moving grain from field to storage.
- <sup>11</sup>Interest 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.
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- <sup>13</sup>Contribution margin is the return to labor and management, machinery services, land resources, and risk.

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

Farm Acres Rotation <sup>1</sup>	Low Productivity Soil						Average Productivity Soil						High Productivity Soil											
	900		1000		2700		3000		800		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
Crop contribution margin <sup>2</sup>	\$60	\$139	\$60	\$139	\$60	\$139	\$60	\$139	\$136	\$223	\$136	\$223	\$136	\$223	\$136	\$223	\$243	\$322	\$243	\$322	\$243	\$322	\$243	\$322
Government payment <sup>3</sup>	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$50
Total contribution margin	\$120	\$189	\$120	\$189	\$120	\$189	\$120	\$189	\$196	\$273	\$196	\$273	\$196	\$273	\$196	\$273	\$303	\$372	\$303	\$372	\$303	\$372	\$303	\$372
Annual overhead costs:																								
Machinery ownership <sup>4</sup>	\$133	\$119	\$106	\$96	\$106	\$96	\$106	\$96	\$133	\$119	\$106	\$96	\$133	\$119	\$106	\$96	\$133	\$119	\$106	\$96	\$133	\$119	\$106	\$96
Family and hired labor <sup>5</sup>	\$104	\$93	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$45	\$104	\$93	\$50	\$45	\$104	\$93	\$50	\$45	\$104	\$93	\$50	\$45	\$104	\$93	\$50	\$45
Land <sup>6</sup>	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$234	\$234	\$234	\$234	\$234	\$234	\$234	\$234	\$295	\$295	\$295	\$295	\$295	\$295	\$295	\$295
Earnings or (losses)	-\$297	-\$204	-\$216	-\$131	-\$216	-\$131	-\$216	-\$131	-\$274	-\$174	-\$274	-\$174	-\$274	-\$174	-\$274	-\$174	-\$228	-\$136	-\$228	-\$136	-\$228	-\$136	-\$228	-\$136

<sup>1</sup>Rotations 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.

<sup>2</sup>Crop's contribution margin is the per acre contribution margin from Table 1.

<sup>3</sup>It is assumed that the upcoming farm bill will provide ARC-County payments in 2015.

<sup>4</sup>The 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. 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.

<sup>5</sup>For the larger acreages, labor expense includes a family living withdrawal of \$79,095 (\$89,711 of family living expenses less \$38,811 in net nonfarm income plus \$28,195 in income and self-employment taxes); a full-time employee with total compensation of \$37,930; and a part-time employee with compensation of \$3,272. Family living withdrawal information is based on Illinois FBFM summary information. Employee compensation is based on Employee Wage Rates and Compensation Packages on Kansas Farms, Kansas State University, August 2012. For the smaller acreages, labor expense includes the same family living withdrawal and no hired labor. Labor costs are likely to vary widely from farm to farm.

<sup>6</sup>Based on 2014 cash rent per bushel of corn yield reported in the article entitled "A Time of Change: Indiana's Farmland Market in 2014," Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, August, 2014. The relatively low estimated contribution margins for 2015 will likely place downward pressure on 2015 cash rents.

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# 2016 Purdue Crop Cost & Return Guide

## March 2016 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

	Crop Budgets for Three Yield Levels <sup>1</sup>															
	Low Productivity Soil				Average Productivity Soil				High Productivity Soil							
	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Wheat	DC Beans	Cont. Corn	Rot. Corn	Wheat	DC Beans				
Expected yield per acre <sup>2</sup>	124	132	40	57	28	155	165	50	71	35	186	198	60	85	42	
Harvest price <sup>3</sup>	\$3.60	\$3.60	\$8.90	\$4.40	\$8.90	\$3.60	\$3.60	\$8.90	\$4.40	\$8.90	\$3.60	\$3.60	\$8.90	\$4.40	\$8.90	
Market revenue	\$446	\$475	\$366	\$251	\$249	\$558	\$594	\$445	\$312	\$312	\$670	\$713	\$534	\$374	\$374	
Less variable costs <sup>4</sup>																
Fertilizer <sup>5</sup>	\$121	\$108	\$36	\$49	\$27	\$128	\$115	\$43	\$65	\$32	\$135	\$123	\$51	\$80	\$37	
Seed <sup>6</sup>	100	100	74	44	85	123	123	74	44	85	123	123	74	44	85	
Pesticides <sup>7</sup>	42	42	26	12	25	42	42	26	12	25	42	42	26	12	25	
Dryer fuel <sup>8</sup>	23	19	N/A	N/A	3	29	23	N/A	N/A	4	35	28	N/A	N/A	5	
Machinery fuel @ \$1.73	13	13	8	8	6	13	13	8	8	6	13	13	8	8	6	
Machinery repairs <sup>9</sup>	22	22	18	18	15	22	22	18	18	15	22	22	18	18	15	
Hauling <sup>10</sup>	12	13	4	6	3	16	17	5	7	4	19	20	6	9	4	
Interest <sup>11</sup>	10	10	6	4	5	12	11	6	5	6	12	11	6	5	6	
Insurance/misc. <sup>12</sup>	32	33	23	3	4	32	33	23	3	4	32	33	23	3	4	
Total variable cost	\$375	\$360	\$195	\$144	\$173	\$417	\$399	\$203	\$162	\$181	\$433	\$415	\$212	\$179	\$187	
Contribution margin <sup>13</sup>																
(Revenue - variable costs)	\$71	\$115	\$161	\$107	\$76	\$141	\$195	\$242	\$150	\$131	\$237	\$298	\$322	\$195	\$187	
per acre																

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- <sup>6</sup>Corn 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. Seeding rates for corn are 27,000 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. The seeding rate for wheat is two bushels per acre.
- <sup>7</sup>Includes 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.
- <sup>8</sup>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.
- <sup>9</sup>Repairs are based on approximately 5-year-old machinery. For older machinery, per acre repairs and downtime cost will be higher.
- <sup>10</sup>Hauling charge represents moving grain from field to storage.
- <sup>11</sup>Interest 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.
- <sup>12</sup>The cost of crop insurance represents the premium estimated for a Revenue Coverage (RP) policy at the 75% level. Estimates were based on 2016 rates. Crop insurance is included in budgets for corn and full-season soybeans, but is not included for wheat and double-crop soybeans.
- <sup>13</sup>Contribution margin is the return to labor and management, machinery services, land resources, and risk.

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

Farm Acres Rotation <sup>1</sup>	Low Productivity Soil						Average Productivity Soil						High Productivity Soil											
	900		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		
Crop contribution margin <sup>2</sup>	\$71	\$138	\$71	\$138	\$141	\$138	\$141	\$141	\$219	\$141	\$219	\$141	\$219	\$237	\$310	\$237	\$310	\$237	\$310	\$237	\$310	\$237	\$310	
Government payment <sup>3</sup>	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	
Total contribution margin	\$96	\$163	\$96	\$163	\$166	\$163	\$166	\$166	\$244	\$166	\$244	\$166	\$244	\$262	\$335	\$262	\$335	\$262	\$335	\$262	\$335	\$262	\$335	
Annual overhead costs:																								
Machinery ownership <sup>4</sup>	\$136	\$122	\$109	\$98	\$136	\$98	\$136	\$122	\$122	\$109	\$98	\$136	\$122	\$136	\$122	\$136	\$122	\$109	\$98	\$136	\$122	\$109	\$98	
Family and hired labor <sup>5</sup>	\$101	\$91	\$49	\$44	\$101	\$44	\$101	\$91	\$91	\$49	\$44	\$101	\$91	\$101	\$91	\$101	\$91	\$49	\$44	\$101	\$91	\$49	\$44	
Land <sup>6</sup>	\$161	\$161	\$161	\$161	\$213	\$161	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$213	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269	
Earnings or (losses)	-\$301	-\$211	-\$223	-\$140	-\$284	-\$182	-\$205	-\$111	-\$111	-\$111	-\$111	-\$111	-\$111	-\$244	-\$147	-\$244	-\$147	-\$165	-\$76	-\$244	-\$147	-\$165	-\$76	

<sup>1</sup>Rotations 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.

<sup>2</sup>Crop's contribution margin is the per acre contribution margin from Table 1.

<sup>3</sup>It is assumed that the upcoming farm bill will provide ARC-County payments in 2016. The 2016 payments will not be received until October 2017.

<sup>4</sup>The 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. 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.

<sup>5</sup>For the larger acreages, labor expense includes a family living withdrawal of \$90,577 (\$91,477 of family living expenses less \$40,810 in net nonfarm income plus \$39,910 in income and self-employment taxes); a full-time employee with total compensation of \$39,013; and a part-time employee with compensation of \$3,365. Family living withdrawal information is based on Illinois FBFM summary information. Employee compensation is based on Employee Wage Rates and Compensation Packages on Kansas Farms, Kansas State University, August 2012. For the smaller acreages, labor expense includes the same family living withdrawal and no hired labor. Labor costs are likely to vary widely from farm to farm.

<sup>6</sup>Based on 2015 cash rent per bushel of corn yield reported in the article entitled "The Bears Control the 2015 Indiana Farmland Market," Purdue Agricultural Economics Report, August, 2015. The relatively low estimated contribution margins for 2016 will likely place downward pressure on cash rents, thus 2016 cash rents are assumed to be 5 percent below 2015 cash rents.

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Calculation of Average Government Payments per Acre January 1, 2017

Line #		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1	Total Government Payment	300,460,000	322,962,000	329,792,000	106,856,000	220,742,000
2	Less Milk Income Loss Payment	-4,000	-7,377,000	-3,373,000	0	-1,000
3	Net Government Payment	300,456,000	315,585,000	326,419,000	106,856,000	220,741,000
4	Cropland Acres	12,716,037	12,716,037	12,590,633	12,590,633	12,590,633
5	Pymt Per Acre	23.63	24.82	25.93	8.49	17.53

Source: USDA-Indiana Ag Statistics Service

1	Total Government Payment	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2	Milk Income Loss Payment	P-65	P-65	P-65	P-65	P-66
4	Cropland Acres	P-69	P-69	P-67	P-67	P-67

Data for 2016 in not currently available. The Department has estimated the Government Payment per Acre for 2016 in the following way.

Average Total Government Payment (2011-2015)	256,162,400
Average Milk Income Loss Payment (2011-2015)	-2,151,000
Estimated Net Government Payment for 2016	254,011,400

Cropland Acres	12,590,633
Estimated Payment Per Acre for 2016	20.17

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## AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 2015-2016

## FARM INCOME

### FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES, BY CATEGORY, INDIANA, 2010-2014

Item	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	<b>Thousand Dollars</b>				
Total Production Expenses, Incl. Op. Dwellings	8,179,070	9,057,309	10,059,951	10,890,703	10,910,426
Intermediate Product Expenses					
Farm-origin Expenses	2,106,297	2,312,288	2,240,184	2,520,067	2,415,627
Feed Purchases	1,070,000	1,180,000	1,050,000	1,220,000	1,110,000
Livestock Purchases	206,297	242,288	200,184	240,067	295,627
Seed Purchases	830,000	890,000	990,000	1,060,000	1,010,000
Manufactured Inputs	2,011,960	2,355,084	2,547,209	2,635,916	2,454,416
Fertilizer, Lime, and Soil Conditioner	1,130,000	1,340,000	1,470,000	1,460,000	1,290,000
Pesticide Expenditures	410,000	450,000	510,000	560,000	550,000
Petroleum Fuel and Oil Expenditures	383,642	475,142	472,058	513,419	507,548
Electricity	88,317	89,941	95,151	102,497	106,868
Labor Expenses					
Cash Expenses	375,694	379,830	429,691	438,390	492,368
Contract Labor	17,988	34,688	14,532	14,384	27,809
Hired Labor and Employee Compensation	357,706	345,142	415,159	424,006	464,559
Imputed Rental Value of Hired Labor Dwellings	24,306	10,170	10,309	11,610	17,632
Interest Expenses, Including Operator Dwellings	559,793	539,274	518,752	455,793	478,803
Net Rent, Including Landlord Capital Consumption	820,402	924,172	1,133,826	1,338,773	1,105,035
Total Property Taxes, Including Operator Dwellings	375,371	428,467	440,239	428,195	547,627
Personal Property Taxes	21,888	27,406	27,566	36,908	50,154
Real Estate, Including Operator Dwellings	328,112	372,594	382,434	363,092	469,846
Capital Consumption, Including Operator Dwellings	557,465	576,585	1,178,546	1,299,774	1,695,544

Source: Economic Research Service

### U.S. GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS BY PROGRAM, INDIANA, 2010-2014 <sup>1</sup>

Program	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	<b>Thousand Dollars</b>				
Direct Payments <sup>2</sup>	213,977	210,287	212,023	197,342	526
Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE payment)	3,104	577	6	(22)	(4)
Counter-cyclical Program Payments	3	---	---	(3)	0
Loan Deficiency Payments	14	7	0	(5)	0
Milk Income Loss Payments <sup>3</sup>	781	4	7,377	3,373	0
Tobacco Transition Payments <sup>4</sup>	5,454	5,433	5,435	5,417	5,402
Conservation <sup>5</sup>	69,808	77,439	79,211	75,644	70,838
Supplemental Funding <sup>6</sup>	79,193	6,713	18,912	48,047	30,093
Miscellaneous <sup>7</sup>	7	2	0	0	0
Total	372,486	300,460	322,962	329,792	106,856

<sup>1</sup> Amounts include only cash payments made directly to farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Direct Payments include direct payments from both sources: the Direct Counter cyclical Program and the Average Crop Revenue Election Program.

<sup>3</sup> Program authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

<sup>4</sup> Payment includes both the CCC payments to quota holders and producers and the third party payments to quota holders and producers who opted for the lump sum payment option.

<sup>5</sup> Includes amount paid under Conservation Reserve, Agriculture Conservation, Emergency Conservation, and Great Plains Program.

<sup>6</sup> Ad Hoc and emergency programs provided by the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2001 and Agricultural Economic Assistance Act 2001. Some of these programs include; Crop Disaster Program, Dairy Disaster Assistance Program, Livestock Emergency Assistance program, Quality Losses Program, and Tobacco Disaster Assistance Program

<sup>7</sup> Miscellaneous Programs include; Forestry Incentive Annual, Dairy Indemnity, Interest Payments, Disaster Program Payments, Payment Limitation Refund, Noninsured Assistance, Disaster Reserve, and Environment Quality Incentives.

Source: Economic Research Service

Federal Government direct farm program payments, 2010-2017F  
Nominal (current dollars)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Indiana						
<b>Federal Government direct farm program payments</b>						
Fixed direct payments	372,486	300,460	322,962	329,792	106,856	220,742
Cotton Transition Assistance Payments (CTAP)	213,977	210,287	212,023	197,342	526	-239
Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE)	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0
Price Loss Coverage (PLC)	3,104	577	6	-22	-4	-3
Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Counter-cyclical payments	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	148,676
Loan deficiency payments	3	0	0	-3	0	0
Marketing loan gains	14	7	0	-5	0	0
Certificate exchange gains	0	0	0	0	0	0
Milk income loss payments	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dairy Margin Protection Program	781	4	7,377	3,373	0	1
Tobacco Transition Payment Program	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9
Conservation	5,454	5,433	5,435	5,417	5,402	11
Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)	69,808	77,439	79,211	75,644	70,838	69,826
Supplemental and ad hoc disaster assistance	145	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous programs	79,193	6,713	18,912	48,047	30,093	2,461
	7	2	0	0	0	0

Footnotes

Data as of February 7, 2017

F = Forecast values.

NA = Data are not available/applicable.

Values are rounded to the nearest thousand.

U.S. government direct payments by program are net payments reflecting: (1) gross payments from the U.S. government to the farm sector; (2) payments returned to the U.S. government by the farm sector; and (3) accounting adjustments. A negative value indicates payments returned exceeded gross payments during the calendar year.

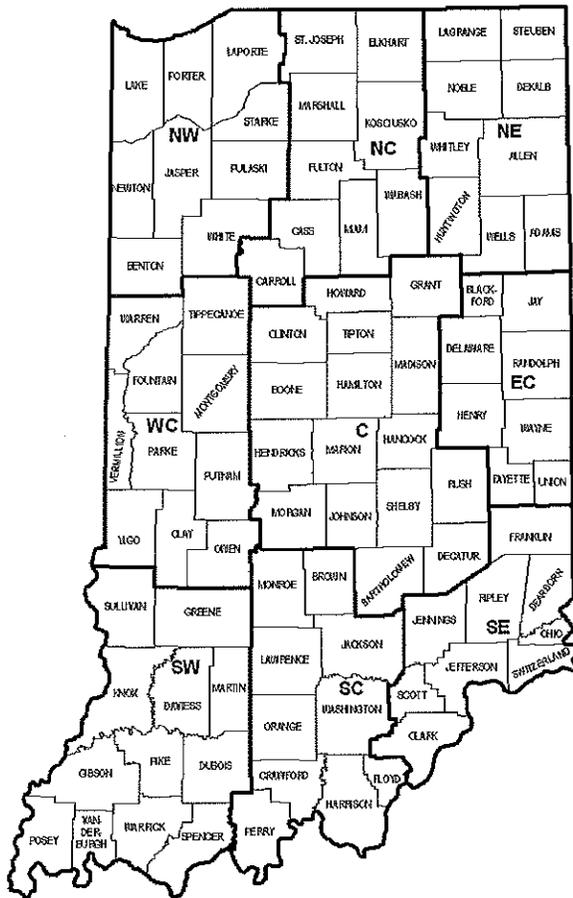
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# COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

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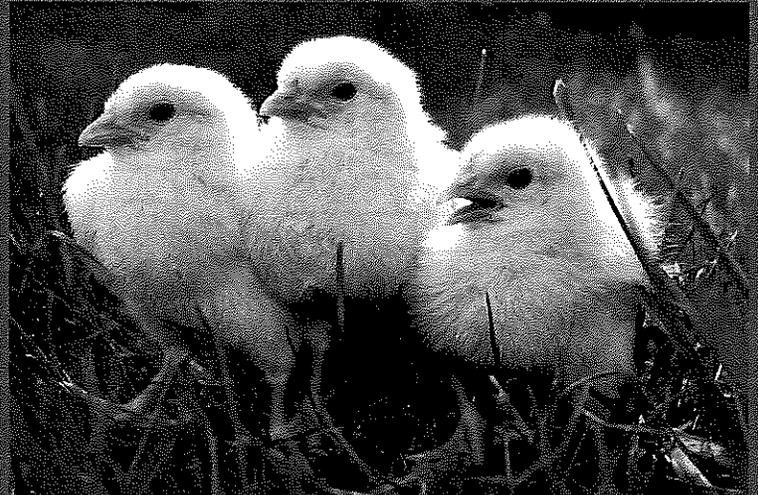
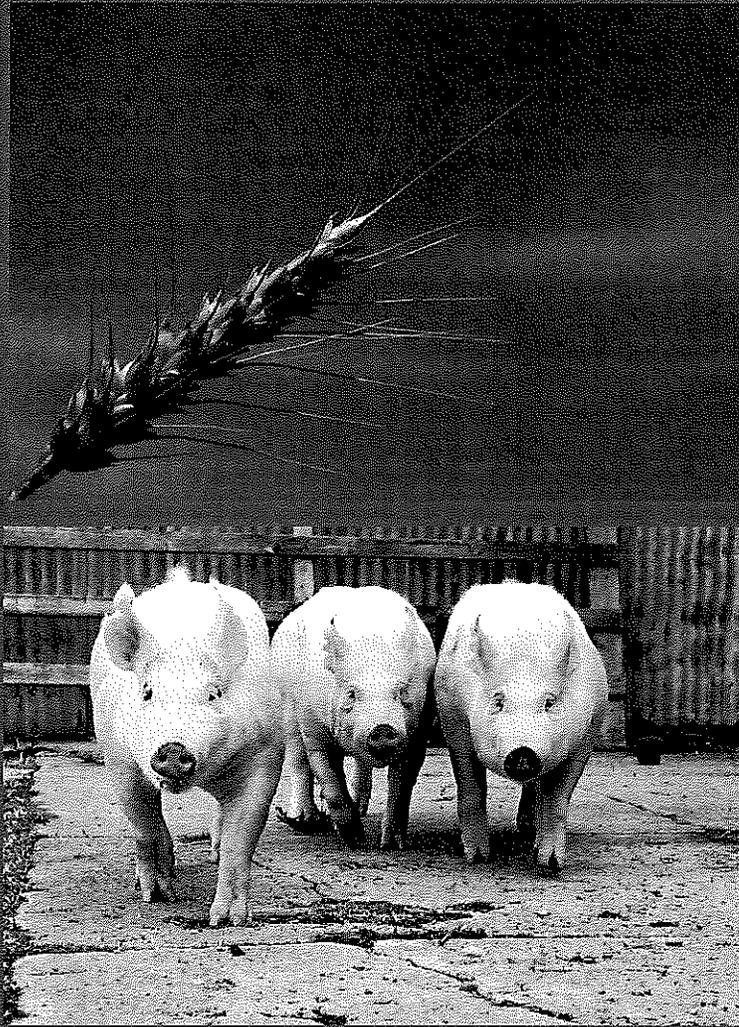
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### STATE DATA

2014 Census Population	6,596,855	2014 Cash Receipts	\$12,472,680,000
2012 Total Land Area (acres)	22,928,756	Crop Receipts	\$7,885,088,000
2012 Number of Farms	58,695	Livestock Receipts	\$4,587,592,000
2012 Land in Farms (acres)	14,720,396	2014 Other Income	\$823,828,000
2012 Average Size of Farm (acres)	251	Government Payments	\$106,856,000
2012 Value of Land & Bldgs (avg/acre)	\$5,354	Imputed Income/Rent Received	\$716,972,000
2012 Cropland (acres)	12,590,633	2014 Total Income	\$13,296,508,000
2012 Harvested Cropland (acres)	12,146,538	Less: Production Expenses	\$10,529,264,000
2012 Pastureland, all types (acres)	762,619	Realized Net Income	\$2,767,244,000
2012 Woodland (acres)	1,048,632		

<u>2015 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	5,650,000	5,480,000	150.0	Bu	822,000,000	Jan 2016 All Cattle	890,000
Soybeans	5,550,000	5,500,000	50.0	Bu	375,000,000	Beef Cows	196,000
Wheat	290,000	260,000	68.0	Bu	17,680,000	Milk Cows	184,000
Alfalfa Hay	---	230,000	3.90	Ton	897,000	2012 All Hogs	3,747,352
Other Hay	---	330,000	2.30	Ton	759,000	2012 All Sheep	52,169
2012 Popcorn	---	61,092	---	Lbs	151,728,996	2012 Chickens	25,587,222
						2012 Turkeys	5,084,794

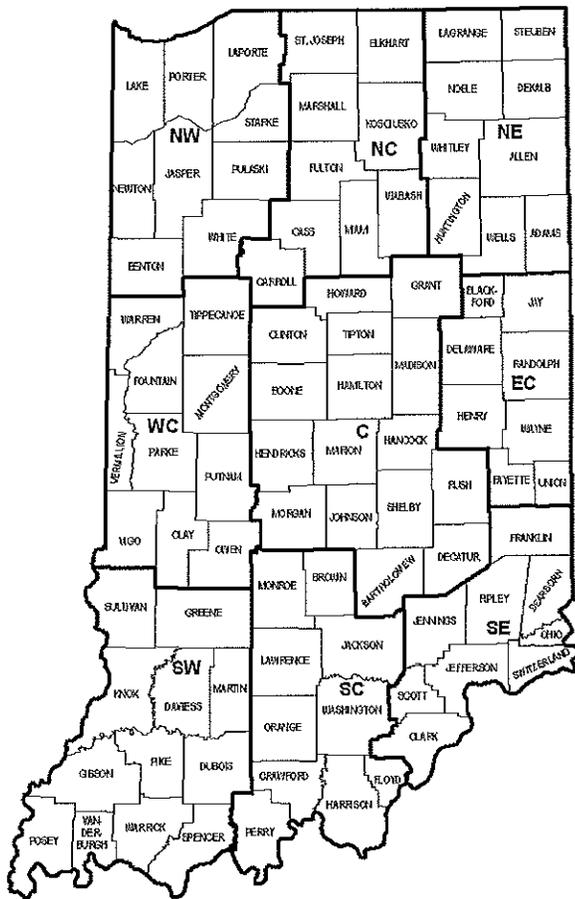
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### STATE DATA

2007 Census Population	6,335,862	2011 Cash Receipts	\$12,320,006,000
2007 Total Land Area (acres)	22,924,685	Crop Receipts	\$8,593,088,000
2007 Number of Farms	60,938	Livestock Receipts	\$3,726,918,000
2007 Land in Farms (acres)	14,773,184	2011 Other Income	\$772,664,000
2007 Average Size of Farm (acres)	242	Government Payments	\$300,460,000
2007 Value of Land & Bldgs (avg/acre)	\$3,583	Imputed Income/Rent Received	\$472,204,000
2007 Cropland (acres)	12,716,037	2011 Total Income	\$13,092,670,000
2007 Harvested Cropland (acres)	12,108,940	Less: Production Expenses	\$9,337,128,000
2007 Pastureland, all types (acres)	986,522	Realized Net Income	\$3,755,542,000
2007 Woodland (acres)	1,020,287		

<u>2012 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	6,250,000	6,030,000	99.0	Bu	596,970,000	Jan 2013 All Cattle	810,000
Soybeans	5,150,000	5,140,000	43.5	Bu	223,590,000	Beef Cows	191,000
Wheat	350,000	300,000	67.0	Bu	20,100,000	Milk Cows	174,000
Alfalfa Hay	---	280,000	2.90	Ton	812,000	2007 All Hogs	3,669,057
Other Hay	---	350,000	1.90	Ton	665,000	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, 2016</u>	<u>SUMMER, 2016</u>	<u>FALL, 2016</u>	<u>WINTER, 2016</u>	<u>SPRING, 2017</u>	<u>SUMMER, 2017</u>
Planting 2016 crops Sell a portion of the 2015 crops Paying 3/1/15 Property Taxes Collect all or a portion of 2016 Cash Rent	Care for 2016 crops Sell remainder of the 2015 crops	Harvest 2016 crops Sell a portion of the 2016 crops Paying 3/1/15 Property Taxes Collect remainder of 2016 Cash Rent, if any due	Prep equipment for storage Sell a portion of the 2016 crops	Planting 2017 crops Sell a portion of the 2016 crops Paying 1/1/16 Property Taxes Collect all or a portion of 2017 Cash Rent	Care for 2017 crops Sell remainder of the 2016 crops

**CASH RENT INCOME - CALENDAR YEAR**

**OPER. INCOME -  
1/3 NOVEMBER  
GRAIN PRICES**

**OPERATING INCOME - 1/3 MARKET YEAR AVERAGE OF GRAIN PRICES**

**OPERATING INCOME - 1/3 CALENDAR YEAR AVERAGE OF GRAIN PRICES**