

Farmland Leasing Information Provided by ISU Extension

The increase in grain prices resulting from increased grain usage in the bio-economy caused many tenants and landlords to question the terms of leasing arrangements for 2008. Current information about alternative leases to cash rent leases was needed by both tenants and landlords as they determined terms for leases in 2008.



Farmland Leasing Arrangements workshops providing current information on land values, cash rental rates, alternative leasing arrangements, input costs for corn and soybean production and other factors that should be considered in farmland leasing arrangements were conducted by Ron Hook, ISUE Farm Management Specialist during the summer of 2007. Twelve workshops were held in northwest Iowa with 462 participants.



"These meetings provided current leasing information including the increasing cost of crop production. Landowners came away with a greater appreciation for the increased costs incurred by their tenants. The discussion of flexible leases provided landlords and tenants with ideas for alternative ways to establish rental rates."

Ron Hook ISUE Farm Management Specialist

Comments made by leasing meeting attendees:

"I was impressed with your meeting and I hope you will continue to have these meetings every year in my area".

"Thank you! We used the info from the meeting to set our cash rental rate for 2008."

For more information about this program or other Iowa State University Extension resources, contact the Osceola County Office at 712-754-3648. Information is also available on the Iowa State University Extension website at www.extension.iastate.edu.

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