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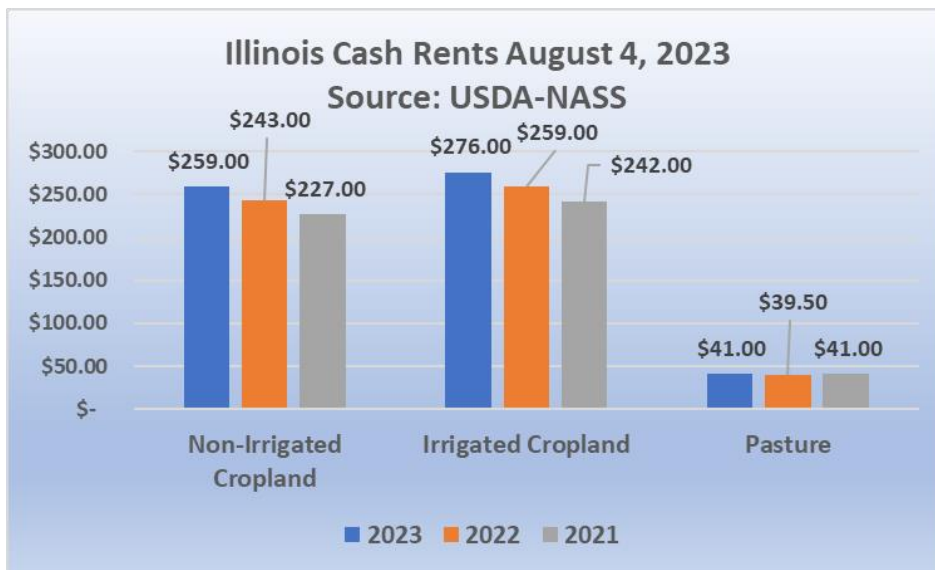
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USDA to gather cash rents data in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS – January 2024 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the annual Cash Rents and Leases survey starting Feb. 5. The survey provides the basis for estimates of the current year’s cash rents paid for irrigated cropland, non-irrigated cropland, and permanent pasture. Over 241,000 survey recipients across the United States, including 8,903 in Illinois, have been selected to complete the survey, which can be completed online at agcounts.usda.gov, by mail or phone. The deadline to respond is February 20.

“Survey response from as many farm operators as possible ensures that cash rental rates accurately represent their locality,” said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. “The data from the Cash Rents and Leases survey will also give landowners a useful tool in negotiating rental agreements and making other business decisions for their agricultural operations.”



Information from this survey is also used in the Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program as an alternative soil rental rate prior to finalizing new rates each year.

In accordance with federal law, NASS keeps survey responses confidential. The data

will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will publish the state-level data on Aug. 2 and county-level data on Aug. 23 at <https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/>.

For assistance with the survey, or for more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or https://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/Cash_Rents_by_County/index.php.

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