

2014 Illinois Farm Economics Summit

The Profitability of Illinois Agriculture: Back to the Future?

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Dates/Locations

- ♦ *Monday, December 15, 2014 - Dekalb, IL*
 - ♦ *Faranda's Banquet Center*
- ♦ *Tuesday, December 16, 2014 - Peoria, IL*
 - ♦ *Peoria Civic Center*
- ♦ *Wednesday, December 17, 2014 - Springfield, IL*
 - ♦ *Crowne Plaza*
- ♦ *Thursday, December 18, 2014 - Mt. Vernon, IL*
 - ♦ *Holiday Inn*
- ♦ *Friday, December 19, 2014 - Champaign, IL*
 - ♦ *I Hotel and Conference Center*



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Please return this registration form and payment no later than December 8, 2014

Return form to: Nancy Simpson or Fax: 217-333-9561
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Urbana, IL 61801-2777

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Overview

Who should attend?

- ♦ Farm Operators
- ♦ Farm Owners
- ♦ Ag Lenders
- ♦ Agribusiness Professionals

Agenda

Price and income volatility continued apace in 2014. Unlike most of the last eight years, however, the volatility was generally to the downside for crops and to the upside for livestock. Crop prices declined sharply in the face of record yields, while livestock prices reached unheard of levels driven by the PEDs virus in the pork sector and a drought-ravaged beef sector. Crop producers now face a variety of difficult decisions to deal with the diminished revenue outlook. One important decision that looms large is the farm program sign-up. Income support from the new farm program is likely to be much more important than was expected just a few months ago. There are certainly no shortage of management challenges on the horizon. The University of Illinois Extension and members of the farmdoc team from the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics will be holding a series of five Farm Economics Summit meetings to help producers navigate these turbulent times.

Speakers from the *farmdoc* team at the University of Illinois will explore the farm profitability outlook and management challenges from several perspectives, including the 2015 outlook for prices, farm income prospects, long-term grain price prospects, and the new farm programs. The format for the meeting will be fast-paced and allow plenty of time for questions from the audience.

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7:45 - 8:15	Registration and Coffee
8:15 - 8:20	Introduction and Overview
8:20 - 8:50	Agricultural Commodity Price Outlook for 2015
8:50 - 9:20	2015 Crop and Income Outlook: Conserve Cash Now
9:20 - 9:50	Can One Monster Crop End the New Era in Grain Prices?
9:50 - 10:10	Break
10:10 - 10:40	Understanding the Farm Program Decisions in the New Farm Bill
10:40 - 11:10	Further Analysis of the ARC-CO and PLC/SCO Program Decision
11:10 - 11:40	Do Risk Management Decisions Change?
11:40 - 12:10	Question & Answer / Wrap-Up
12:10 - 1:10	Lunch (Included)

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Speakers

- ♦ Jonathan Coppess, *Assistant Professor, University of Illinois*
- ♦ Todd Gleason, *Media Communications Specialist, University of Illinois*
- ♦ Darrel Good, *Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois*
- ♦ Scott Irwin, *Professor, University of Illinois*
- ♦ John Newton, *Assistant Professor, University of Illinois*
- ♦ Nick Paulson, *Assistant Professor, University of Illinois*
- ♦ Gary Schnitkey, *Professor, University of Illinois*
- ♦ Bruce Sherrick, *Professor, University of Illinois*

Registration

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Please complete the registration form that appears on page two of this brochure and return it with payment to the University of Illinois by December 8, 2014. The entire conference website is located at: <http://farmdoc.illinois.edu/IFES/2014>

Registration Fee

The registration fee for each location is \$65 per person. This fee includes all meeting materials, break refreshments, and lunch.

Registration at the door will be \$75 per person as space permits.

Locations

December 15, 2014

Faranda's Banquet Center
302 Grove St.
Dekalb, IL 60115
Phone: 815-981-3304

December 16, 2014

Peoria Civic Center
201 Southwest Jefferson St.
Peoria, IL 61602
Phone: 309-673-8900

December 17, 2014

Crowne Plaza
3000 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62703
Phone: 217-529-7777

December 18, 2014

Holiday Inn
222 Potomac Blvd.
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Phone: 618-244-7100

December 19, 2014

I Hotel and Conference Center
1900 S. 1st. St.
Champaign, IL 61820
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