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

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