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Dear Friend:

We are happy to bring you another edition of the *Illinois Agricultural Statistics Annual Bulletin*. This annual bulletin represents the efforts of a large number of people all around Illinois and serves as a historical document which recaps the results from a multitude of surveys during the previous year. The basic information is supplied voluntarily by thousands of grain farmers, livestock producers, fruit and vegetable growers, grain elevators, slaughter and dairy plants, retail stores that serve farm families, and other producers and agribusinesses. Our mission is to **“serve Illinois, its agriculture and its rural communities by providing meaningful, accurate and objective statistical information.”**

The year 2011 will be remembered as a somewhat disappointing year for corn yields while soybean and soft red winter wheat yields came in close to trend line. The cool, wet spring delayed corn planting as well as creating ponding in many fields. Harvest of corn and soybeans progressed on schedule and paralleled their respective 5 year averages. So why the dismal yields for corn? Many of the farmers we surveyed reported their corn following corn yields were the culprit.

That being said, corn yields averaged a disappointing 157 bushels per acre while soybeans came in at 47 bushels per acre. Soft red winter wheat yields averaged 61 bushels per acre. Season average prices for soft red winter wheat, corn and soybeans came in at \$6.50, \$6.30 and \$11.90, respectively for all of 2011.



Teamwork is important in most areas of life and business. The Illinois Field Office is no different. We are blessed with outstanding players and superior performance. We hope you find this publication helpful to you in gaining a better perspective on Illinois agriculture. Give us a call if we can be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brad Schwab".

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