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USDA TO GATHER DATA ON CASH RENT

Springfield, IL – How much is cash rent in your county? How much should you be getting for your rented acres? How many acres within your county are being rented on a cash basis?

The Cash Rent Study, conducted by the Illinois Field Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), will help answer these questions about the current condition of rented land throughout the counties of Illinois

"The Cash Rent Study is a new report for NASS," explained Brad Schwab, director of the NASS Illinois Field Office. "This study will provide the first look into the varying levels of cash rent paid throughout the State of Illinois."

"Results of the Cash Rent Study benefit farmers and the entire agricultural industry by providing a benchmark for the value of rented land, helping farmers and landlords to make important decisions in regards to their land and add to the value of their business. In addition, the results of this project will be analyzed by local agencies to determine accurate values for CRP contracts," added Schwab.

Beginning in late September, NASS will contact over nine thousand producers by mail or telephone and ask them to provide information on how many acres they rent along with how much they pay for these acres. The information will be compiled and analyzed and then published at the county level in early April.

As with all NASS reports, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Schwab. All reports are available on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS reports, call the NASS Illinois Field Office at 1-800-622-9865.

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