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In 1998 and 2001, University of Illinois Extension in conjunction with the Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service, conducted a survey to determine average cash rents in Illinois for the years 1996 to 2001. The table below shows cash rents by crop reporting district. The table represents all cash lease arrangement and includes those with less than arms length relationships (such as leasing farm ground to a relative).

Some crop reporting districts such as East Southeast and West Southwest contain highly variable farm ground. Cash rent amounts in fringe areas of these districts may be more in line with average cash rent in adjoining crop-reporting districts. The survey is based on cash rent averages, not necessarily the going rate for competitive bidding.

Average Cash Rents by Illinois Crop Reporting District

Crop Reporting District	Cash Rent in Year					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Northwest	105	108	109	115	116	116
Northeast	113	117	116	116	117	118
West	106	105	105	110	111	113
Central	106	106	107	121	121	122
East	116	119	120	133	136	134
West Southwest	103	105	104	108	109	112
East Southeast	88	91	93	100	101	99
Southwest	62	61	61	69	69	70
Southeast	58	59	59	59	61	59
Illinois Average	98	101	103	111	113	114

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