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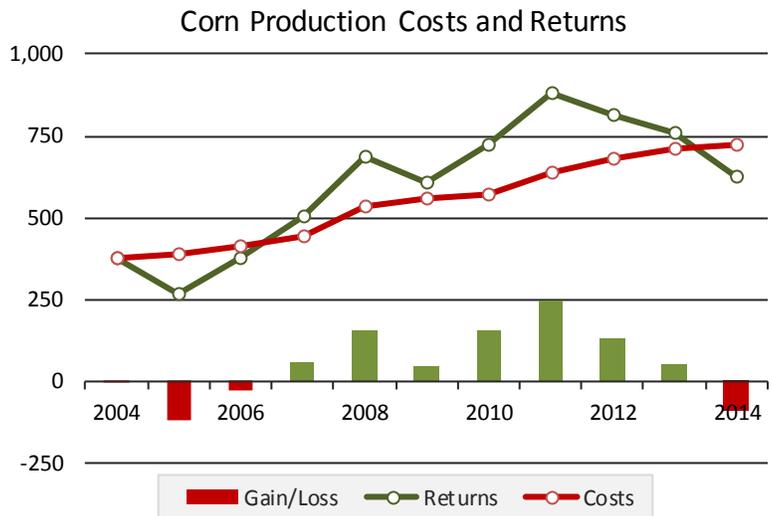
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## USDA TO CONDUCT AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STUDY

Springfield, IL – Beginning in January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). ARMS is USDA’s primary source of information on the financial condition, production practices, and resource use of America’s farm businesses and the economic well-being of America’s farm households.

Information obtained from ARMS is used to estimate net farm income and agricultural productivity. ARMS data are also used to estimate the cost of production of 15 commodities including corn, soybeans, cattle and hogs.

“From 2008 through 2013, average returns on corn acres exceeded expenses. That changed in 2014 and many producers showed a loss on corn acres in the Heartland Region of the country, which includes Illinois,” said Illinois State Statistician Mark Schleusener. “With commodity prices remaining near last year’s levels and weather problems early in the growing season, 2015 may prove to be another difficult year for row crop producers. ARMS results will give us an objective measure.”



**ARMS III Data.** Dollars per planted acre, region including Illinois.

On August 4, 2016 NASS will publish results from the ARMS III survey in the Production Expenditures report. The USDA’s Economic Research Service (ERS) will use these results to prepare and disseminate the USDA’s annual estimates and forecasts of income, value-added, assets, liabilities, and financial indicators for the farm sector. ERS also uses aggregated off-farm information to better understand and report on farm households and the broader farm economy. These reports help ensure that federal, state, local and industry decision-makers have accurate and objective information, and all decisions affecting farmers and their families across the United States are based on facts.

As is the case with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

For more information, call the NASS Illinois Field Office at (800) 551-1014.

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