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## ND County Rents and Values versus Federal County Cash Rents

The North Dakota Field Office has produced an annual County Rents and Values publication since 1989. For many years, this survey provided the only county level estimates for cash rents and values. However, the 2007 Farm Bill mandated that all states collect and publish county estimates related to cash rents. Therefore, in May of 2009, NASS for the first time published results, by state, for a county-level cash rent survey.

While the two publications are similar, there are the two major differences. The North Dakota County Rents and Values survey asks respondents for their estimates of the average cash rents and values of agricultural land in their locality, regardless of whether they are in a rental agreement or not at the time of data collection. The data published are for non-irrigated land only and includes cropland, pastureland, alfalfa hayland, other tame hayland, and wild or prairie grass hayland. The Federal County-Level Cash Rent survey asks respondents to report agricultural rental rates based on current agreements they are involved in at the time of data collection. The data published are for irrigated and non-irrigated cropland and all pastureland. Therefore, the only overlap of estimates between the two surveys deals with non-irrigated cropland.

The latest for both reports can be found online at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/nd> under North Dakota Publications. Also, the current county-level cash rental rates data are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) through Quick Stats, NASS's agricultural statistics database. Users can access cash rental rates at the state, county or crop reporting district level.