Crop Net Return Prospects

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Ag Economy Barometer

Ag Economy Barometer Survey Details

 Monthly survey of 400 U.S. agricultural producers, focused on major crop and livestock enterprises

Corn and Soybeans: 53%

– Wheat: 14%

- Cotton: 3%

- Beef: 19%

- Swine: 6%

Dairy: 5%



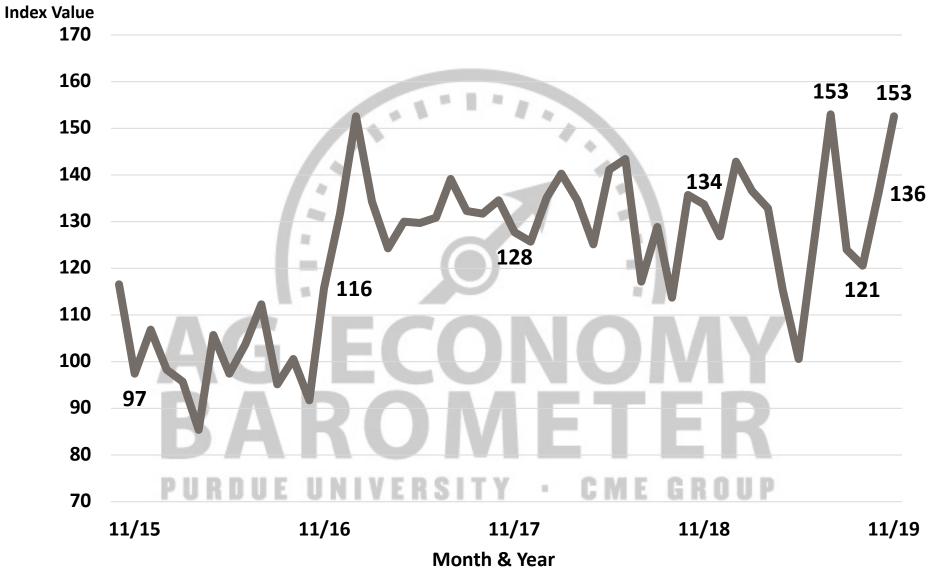
Ag Economy Barometer Survey Details (continued)

- Respondents value of farm production is greater than \$500,000.
- Do not survey the same producers each month, but characteristics of survey sample are held constant from month to month.

Ag Economy Barometer: November 2019

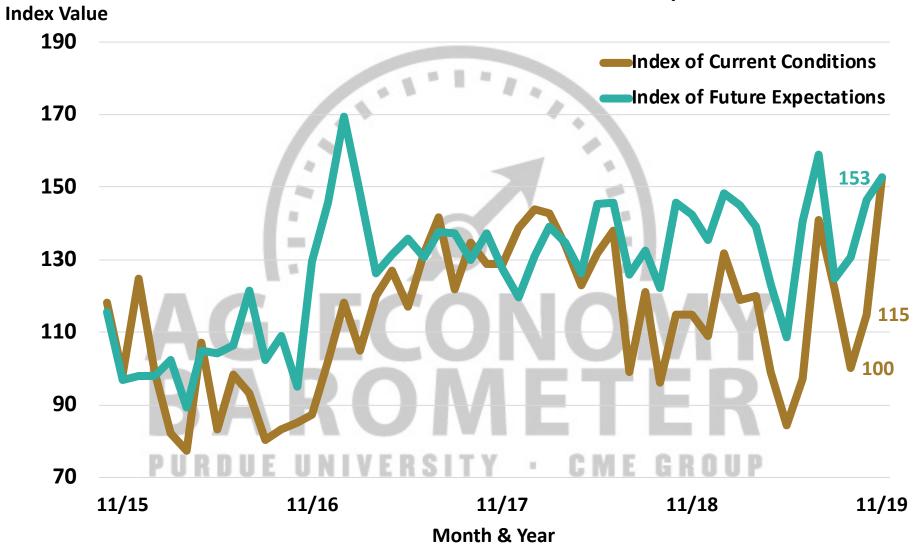






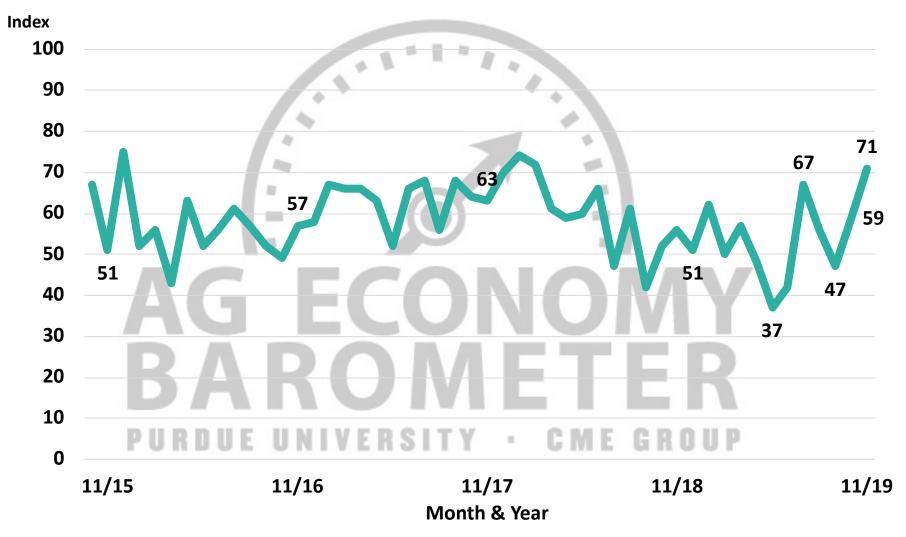


Indices of Current Conditions and Future Expectations

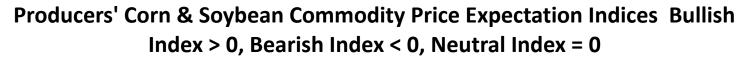


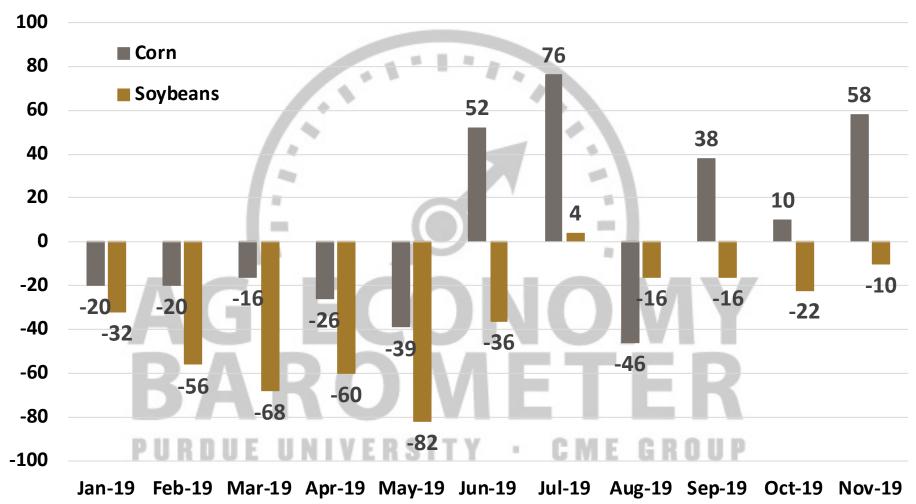


Farm Capital Investment Index







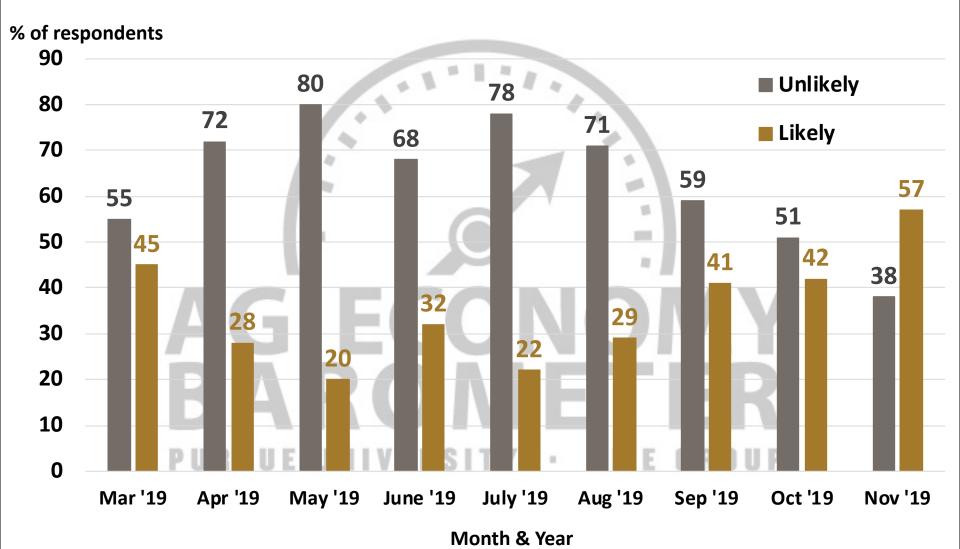


Source: Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture, Producer Survey, November 2019



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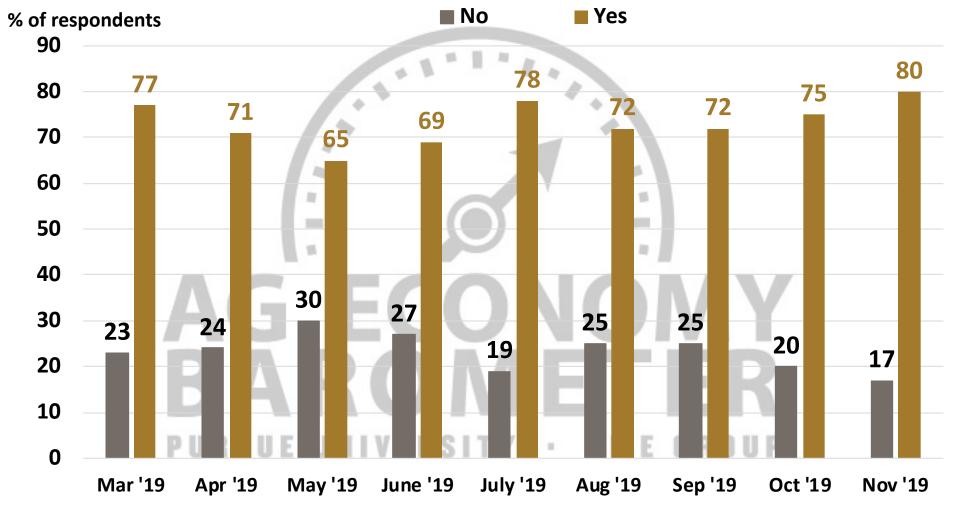
Do you think it is likely or unlikely that the soybean trade dispute with China will be settled soon?



Source: Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture, Producer Survey, November 2019



Do You Think the Trade Dispute with China Will Ultimately Be Resolved in a Way That Benefits U.S. Agriculture?



Month & Year



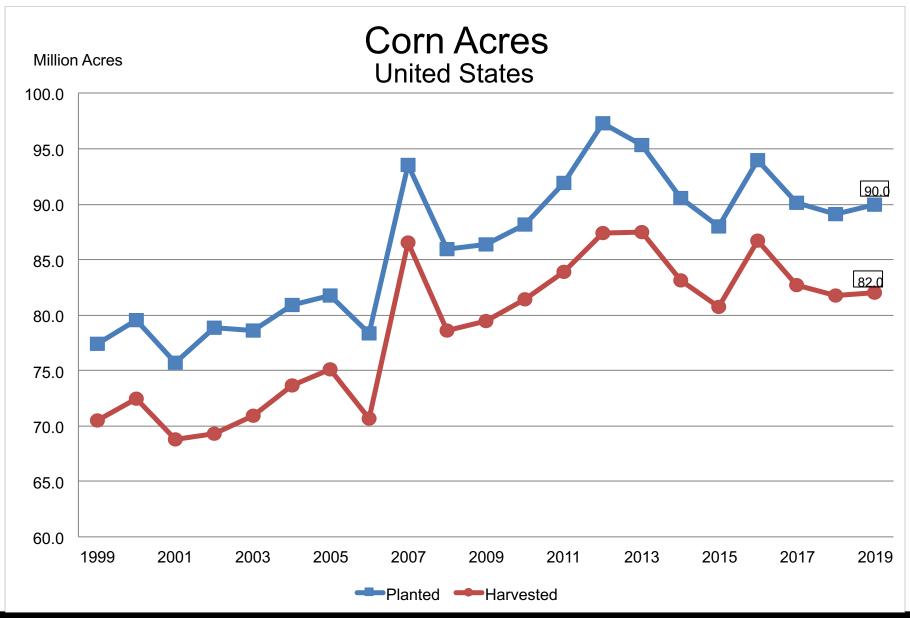
Expected Crop Prices

U.S. Acreage Estimates for 2019

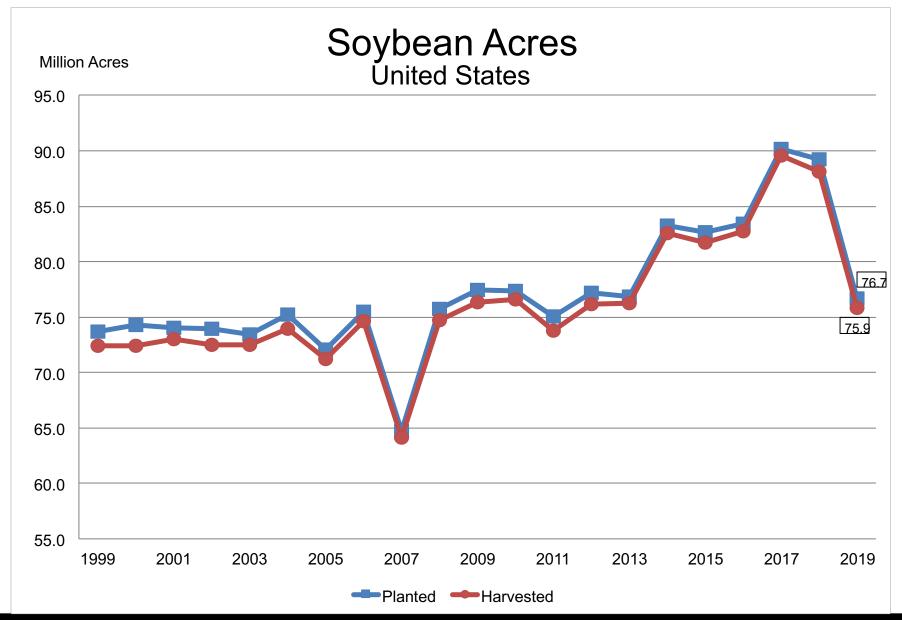
Source: USDA

Estimate	Corn (millions)	Soybeans (millions)
March Planting Intentions	92.8	84.6
June Crop Report	91.4	80.0
August Crop Report	90.0	76.7
October Crop Report	89.9	76.5



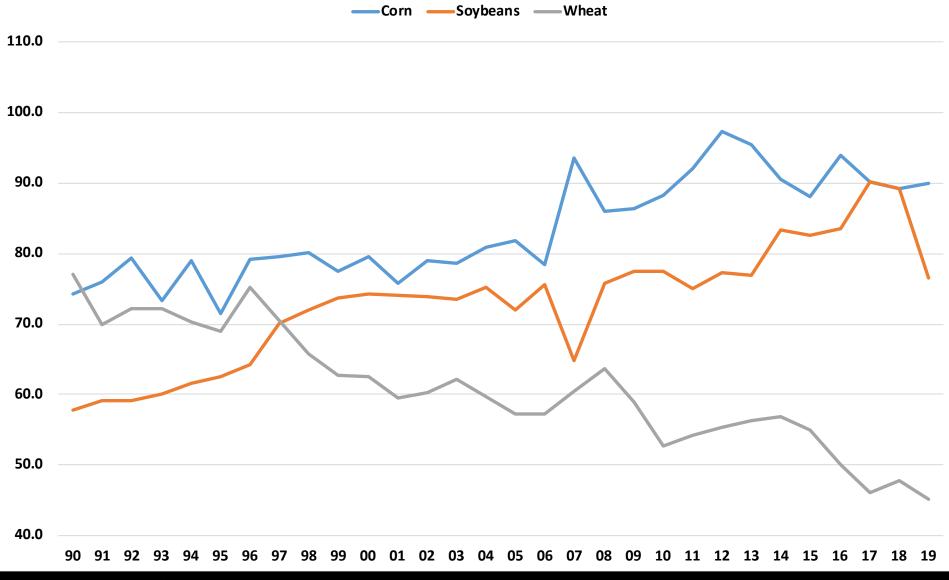






U.S. Corn, Soybean, and Wheat Acres (millions)

Source: USDA-NASS, Quick Stats







U.S. Yield Estimates for 2019 Sources: USDA

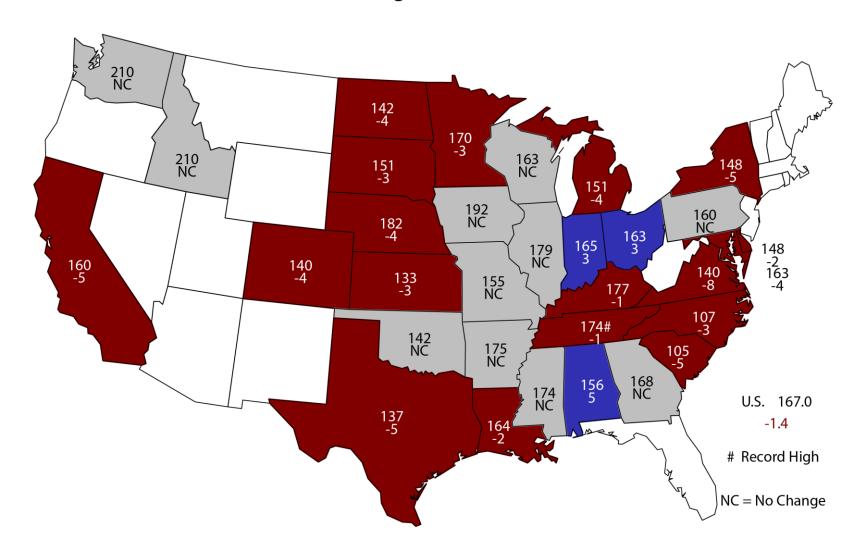
Estimate	Corn	Soybeans
May WASDE Report	176.0	49.5
July WASDE Report	166.0	48.5
August WASDE Report	169.5	48.5
November WASDE Report	167.0	46.9







Bushels and Change From Previous Forecast

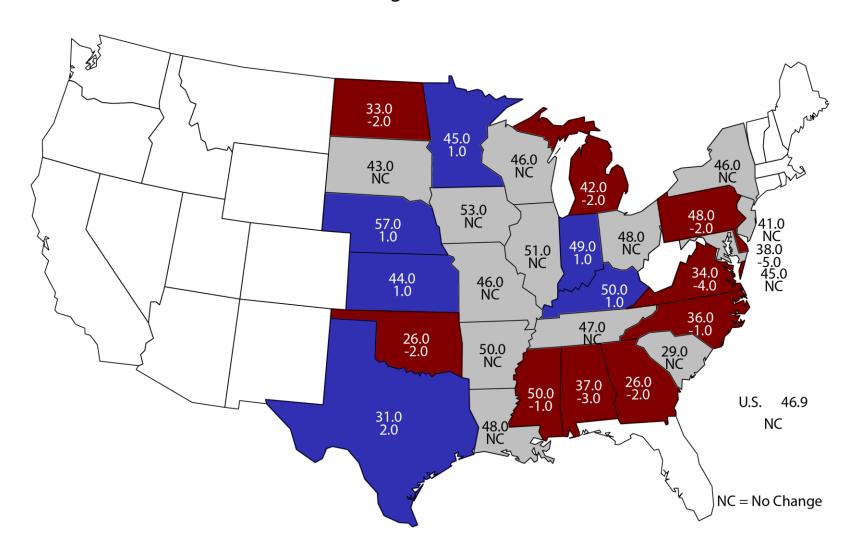








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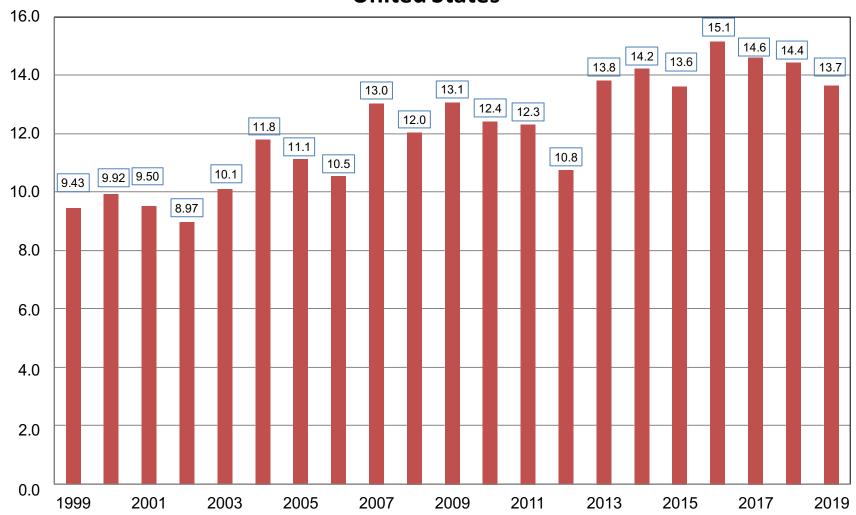




Corn for Grain Production



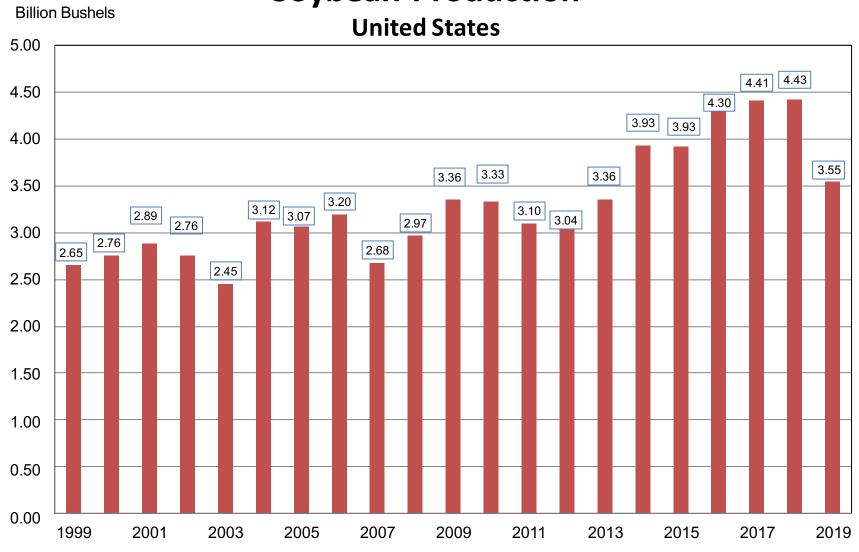
United States







Soybean Production



U.S. Marketing Year Average Prices Source: USDA-NASS

Marketing Year	Corn	Soybeans
15/16	3.61	8.95
16/17	3.36	9.47
17/18	3.36	9.33
18/19	3.61	8.48
19/20 Projected	3.85	8.85



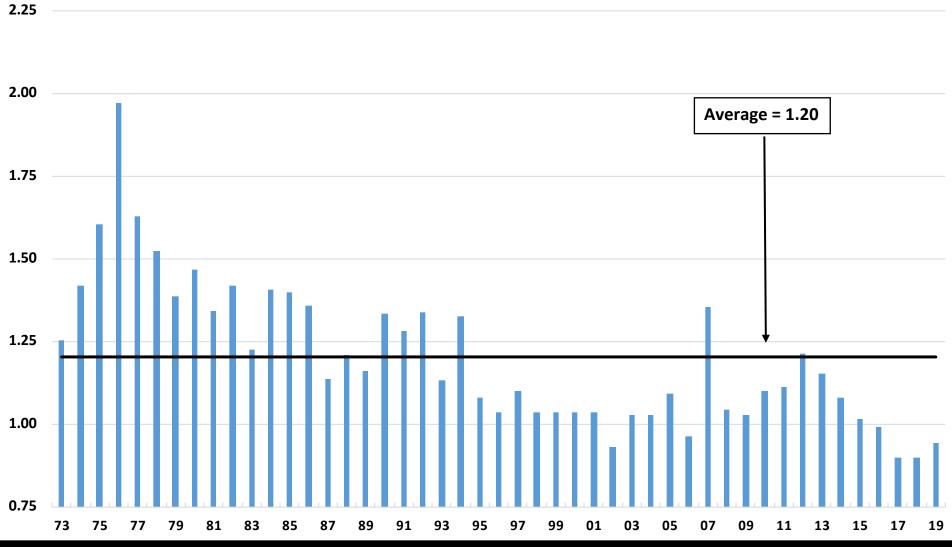
Fall 2020 Futures Prices (12/17) Source: iFarm Price Distribution Tool

At Expiration Probability Below	Corn	Soybeans
25%	3.51	8.78
50%	3.94	9.56
75%	4.42	10.41

Ratio of Corn to Soybean Acreage in Indiana

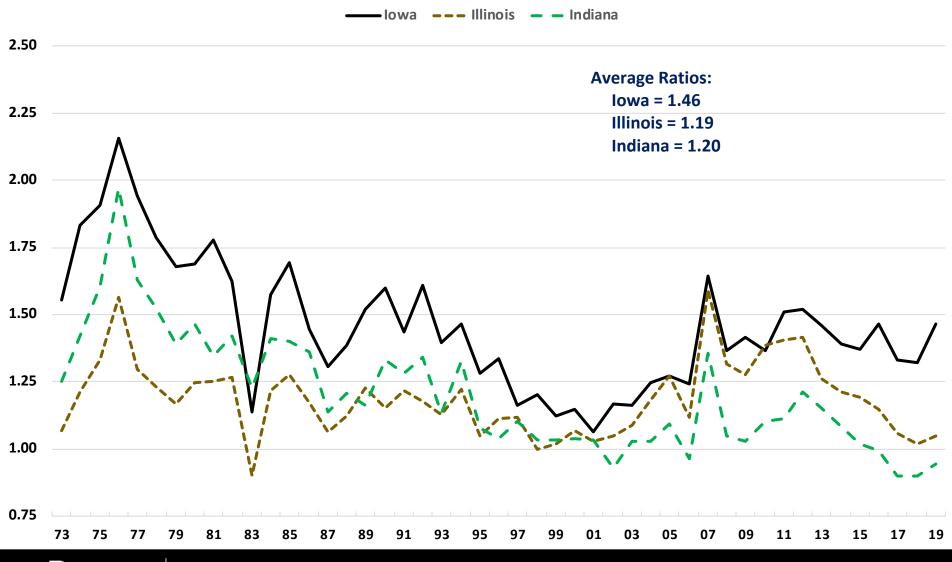
Source: USDA-NASS, Quick Stats





Ratio of Corn to Soybean Acreage in the U.S. Corn Belt Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana

Source: USDA-NASS, Quick Stats

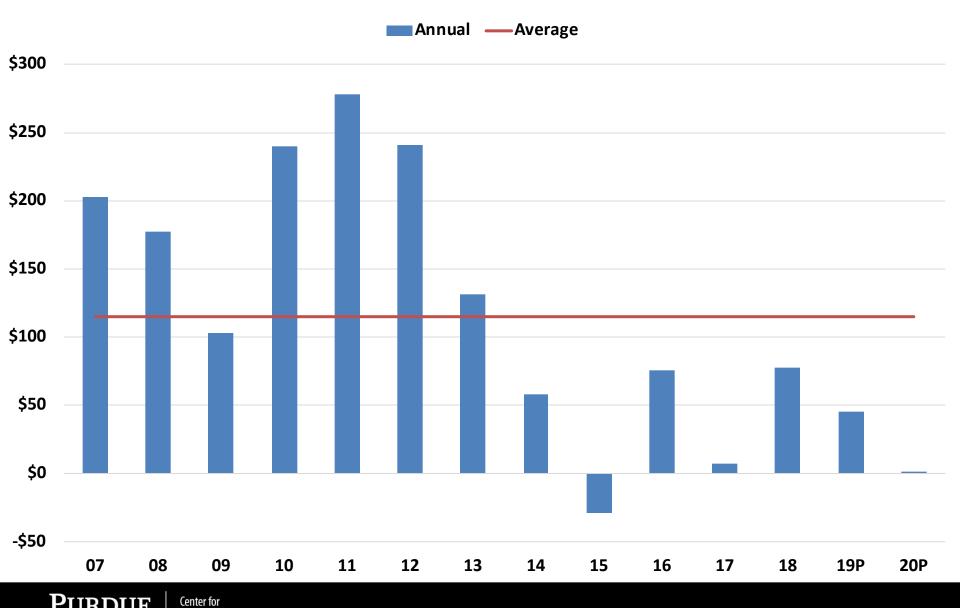


Net Return Projections

Definitions

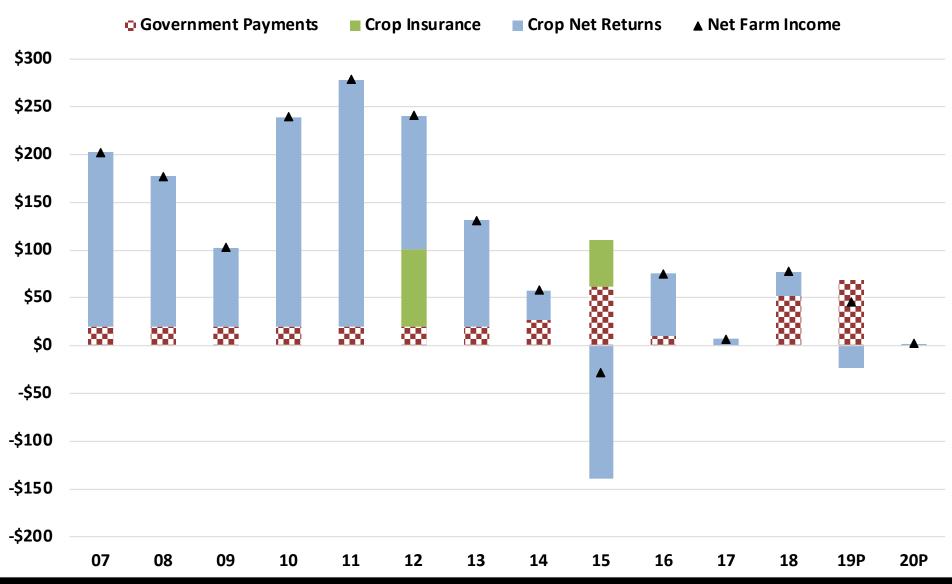
- Net Farm Income
 - Gross revenue minus cash expenses and depreciation;
 excludes operator and family labor, and opportunity costs
- Net Return to Land
 - Gross revenue minus cash expenses (except rent), depreciation, and opportunity costs (except opportunity cost on owned land)
- Earnings
 - Gross revenue minus cash expenses, depreciation, and opportunity costs

Net Farm Income, Corn/Soybean Rotation (\$ per Acre) West Central Indiana Case Farm

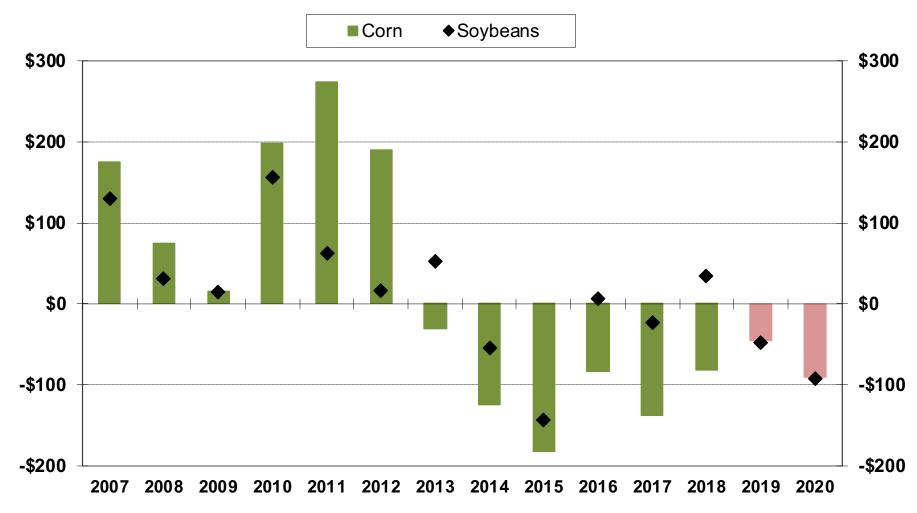


Commercial Agriculture

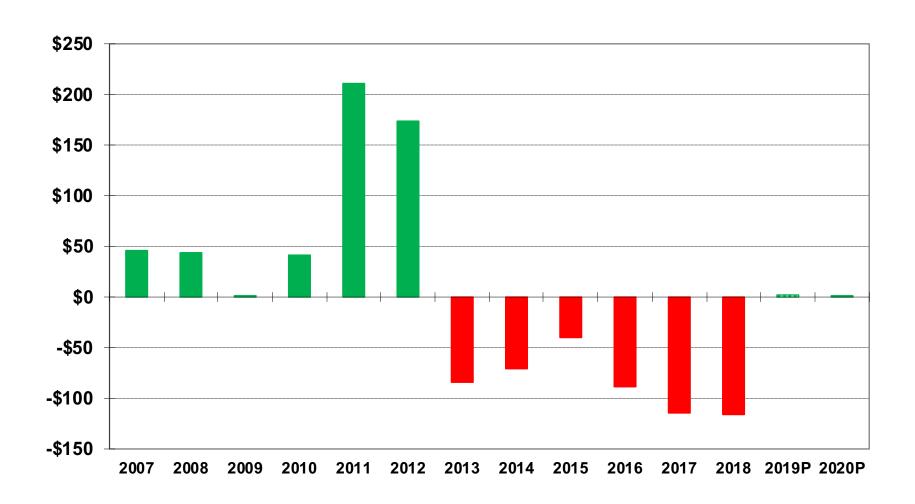
Net Farm Income Sources, Corn/Soybean Rotation (\$ per Acre) West Central Indiana Case Farm



Historical and Projected Earnings per Acre for Corn and Soybeans in West Central Indiana



Difference in Earnings per Acre West Central Indiana (Corn Minus Soybeans)



Current Prices Favor Soybeans Over Continuous Corn

Corn Prices Required to Produce Per Acre Returns Equivalent to Soybeans

Soybean Price	Low Productivity (C=133; SB=44)	Avg. Productivity (C=165; SB=54)	High Productivity (C=198; SB=65)
\$7.50	\$3.71	\$3.63	\$3.48
\$8.00	\$3.88	\$3.79	\$3.64
\$8.50	\$4.05	\$3.96	\$3.81
\$9.00	\$4.21	\$4.12	\$3.97
\$9.50	\$4.38	\$4.28	\$4.13
\$10.00	\$4.54	\$4.45	\$4.30

Soybeans Versus Rotation Corn?

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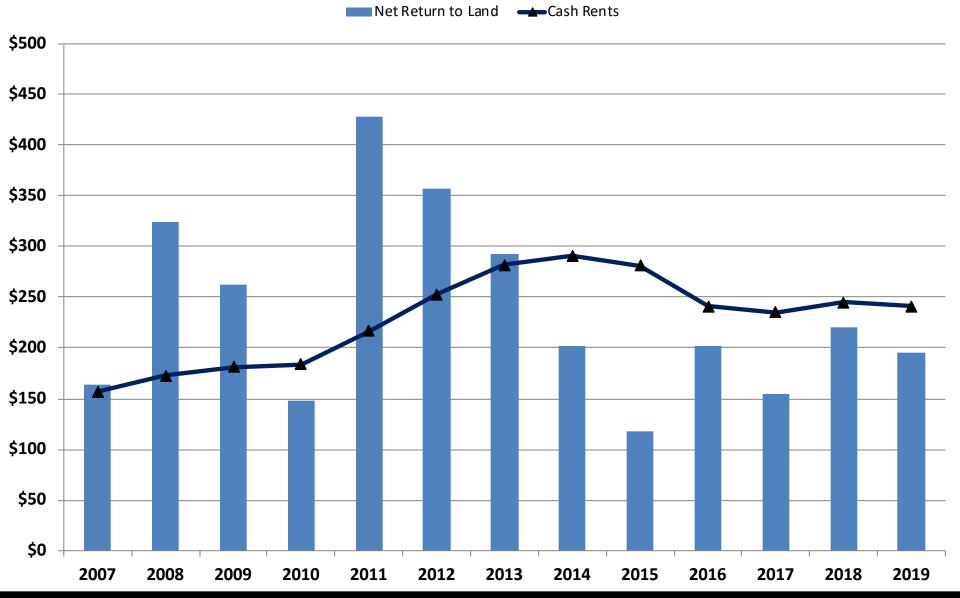
Soybean Price	Low Productivity (C=141; SB=44)	Avg. Productivity (C=176; SB=54)	High Productivity (C=211; SB=65)
\$7.50	\$3.40	\$3.31	\$3.19
\$8.00	\$3.55	\$3.47	\$3.34
\$8.50	\$3.71	\$3.62	\$3.50
\$9.00	\$3.87	\$3.77	\$3.65
\$9.50	\$4.02	\$3.93	\$3.80
\$10.00	\$4.18	\$4.08	\$3.96

Profitability, Cash Rents, and Land Values

Cash Rents and Land Values

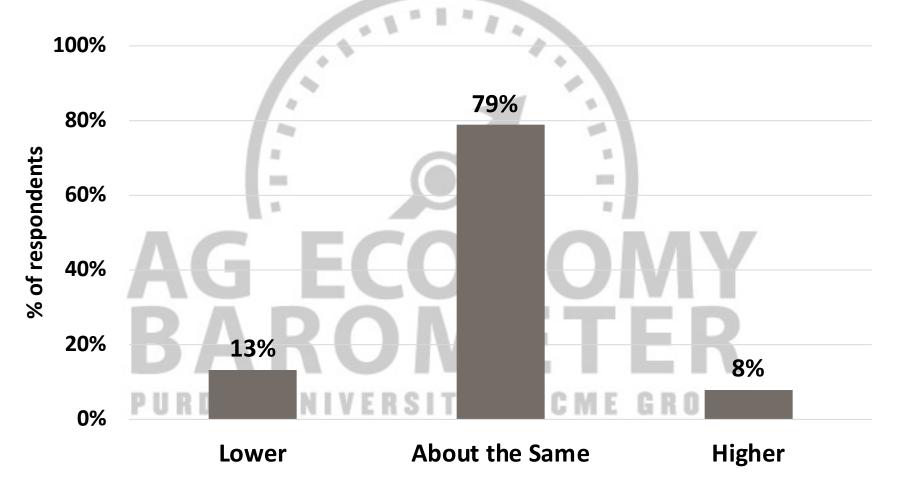
- Cash Rents
 - Net Return to Land
- Land Values
 - Cash Rents
 - Interest Rates

Cash Rent and Net Return to Land, West Central Indiana



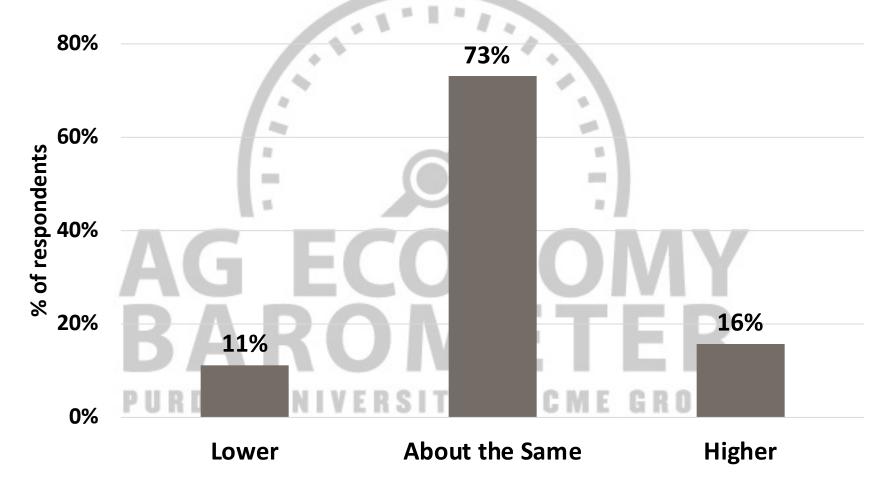


Compared to today, what are your expectations for cash rents in your area 12 months from now? Higher, lower, or about the same?



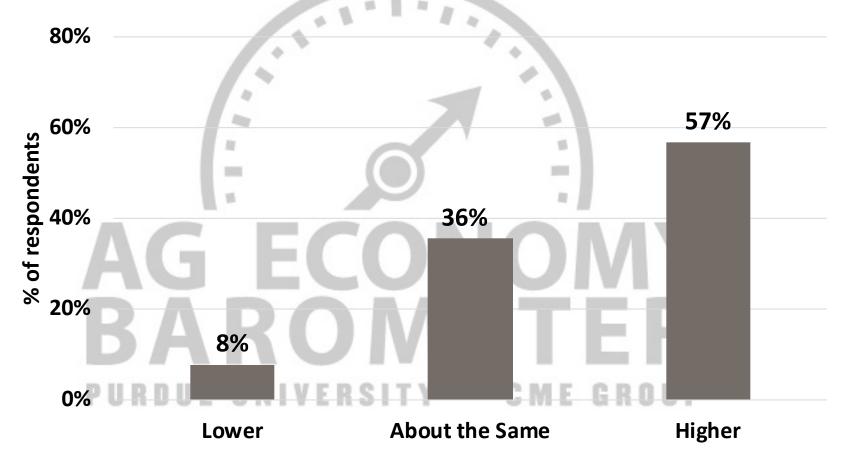


Compared to today, what are your expectations for farmland prices in your area 12 months from now? Higher, lower, or about the same?





Thinking long-term, what are your expectations for farmland prices in your area 5 years from now? Higher, lower, or about the same?





Questions, Comments

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