2011 Illinois Farm Economics Summit

The Profitability of Illinois Agriculture:
Managing in a Turbulent World

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Dates/Locations

♦ Monday, December 12, 2011 - Champaign, IL
  ◦ I Hotel and Conference Center
♦ Tuesday, December 13, 2011 - Sycamore, IL
  ◦ Center for Agriculture
♦ Wednesday, December 14, 2011 - Galesburg, IL
  ◦ Best Western Prairie Inn
♦ Thursday, December 15, 2011 - Mt. Vernon, IL
  ◦ Holiday Inn
♦ Friday, December 16, 2011 - Bloomington, IL
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# 2011 Illinois Farm Economics Summit Registration Form

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In an era of unstable markets, the last year may be hard to top. Outside markets have endured near financial meltdowns in Europe, a downgrade in the U.S. credit rating, and political turmoil in the Middle East. In the midst of all this, Illinois agriculture generally experienced another year of exceptional returns. To no one’s surprise volatility has also been very high. Exhibit A is the 20% drop in corn and soybean prices in September 2011. Understanding the sources of this volatility and how to deal with these large risks is front and center in the minds of all producers. The University of Illinois Extension and members of the farmdoc team from the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics will be holding a series of five Farm Economics Summit meetings to help producers navigate this uncertainty.

Speakers from the farmdoc team at the University of Illinois will explore the farm profitability outlook and management challenges from several perspectives, including the direction of prices, government reports and data, estate planning, forecasting returns, crop insurance choices, and changes to farm programs. The format for the meeting will be fast-paced and allow plenty of time for questions from the audience.

7:45 - 8:15  Registration and Coffee
8:15 - 8:30  Introduction and Overview
8:30 - 9:00  Crop and Livestock Price Prospects for 2012
9:00 - 9:30  USDA – NASS Revealed: Procedures in Setting Crop, Livestock and Economic Estimates
9:30 - 10:00  Estate Planning in Uncertain Times
10:00 - 10:30  Break
10:30 - 11:00  Stress Testing Agricultural Returns in 2012 and Beyond
11:00 - 11:30  Crop Insurance – New Features, Programs, and Performance
11:30 - 12:00  An Overview of Proposed Changes to Farm Policy
12:00 - 12:30  Question & Answer / Wrap-Up
12:30 - 1:30  Lunch (Included)
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Speakers
- Todd Gleason, Media Communications Specialist, University of Illinois
- Darrel Good, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois
- Brad Schwab, USDA-NASS
- Mark Schleusener, USDA-NASS
- Gary Hoff, Extension Specialist, University of Illinois
- Gary Schnitkey, Professor, University of Illinois
- Bruce Sherrick, Professor, University of Illinois
- Nick Paulson, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois

Please register at the website: [http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu](http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu)

Registration

Please complete the registration form that appears on page two of this brochure and return it with payment to the University of Illinois by December 5, 2011.

Registration Fee

The registration fee for each location is $50 per person. This fee includes all meeting materials, break refreshments, and lunch. Registration at the door will be $65 per person as space permits.

December 12, 2011
I Hotel and Conference Center
1900 S. 1st St.
Champaign, IL 61820
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1350 W. Prairie Dr.
Sycamore, IL 60178
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