# 2016 ISU Land Value Survey

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### Outline

- 2016 Land Value Survey Results
  - State, District, County
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# The new Mike Duffy



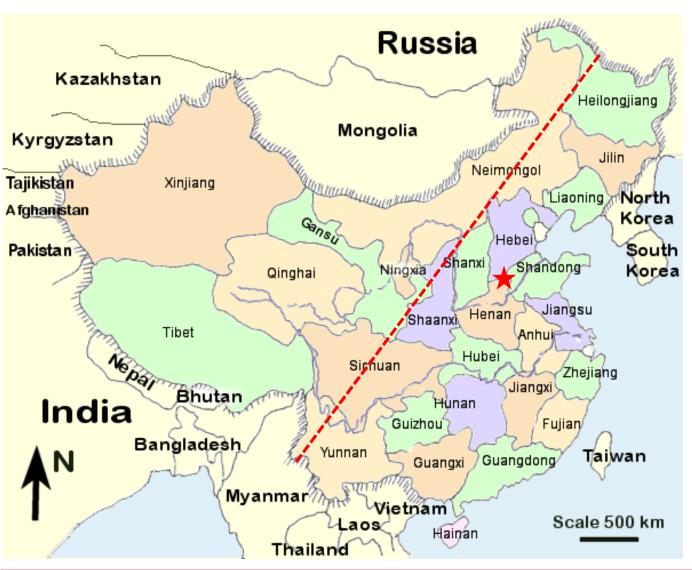
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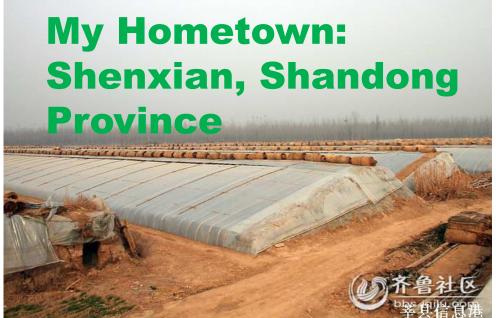


# Who is the New Duffy?

- Well, No one could replace Mike Duffy
- Something about me
  - Grown up in a rural county (with only 1 million people) in NE China
     Attended college in Shanghai and Hong Kong
  - Ph.D. in Ag Econ in 2015 from Ohio State
  - 2012 summer intern at USDA-ERS on farm economy and farmland values
  - Research and extension interests: land value, land ownership, agriculture and the environment, China Ag











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### The Survey is also Online!





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Dear friend,

In 2014, the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at Iowa State University began administering the annual land value survey. This year, Dr. Wendong Zhang will assume Dr. Mike Duffy's responsibilities as lead researcher and key contact person for the survey as well as the liaison between ISU and the Iowa Chapter. As always, your participation is appreciated and your responses are voluntary and treated confidentially. We cannot produce the Iowa State county-level farmland value estimates without your help.

Starting this year, we are offering the lowa land value survey electronically, and we really appreciate your participation. Please complete the survey no later than November 30. If you have any questions concerning the survey or would like to receive a paper copy instead, please call 515-294-1183 or email landvalue@iastate.edu. To learn more about CARD visit our web site at www.card.iastate.edu.

518 respondents711 land value estimates48% of the respondentsparticipated online





http://bit.ly/landvalue16





# Number of Respondents and Responses by District and Mode, 2016

|                      | Re     | esponses |        | Respo  | Respondents |        |  |  |
|----------------------|--------|----------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--|--|
|                      | Paper  | Online   | Total  | Paper  | Online      | Total  |  |  |
|                      | PERCEN | Т        | Number | PERCEN | Т           | Number |  |  |
| Northwest            | 57     | 43       | 98     | 60     | 40          | 76     |  |  |
| <b>North Central</b> | 50     | 50       | 77     | 51     | 49          | 58     |  |  |
| Northeast            | 50     | 50       | 89     | 42     | 58          | 67     |  |  |
| <b>West Central</b>  | 51     | 49       | 75     | 51     | 49          | 54     |  |  |
| Central              | 57     | 43       | 90     | 60     | 40          | 66     |  |  |
| <b>East Central</b>  | 44     | 56       | 72     | 44     | 56          | 57     |  |  |
| Southwest            | 49     | 51       | 72     | 61     | 39          | 50     |  |  |
| <b>South Central</b> | 57     | 43       | 63     | 55     | 45          | 49     |  |  |
| Southeast            | 54     | 46       | 76     | 41     | 59          | 41     |  |  |
|                      |        |          |        |        |             |        |  |  |
| STATE                | 52     | 48       | 711    | 52     | 48          | 518    |  |  |



### Survey Respondents by Occupation, 2016

|               | Farm<br>manager | Appraiser | Ag<br>lender | Broker/Realtor | Farmer<br>/Landowner | Government | Other |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|-------|
|               |                 |           |              | PERCENT        |                      |            |       |
| Northwest     | 17              | 5         | 33           | 32             | 3                    | 9          | 1     |
| North Central | 14              | 14        | 31           | 19             | 5                    | 16         | 2     |
| Northeast     | 9               | 4         | 44           | 12             | 13                   | 12         | 6     |
| West Central  | 11              | 15        | 42           | 16             | 5                    | 9          | 2     |
| Central       | 24              | 16        | 27           | 15             | 7                    | 9          | 1     |
| East Central  | 14              | 12        | 34           | 22             | 7                    | 8          | 3     |
| Southwest     | 24              | 10        | 37           | 16             | 4                    | 8          | 2     |
| South Central | 12              | 10        | 28           | 24             | 12                   | 12         | 2     |
| Southeast     | 7               | 22        | 34           | 10             | 17                   | 10         | 0     |
|               |                 |           |              |                |                      |            |       |
| STATE         | 15              | 11        | 34           | 19             | 8                    | 10         | 2     |





# **Experience and Service Area by Occupation**

| Crop reporting district | Years of experience | Number of counties served | Occupation       | Years of experience | Number of<br>Counties<br>Served |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Northwest               | 31                  | 10                        | Farm manager     | 25                  | 11                              |
| North Central           | 29                  | 11                        | Appraiser        | 23                  | 15                              |
| Northeast               | 23                  | 7                         | Ag lender        | 24                  | 5                               |
| West Central            | 27                  | 10                        | Brokers/Realtor  | 29                  | 19                              |
| Central                 | 27                  | 14                        | Farmer/Landowner | 42                  | 2                               |
| East Central            | 27                  | 14                        | Government       | 22                  | 2                               |
| Southwest               | 23                  | 6                         | Other            | 32                  | 8                               |
| South Central           | 21                  | 7                         |                  |                     |                                 |
| Southeast               | 25                  | 12                        |                  |                     |                                 |
| STATE                   | 26                  | 10                        | STATE            | 26                  | 10                              |



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### STATEWIDE AVERAGE

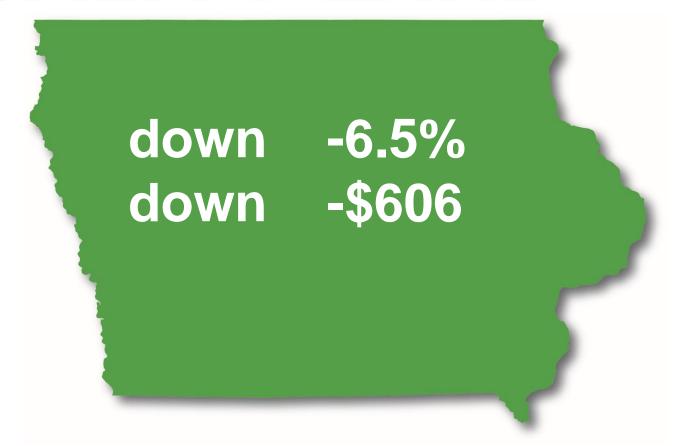
\$7,183 Nov 2016





## HIGH QUALITY LAND

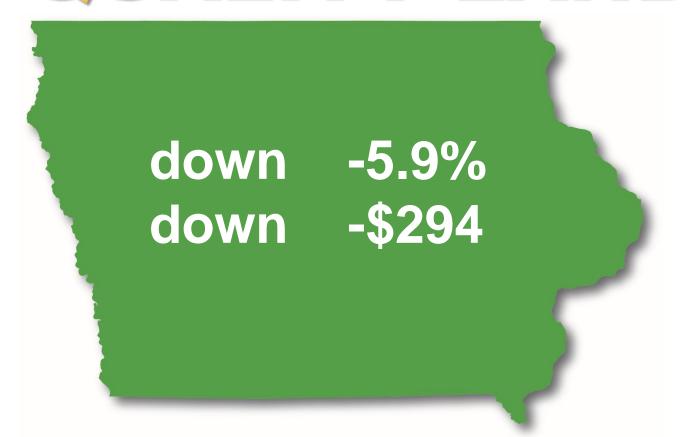
\$8,758





### MEDIUM QUALITY LAND

\$6,705







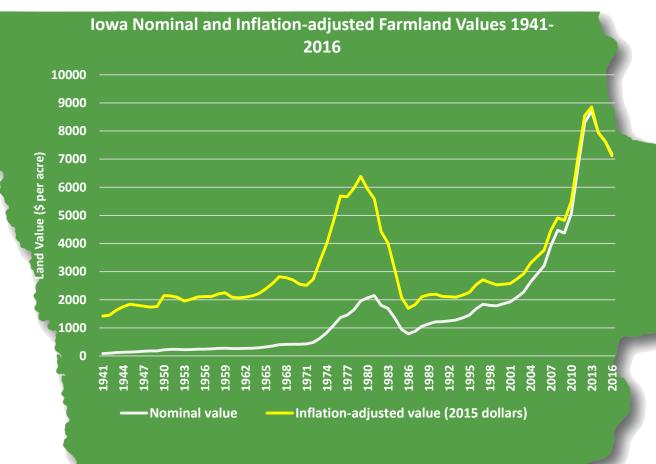
### LOW QUALITY LAND

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### **AVERAGE VALUES**

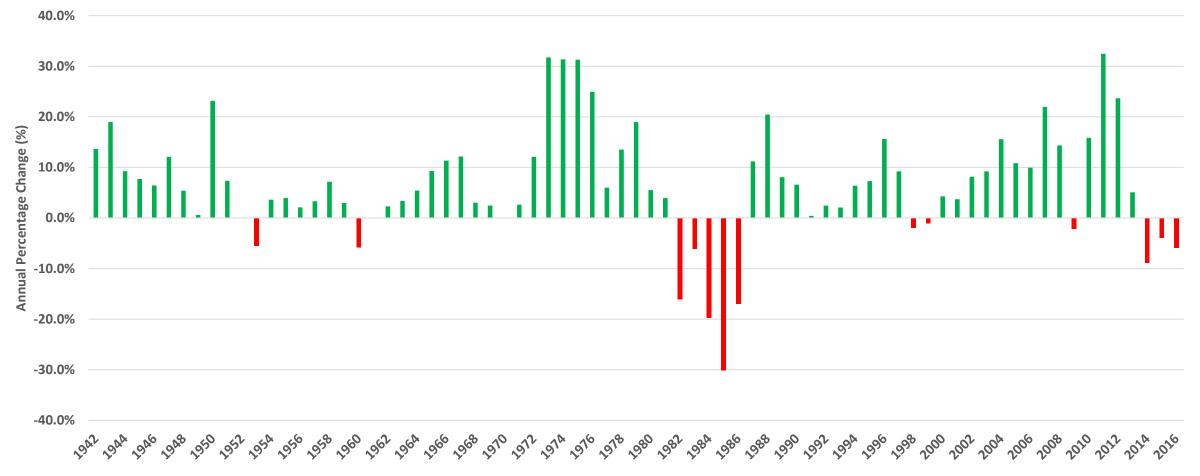
all farmland 1941-2016







# % Change in Nominal Iowa Farmland Values 1942-2016





# **Land Values by District and Land Quality, Nov 2016**

| District             | Average<br>Value | % Change | High<br>Quality | % Change | Medium<br>Quality | % Change | Low<br>Quality | % Change |
|----------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Northwest            | \$9,243          | -4.6%    | \$10,650        | -5.2%    | \$8,468           | -4.1%    | \$6,019        | -3.7%    |
| <b>North Central</b> | \$7,562          | -5.0%    | \$8,442         | -5.9%    | \$6,992           | -4.9%    | \$5,164        | -3.9%    |
| Northeast            | \$7,313          | -7.0%    | \$8,892         | -7.1%    | \$6,994           | -6.2%    | \$4,847        | -7.5%    |
| West Central         | \$7,358          | -8.7%    | \$8,874         | -8.4%    | \$6,870           | -9.4%    | \$4,577        | -9.9%    |
| Central              | \$7,841          | -7.8%    | \$9,299         | -7.8%    | \$7,186           | -7.4%    | \$5,158        | -2.5%    |
| East Central         | \$7,917          | -6.9%    | \$9,502         | -7.6%    | \$7,396           | -6.8%    | \$5,153        | -4.0%    |
| Southwest            | \$6,060          | -4.9%    | \$7,527         | -6.3%    | \$5,683           | -5.9%    | \$4,189        | 2.9%     |
| South Central        | \$4,241          | -3.6%    | \$5,980         | -7.2%    | \$4,128           | -3.6%    | \$2,892        | 5.2%     |
| Southeast            | \$6,716          | -2.6%    | \$9,265         | -2.8%    | \$6,283           | -3.7%    | \$3,783        | -0.4%    |
|                      |                  |          |                 |          |                   |          |                |          |
| Iowa Avg.            | \$7,183          | -5.9%    | \$8,758         | -6.5%    | \$6,705           | -5.9%    | \$4,665        | -3.5%    |





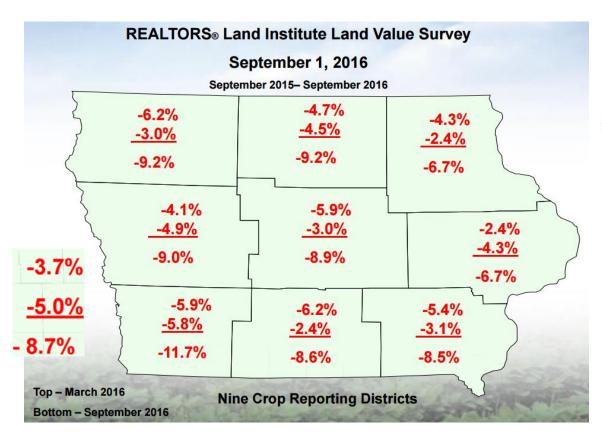
### **Livestock and Crop Inventory by District**

|                 |                  | Invento      | Harvested Acres 2015 |              |              |             |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
|                 | Chickens, Layers | Hogs         | Milk Cows            | Cattle       | Corn         | Soybean     |
| Northwest       | 30%              | 26%          | 29%                  | 22%          | 15%          | 16%         |
| North Central   | 64%              | 16%          | 4%                   | 6%           | 14%          | 13%         |
| Northeast       | 1%               | 12%          | 51%                  | 16%          | 12%          | 8%          |
| West Central    | 0%               | 13%          | 1%                   | 13%          | 15%          | 16%         |
| Central         | 3%               | 13%          | 1%                   | 7%           | 15%          | 14%         |
| East Central    | 1%               | 5%           | 10%                  | 11%          | 10%          | 10%         |
| Southwest       | 0%               | 2%           | 0%                   | 9%           | 7%           | 9%          |
| South Central   | 0%               | 2%           | 1%                   | 9%           | 4%           | 5%          |
| Southeast       | 1%               | 11%          | 3%                   | 3% 6%        |              | 8%          |
|                 |                  |              |                      |              |              |             |
| State Inventory | 20.4 million     | 20.4 million | 0.17 million         | 2.34 million | 13.2 million | 9.8 million |

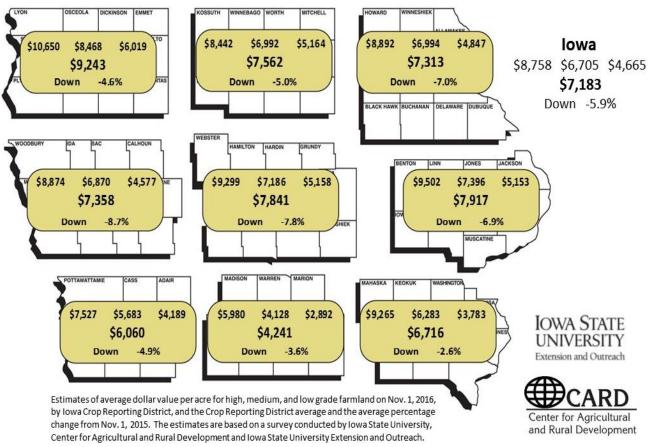




### ISU survey results echo other surveys



#### 2016 Iowa Land Values by Crop Reporting District



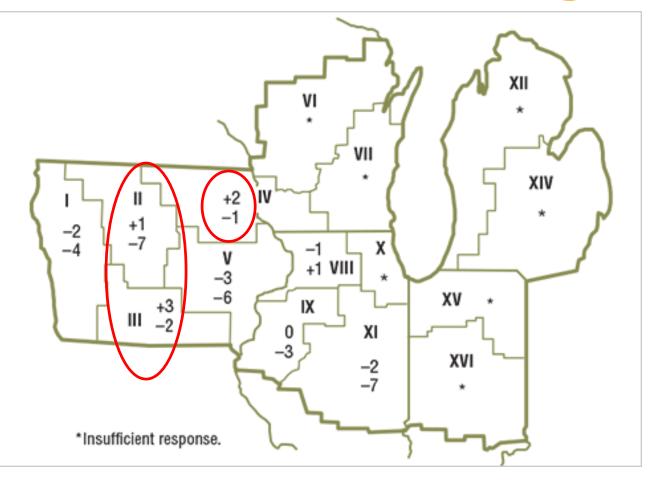


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#### Percent change in dollar value of "good" farmland

Top: July 1, 2016 to October 1, 2016 Bottom: October 1, 2015 to October 1, 2016

|                  | July 1, 2016<br>to<br>October 1, 2016 | October 1, 2015<br>to<br>October 1, 2016 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Illinois         | -1                                    |                                          |
| Indiana          | 0                                     | +1                                       |
| lowa             | -1                                    | <del>-</del> 5                           |
| Michigan         | -3                                    | -11                                      |
| Wisconsin        | 0                                     | +2                                       |
| Seventh District | -1                                    | -3                                       |



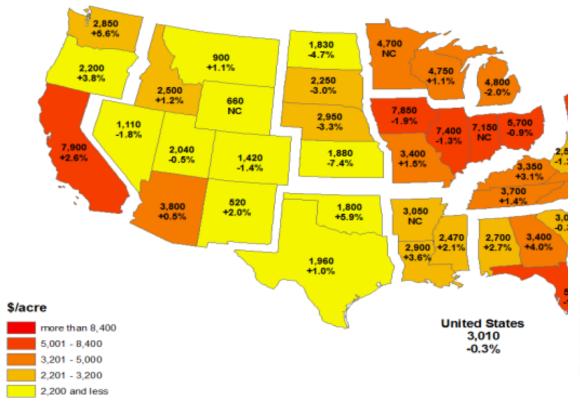




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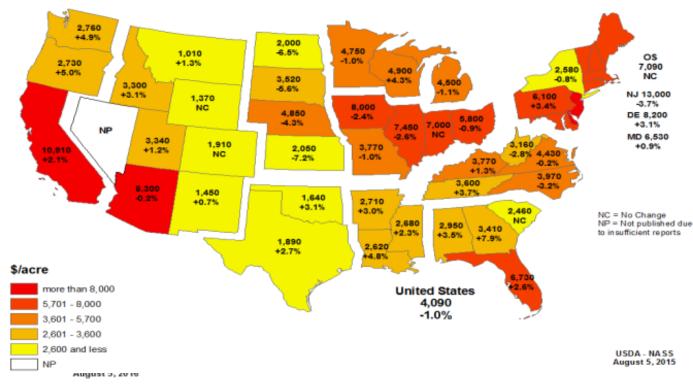
#### 2016 Farm Real Estate Value by State

Dollars per Acre and Percent Change from 2015

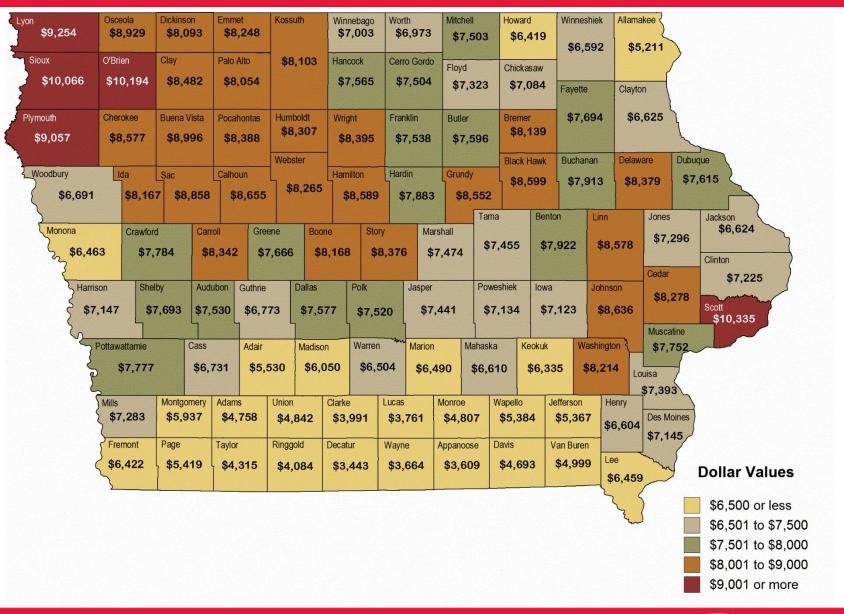


#### 2016 Cropland Value by State

Dollars per Acre and Percent Change from 2015

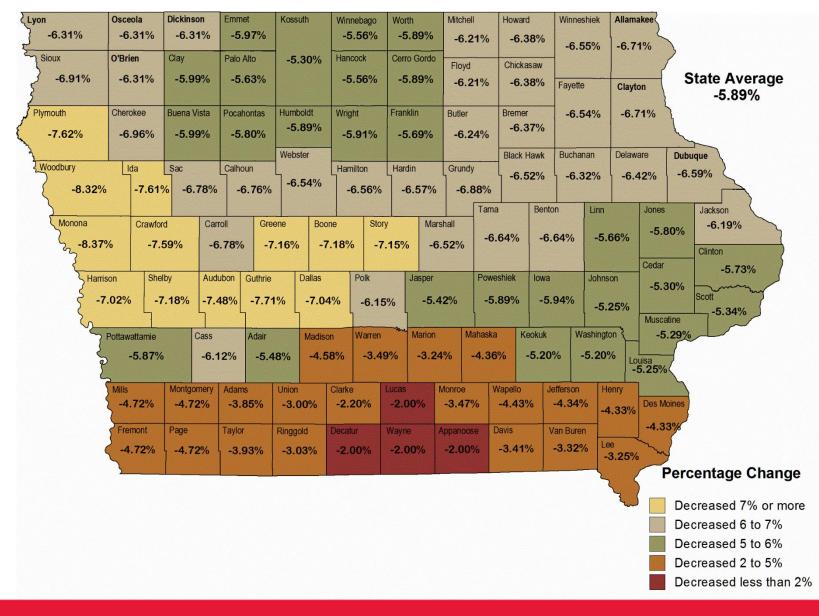


OS includes CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT Land
Values by
County,
2016









# Percent Changes in Land Values from Nov 2015





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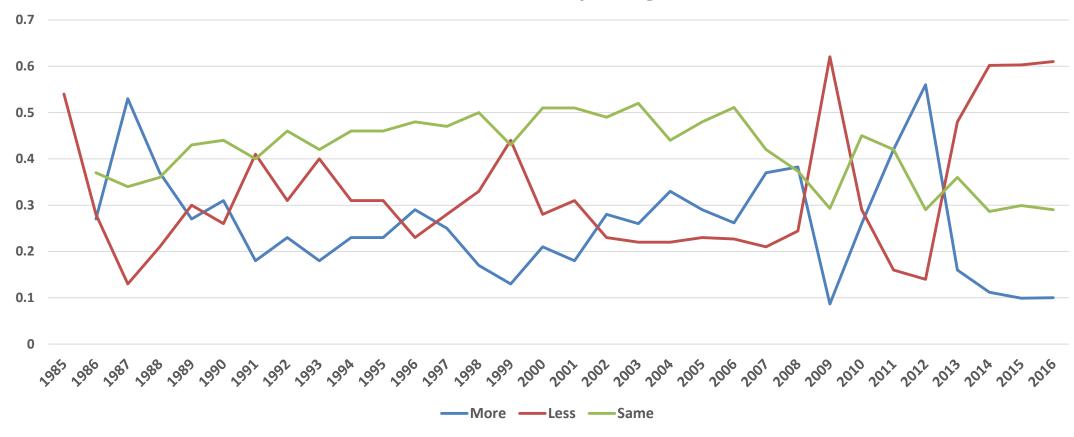
# **lowa Farmland Sale Activity since November 2015**

|               | More | Less    | Same |
|---------------|------|---------|------|
|               |      | PERCENT |      |
| Northwest     | 17   | 46      | 37   |
| North Central | 8    | 63      | 29   |
| Northeast     | 8    | 64      | 28   |
| West Central  | 7    | 65      | 28   |
| Central       | 14   | 69      | 17   |
| East Central  | 3    | 73      | 24   |
| Southwest     | 9    | 65      | 26   |
| South Central | 12   | 56      | 32   |
| Southeast     | 14   | 48      | 38   |
|               |      |         |      |
| STATE         | 10   | 61      | 29   |



# **Iowa Farmland Sale Activity Relative to Last Year 1985-2016**

**Iowa Farmland Sale Activity Change 1989-2016** 

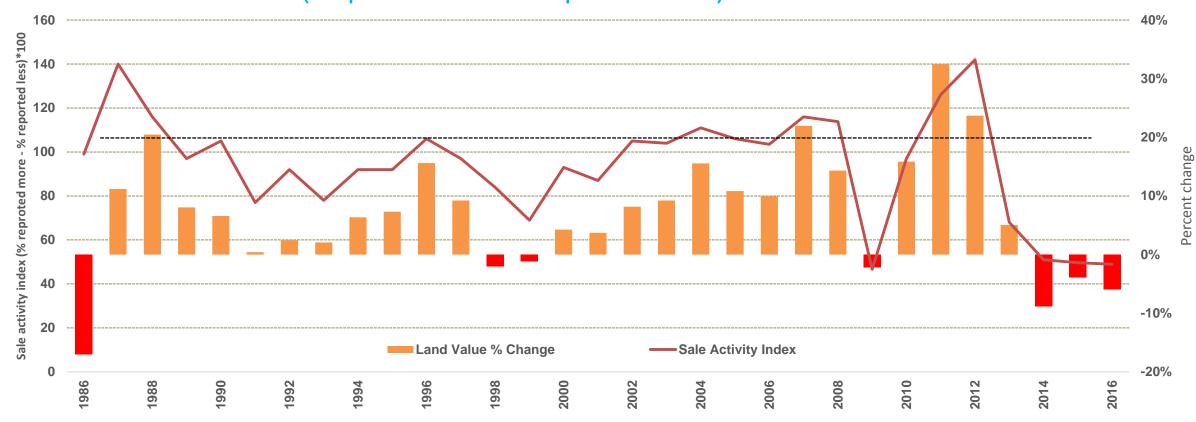




# Farmland supply tends to be tighter in down years

ISU sale activity index and percent change in lowa land value, 1986-2016

(% reported more sales - % reported less sales) + 100

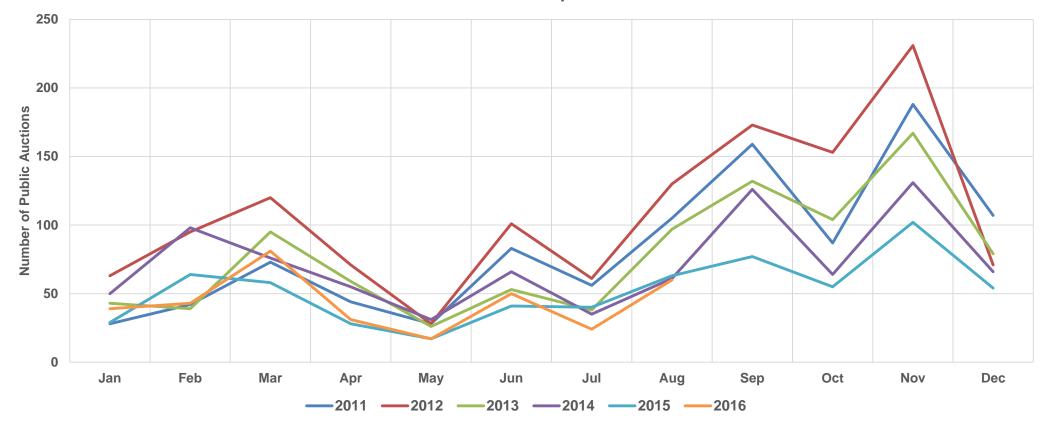






# Limited farmland supply tends to bolster land values

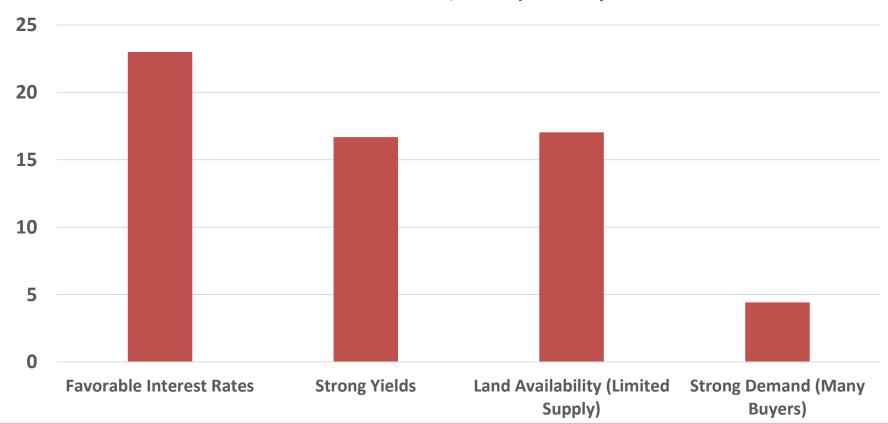
**Number of Public Auctions by Month 2011-2016** 





### Major Positive Factors Affecting lowa Farmland Market, 2016

Positive Factors, 2016 (Percent)

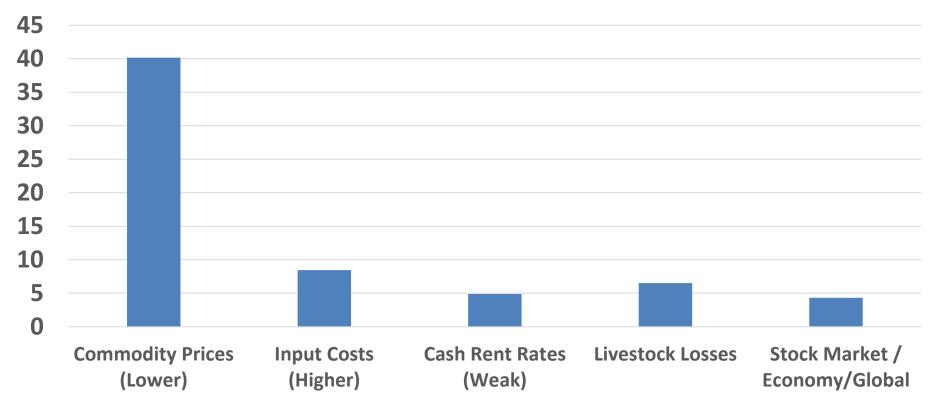






# Major Negative Factors Affecting lowa Farmland Market, 2016





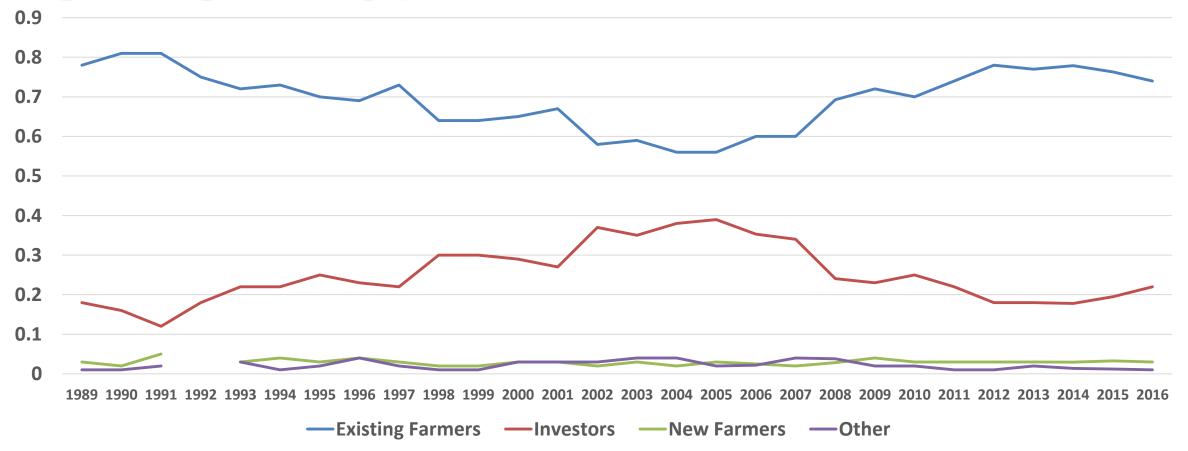


# **lowa Farmland Purchases by Buyer Types,** 2016

|                      |                       | Existing       |                    |                  |       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|-------|
|                      | <b>Existing Local</b> | Relocating     |                    |                  |       |
|                      | Farmers               | <b>Farmers</b> | <b>New Farmers</b> | <b>Investors</b> | Other |
|                      |                       |                | PERCENT            |                  |       |
| Northwest            | 79                    | 1              | 2                  | 18               | 1     |
| <b>North Central</b> | 71                    | 1              | 2                  | 25               | 1     |
| Northeast            | 77                    | 2              | 4                  | 15               | 2     |
| <b>West Central</b>  | 77                    | 1              | 2                  | 18               | 2     |
| Central              | 73                    | 1              | 2                  | 23               | 1     |
| <b>East Central</b>  | 75                    | 1              | 4                  | 20               | 0     |
| Southwest            | 65                    | 3              | 4                  | 28               | 1     |
| <b>South Central</b> | 57                    | 4              | 4                  | 33               | 3     |
| Southeast            | 74                    | 2              | 5                  | 17               | 3     |
|                      |                       |                |                    |                  |       |
| STATE                | 72                    | 2              | 3                  | 22               | 1     |



# **lowa Farmland Purchases by Buyer Types 1989-2016**





# **Types, 2016**

|                      | Active         |                        |                     |                  |       |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------|
|                      | <b>Farmers</b> | <b>Retired Farmers</b> | <b>Estate Sales</b> | <b>Investors</b> | Other |
|                      |                | PE                     | RCENT               |                  |       |
| Northwest            | 12             | 17                     | 64                  | 5                | 3     |
| <b>North Central</b> | 8              | 17                     | 61                  | 10               | 4     |
| Northeast            | 14             | 34                     | 43                  | 6                | 5     |
| <b>West Central</b>  | 12             | 25                     | 57                  | 5                | 2     |
| Central              | 13             | 22                     | 53                  | 8                | 4     |
| <b>East Central</b>  | 11             | 24                     | 53                  | 9                | 2     |
| Southwest            | 15             | 24                     | 47                  | 13               | 1     |
| <b>South Central</b> | 17             | 24                     | 37                  | 19               | 3     |
| Southeast            | 11             | 24                     | 57                  | 10               | 2     |
|                      |                |                        |                     |                  |       |
| STATE                | 12             | 23                     | <b>53</b>           | 9                | 3     |



### High land Quality has a local meaning!

|                      | Repo         | rted Average      | CSR2        | Reporte      | d Average Coi     | rn Yields   |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                      | High Quality | Medium<br>Quality | Low Quality | High Quality | Medium<br>Quality | Low Quality |
| Northwest            | 87           | <b>79</b>         | 66          | 214          | 191               | 165         |
| <b>North Central</b> | 84           | 74                | 62          | 208          | 187               | 163         |
| Northeast            | 82           | 68                | 54          | 213          | 188               | 157         |
| <b>West Central</b>  | 80           | 67                | 55          | 212          | 186               | 160         |
| Central              | 85           | 73                | 61          | 209          | 182               | 155         |
| East Central         | 84           | 70                | 54          | 219          | 193               | 161         |
| Southwest            | 78           | 65                | 51          | 205          | 179               | 153         |
| South Central        | 68           | 53                | 38          | 186          | 154               | 127         |
| Southeast            | 81           | 65                | 47          | 201          | 175               | 145         |
|                      |              |                   |             |              |                   |             |
| STATE                | 81           | 69                | 55          | 208          | 182               | 155         |





# Cash Crop Price Predictions for Nov 2017, 2018, 2020

|                      |    |      | Cas | h Corn | Cash Corn Prices |      |    | Cash Soybean Prices |    |      |    |       |
|----------------------|----|------|-----|--------|------------------|------|----|---------------------|----|------|----|-------|
|                      | 2  | 017  | 2   | 2018   | 2                | 020  | 2  | 017                 | 20 | 18   |    | 2020  |
| Northwest            | \$ | 3.34 | \$  | 3.65   | \$               | 3.98 | \$ | 9.25                | \$ | 9.61 | \$ | 10.32 |
| North Central        | \$ | 3.42 | \$  | 3.59   | \$               | 3.93 | \$ | 9.16                | \$ | 9.46 | \$ | 10.01 |
| Northeast            | \$ | 3.41 | \$  | 3.59   | \$               | 3.95 | \$ | 9.19                | \$ | 9.28 | \$ | 9.76  |
| West Central         | \$ | 3.34 | \$  | 3.59   | \$               | 4.02 | \$ | 9.12                | \$ | 9.33 | \$ | 10.06 |
| Central              | \$ | 3.36 | \$  | 3.50   | \$               | 3.77 | \$ | 9.17                | \$ | 9.40 | \$ | 9.86  |
| <b>East Central</b>  | \$ | 3.42 | \$  | 3.58   | \$               | 3.89 | \$ | 9.26                | \$ | 9.51 | \$ | 10.00 |
| Southwest            | \$ | 3.31 | \$  | 3.56   | \$               | 3.94 | \$ | 9.15                | \$ | 9.42 | \$ | 10.09 |
| <b>South Central</b> | \$ | 3.36 | \$  | 3.59   | \$               | 3.90 | \$ | 9.51                | \$ | 9.76 | \$ | 10.35 |
| Southeast            | \$ | 3.50 | \$  | 3.83   | \$               | 4.17 | \$ | 9.49                | \$ | 9.59 | \$ | 10.08 |
|                      |    |      |     |        |                  |      |    |                     |    |      |    |       |
| STATE                | \$ | 3.38 | \$  | 3.60   | \$               | 3.94 | \$ | 9.24                | \$ | 9.48 | \$ | 10.06 |





# Farmland Values Predictions for Nov 2017, 2018, 2020

|                      | Reported Average Values as | Lar            | Land Value Predictions |                |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
|                      | of Nov 2016                | Nov 2017       | Nov 2018               | Nov 2020       |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest            | \$9,912                    | \$10,085       | \$9,786                | \$9,983        |  |  |  |  |
| <b>North Central</b> | \$8,089                    | \$7,908        | \$7,765                | \$7,966        |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast            | \$7,582                    | \$7,799        | \$7,624                | \$7,704        |  |  |  |  |
| <b>West Central</b>  | \$7,628                    | \$7,689        | \$7,501                | \$8,058        |  |  |  |  |
| Central              | \$8,156                    | \$8,623        | \$8,396                | \$8,593        |  |  |  |  |
| <b>East Central</b>  | \$7,976                    | \$8,188        | \$7,943                | \$8,057        |  |  |  |  |
| Southwest            | \$6,452                    | \$6,376        | \$6,189                | \$6,560        |  |  |  |  |
| <b>South Central</b> | \$4,497                    | \$4,958        | \$4,796                | \$4,917        |  |  |  |  |
| Southeast            | \$7,297                    | \$7,470        | \$7,451                | \$7,530        |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                            |                |                        |                |  |  |  |  |
| STATE                | \$7,700                    | <b>\$7,858</b> | <b>\$7,662</b>         | <b>\$7,877</b> |  |  |  |  |





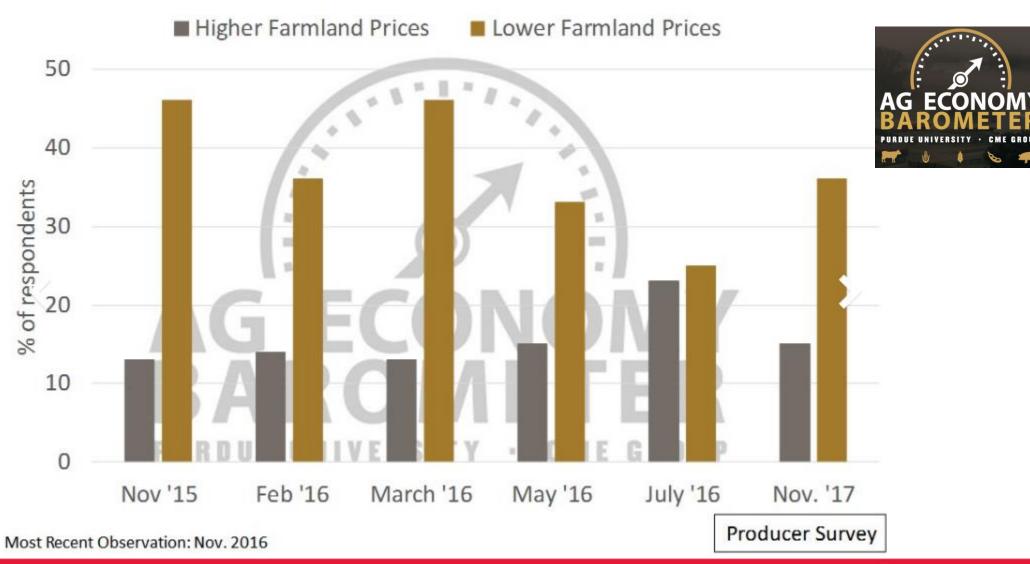
## Soil Mgmt Land Valuation Conf

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

|          |               | 2016 Es | stima | ated Land | and | d Commo | dity | Prices |              |
|----------|---------------|---------|-------|-----------|-----|---------|------|--------|--------------|
|          | AVG. Estimate |         |       |           |     |         |      |        |              |
| LAND:    |               |         |       |           |     |         |      |        |              |
|          |               | NW      |       | NE        |     | SW      |      | SE     | STATE        |
| Nov 2016 | \$            | 8,358   | \$    | 8,191     | \$  | 6,958   | \$   | 7,320  | \$<br>7,776  |
| Nov 2017 | \$            | 8,137   | \$    | 7,991     | \$  | 6,991   | \$   | 6,869  | \$<br>7,572  |
| Nov 2020 | \$            | 8,884   | \$    | 8,758     | \$  | 7,698   | \$   | 7,614  | \$<br>8,303  |
| Nov 2025 | \$            | 10,199  | \$    | 9,756     | \$  | 8,834   | \$   | 8,681  | \$<br>9,446  |
| Nov 2040 | \$            | 14,487  | \$    | 12,818    | \$  | 11,833  | \$   | 11,988 | \$<br>12,866 |
| Commo    | dity          | Prices  |       |           |     |         |      |        |              |
|          | CORN          |         |       | SOYBEAN   |     |         |      |        |              |
| Nov 2016 | \$            |         |       | 3.75      | \$  |         |      | 9.44   |              |
| Nov 2017 | \$            |         |       | 3.73      | \$  |         |      | 10.12  |              |
| Nov 2020 | \$            |         |       | 4.32      | \$  |         |      | 10.78  |              |



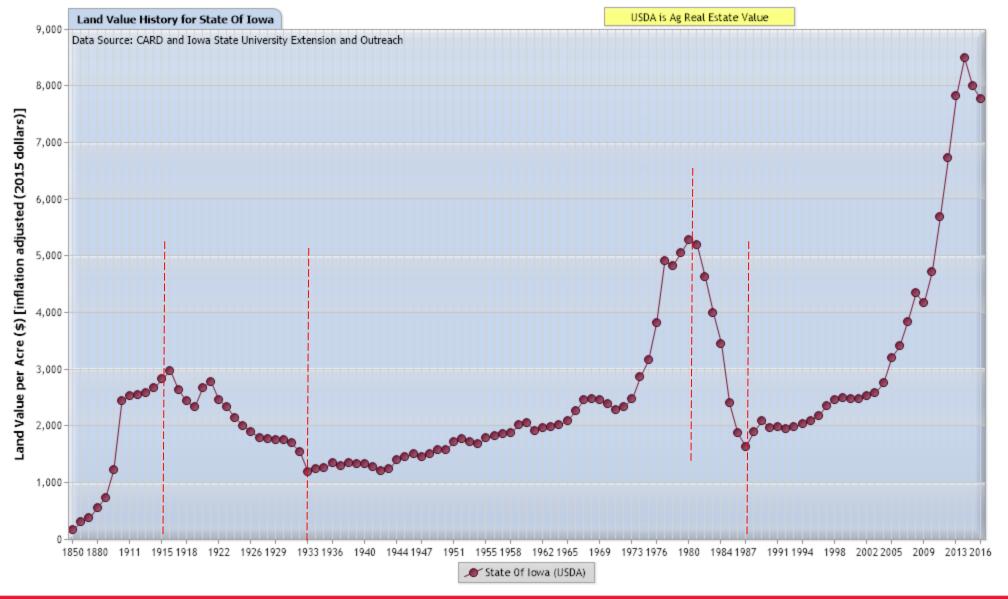
#### Farmland Price Expectations, 12 months from now







Ag Real Estate Values 1850-2016









## A replay of 1920s or 1980s farm crisis?

| Go | lder | 1 Eras |
|----|------|--------|
|----|------|--------|

|           | Land  | Gross Income | Net Income |
|-----------|-------|--------------|------------|
| 1910-1920 | 1.2%  | 0.8%         | 0.2%       |
| 1973-1981 | 9.7%  | 0.9%         | -3.2%      |
| 2003-2013 | 11.1% | 4.5%         | 8.1%       |

#### **Crises and Declines**

|           | Land   | Gross Income | Net Income |
|-----------|--------|--------------|------------|
| 1921-1933 | -5.8%  | -1.9%        | -1.0%      |
| 1981-1987 | -15.0% | -2.5%        | 2.6%       |
| 2013-2016 | -6.0%* | -2.7%        | -9.5%      |





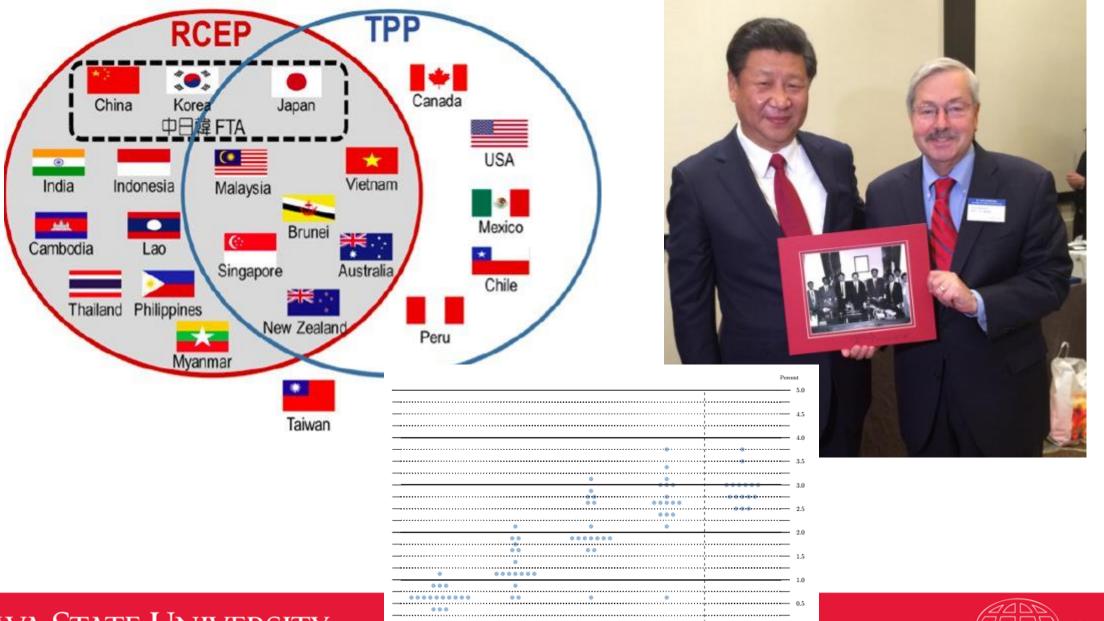


## **Key Indicators to Watch**

### Land Value = net income / interest rate

- USDA Farm Income Forecast
  - Price Outlook
  - Ag Exports / Exchange Rate
  - China
  - Ethanol, E-85, RFS
- Fed's move on Interest Rate
- Ag Loan Delinquency; Vendor Credit





Longer run

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## Outline

- 2016 Land Value Survey Results
  - State, District, County
- Analysis and Observations
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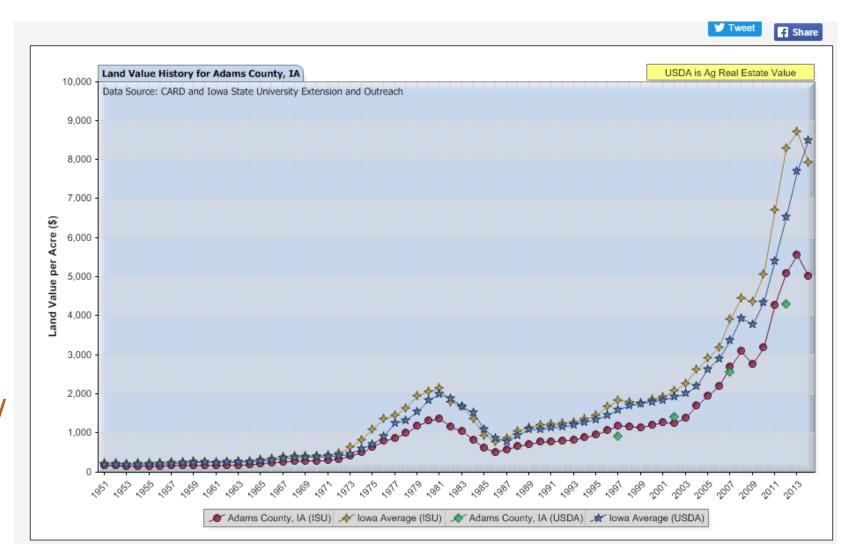
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| REALTORS Land Institute Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago                                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Years: 1951 ▼ through 2014 ▼                                                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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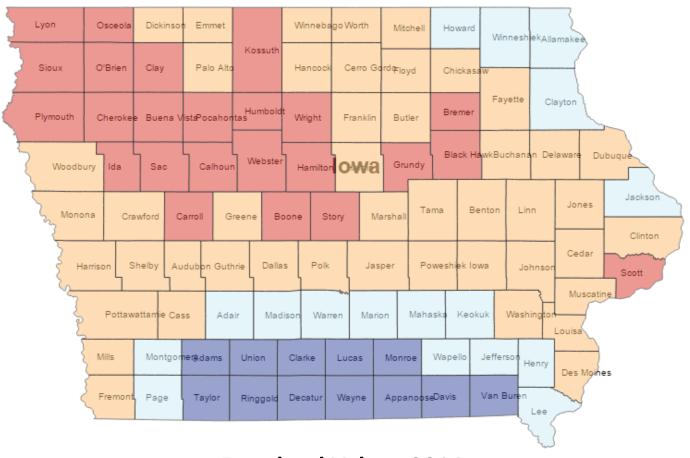
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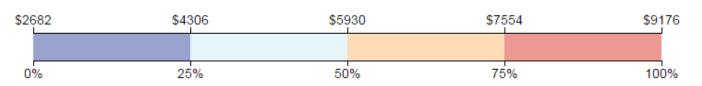


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## Thank You!

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