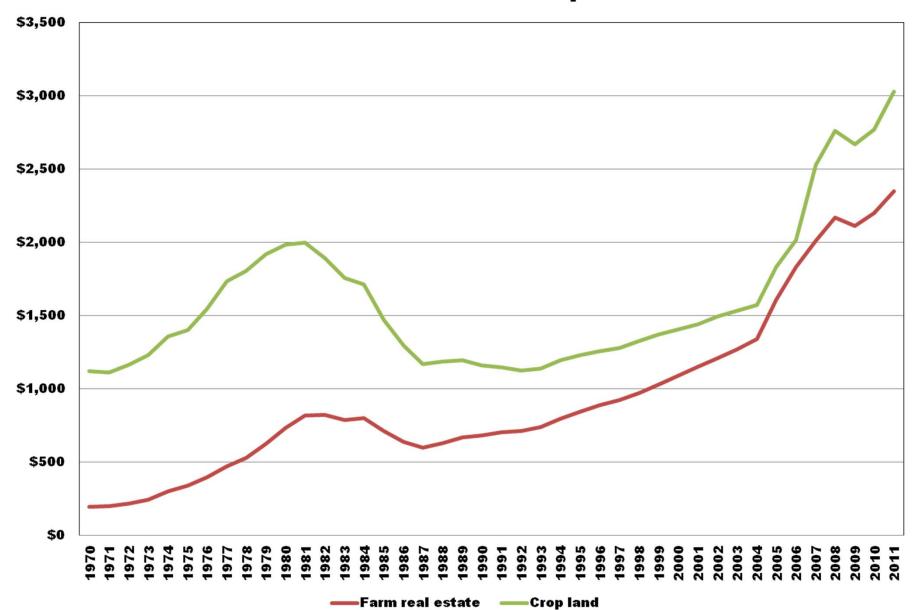
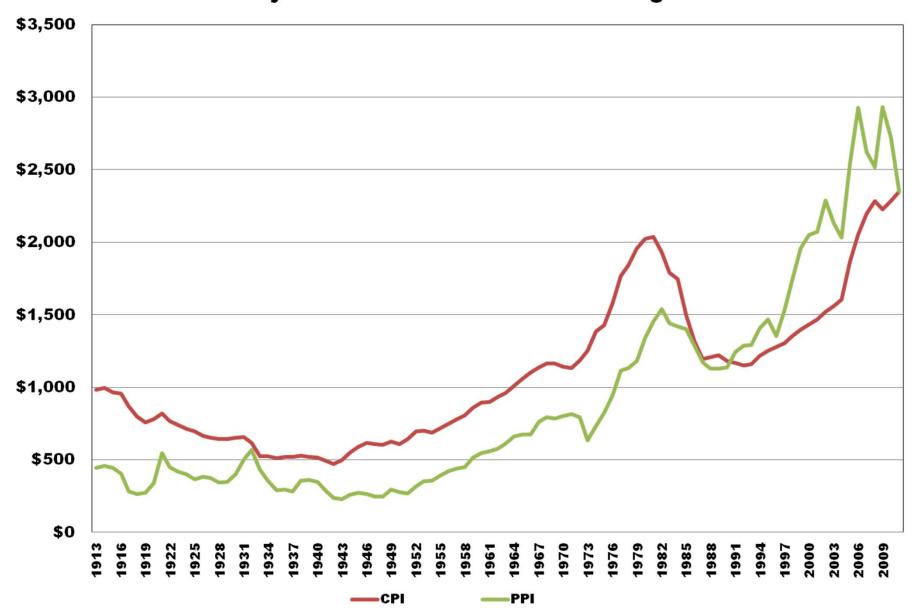
# Overview of Forces Shaping Land Asset Values

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#### **U.S. Farm Real Estate and Crop Land Values**



Inflation Adjusted U.S. Land Values Using CPI or PPI

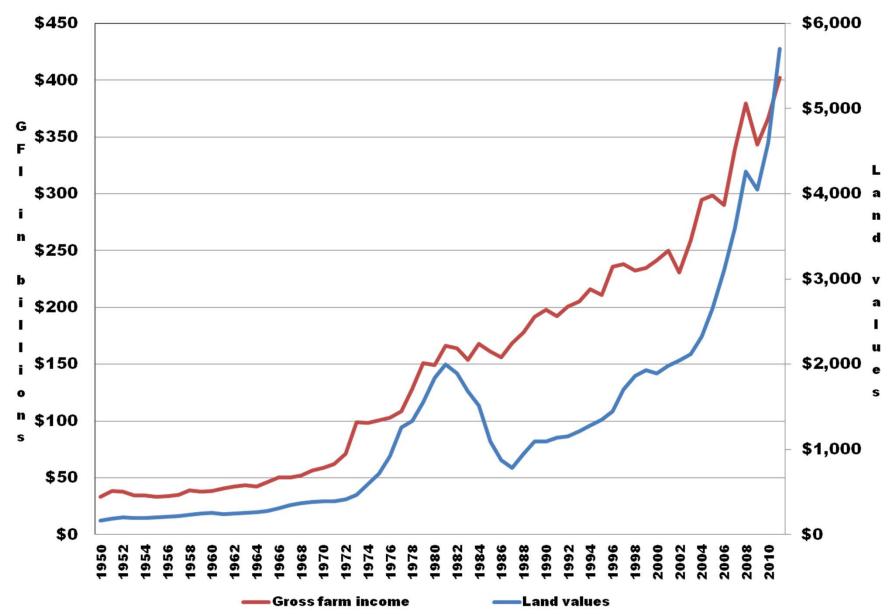
## Driving Forces Behind Land Values

- Income
- Interest rates
- Lack of alternative investments
- Strong commodity demand
- Strong demand for land

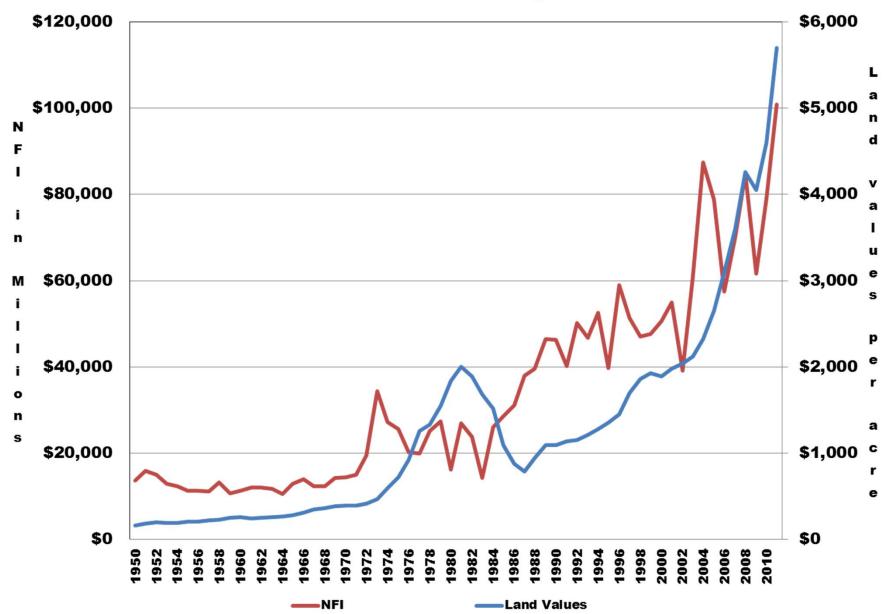


## Income



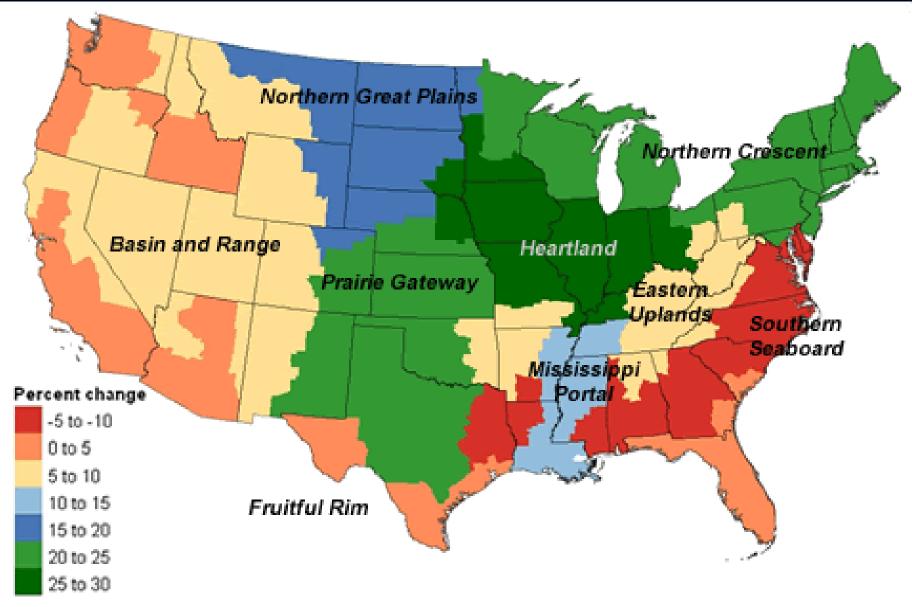


**U.S. Gross Farm Income and Land Values** 

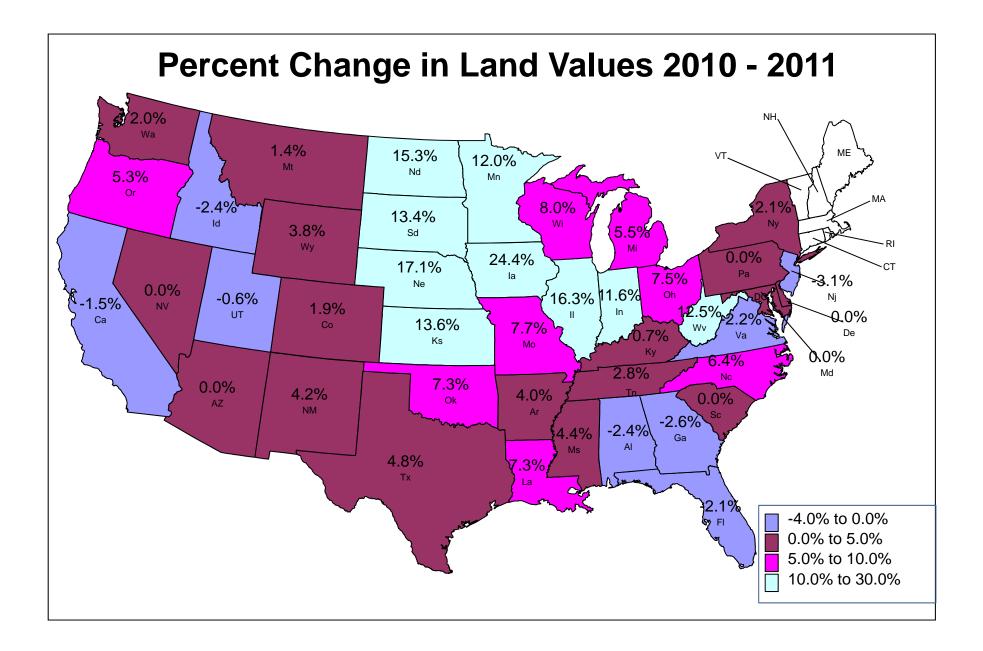


**U.S. Net Farm Income and Average Land Values** 

#### 2011 farm business net cash income forecast compared with 2010



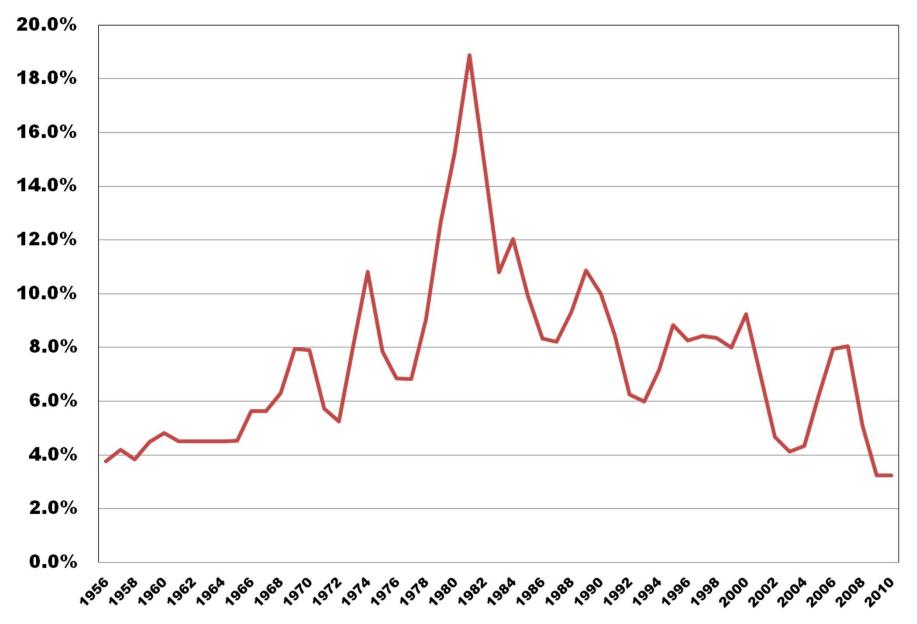
Source: ERS partial budget model based on the 2010 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) using parameters from the sector forecasts.



## Interest rates



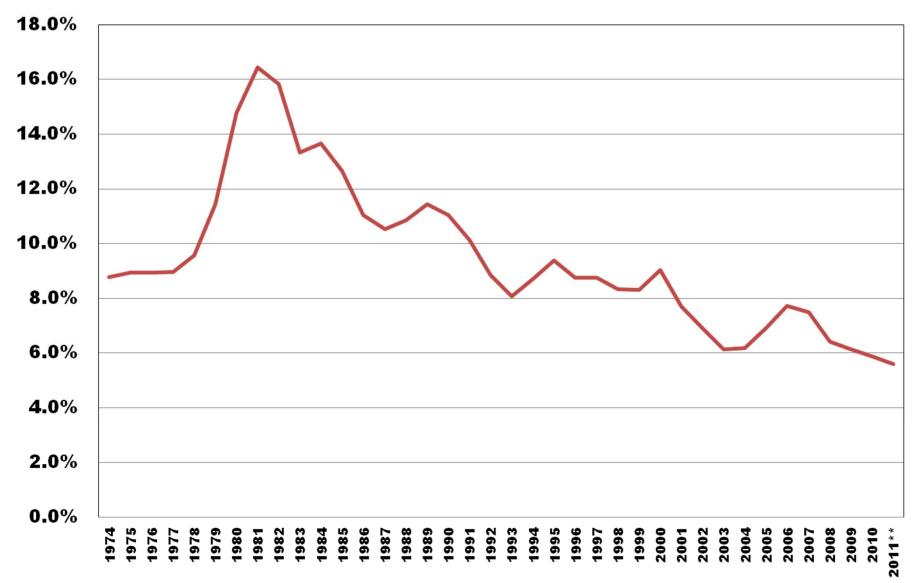
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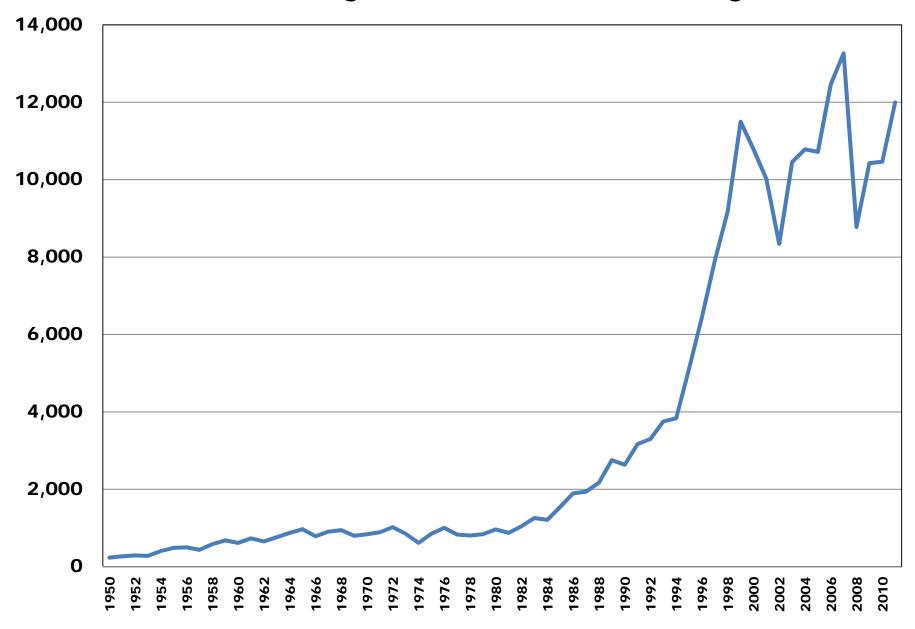
Market Yield on 10 Year U.S. Treasury Securities

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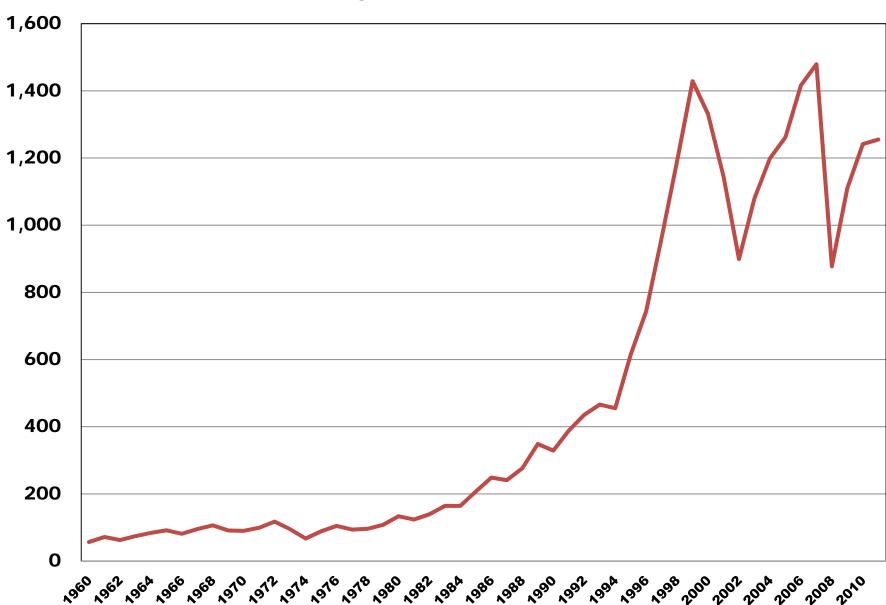


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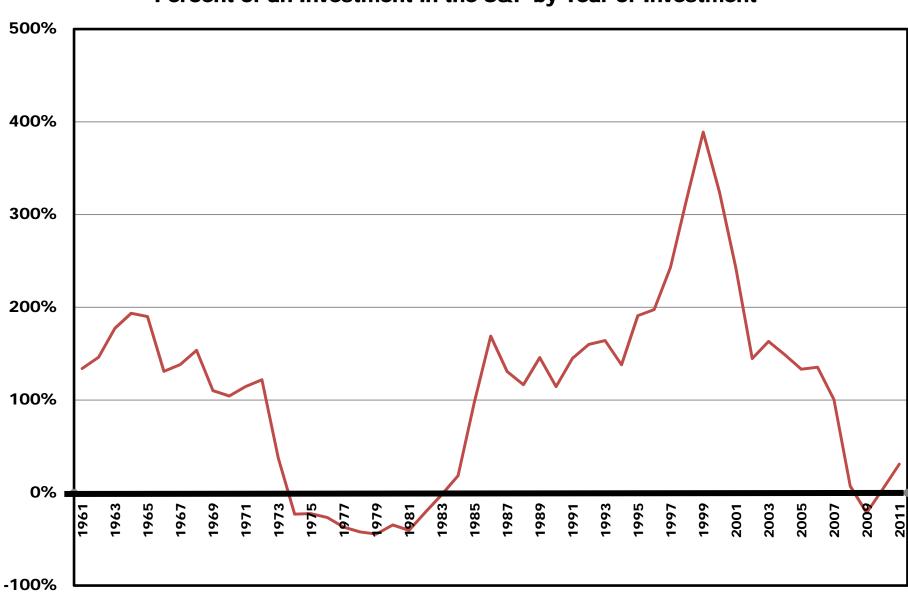




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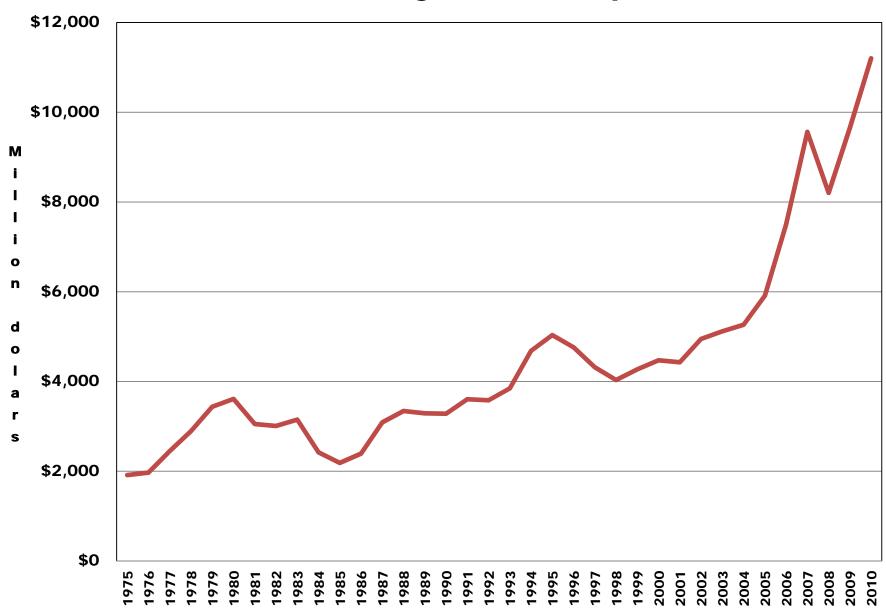
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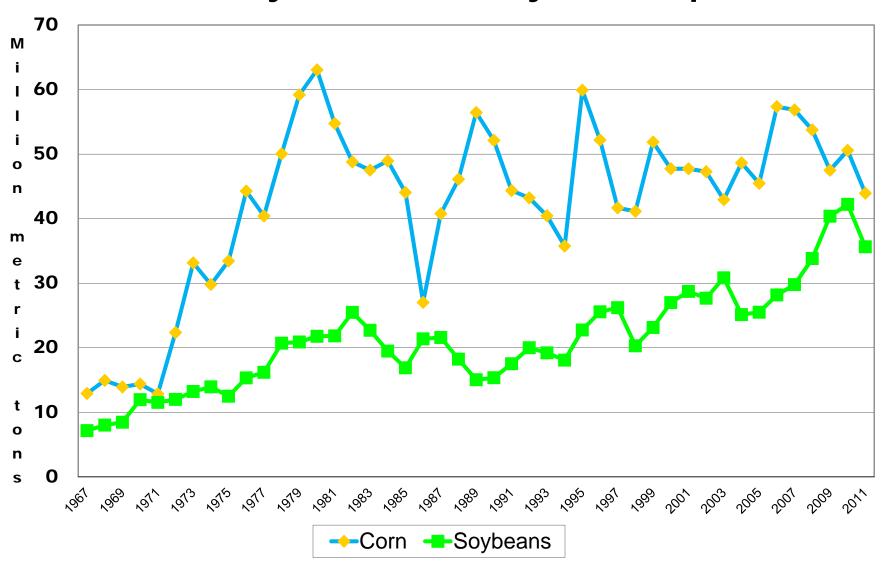
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# Strong Output Demand

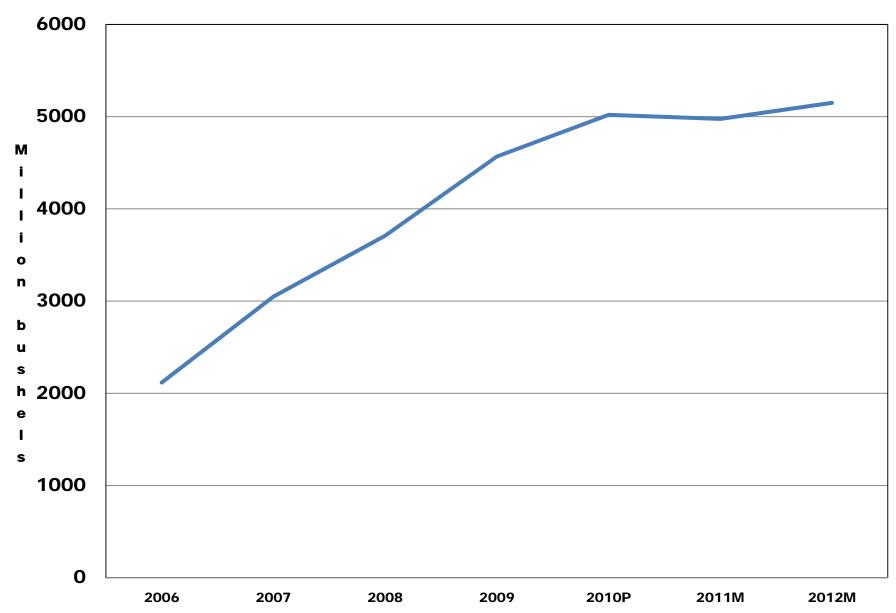




### Value of U.S. Agricultural Exports



**Quantity of Corn and Soybeans Exported** 



## **Current Factors to Consider**

- Level of debt
- Income
  - Cost of production increases, especially rent
  - Changes in demand; exports and legislation
- U.S. economic conditions
- World economic conditions
- Impact of high land prices

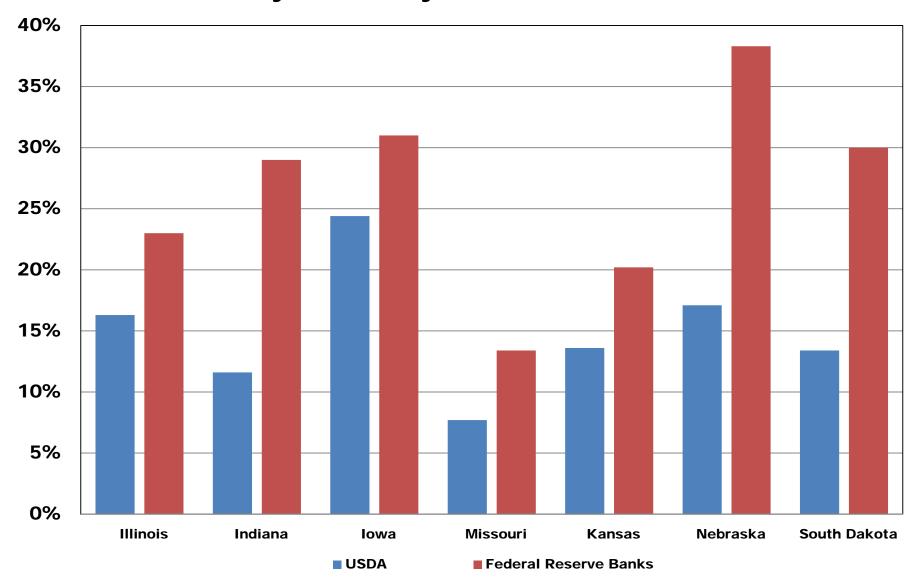




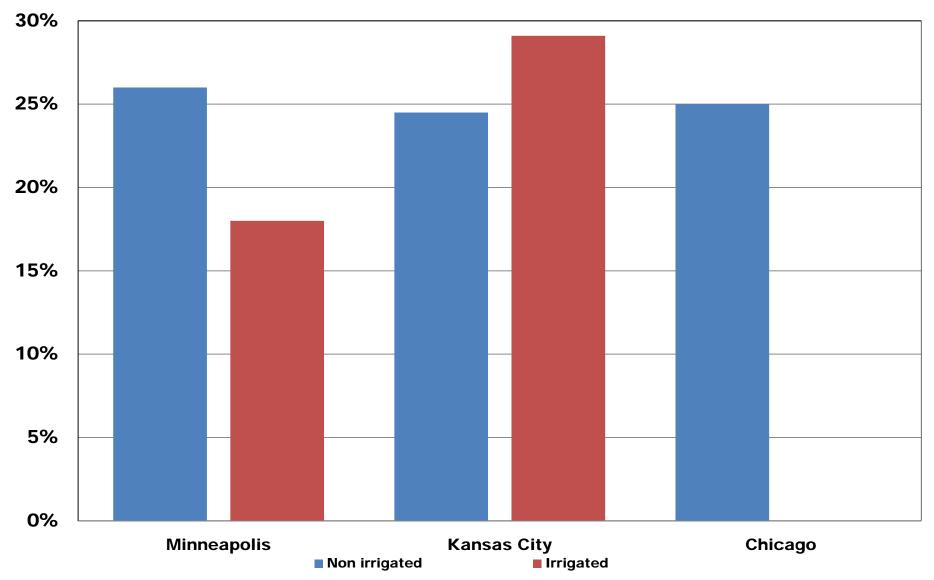
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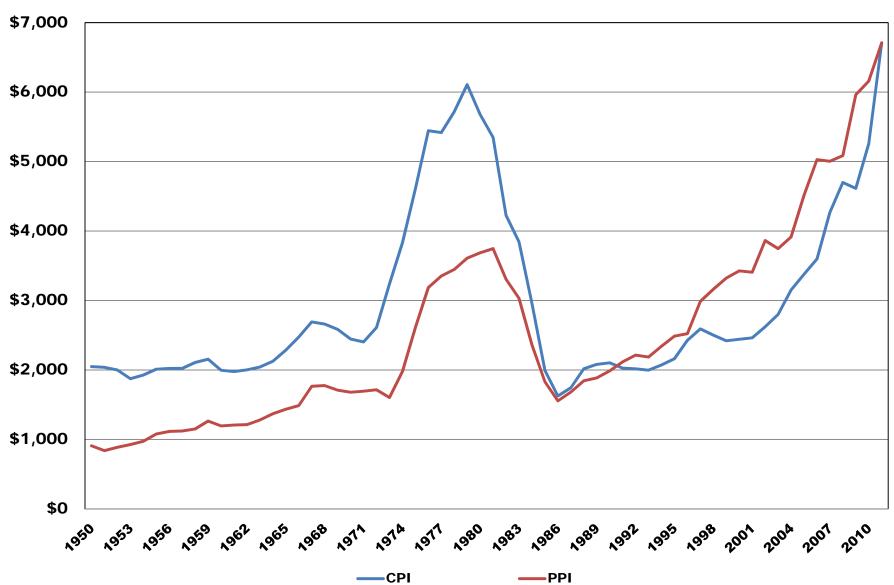


### Percent Change in Farmland Values January to January and October to October



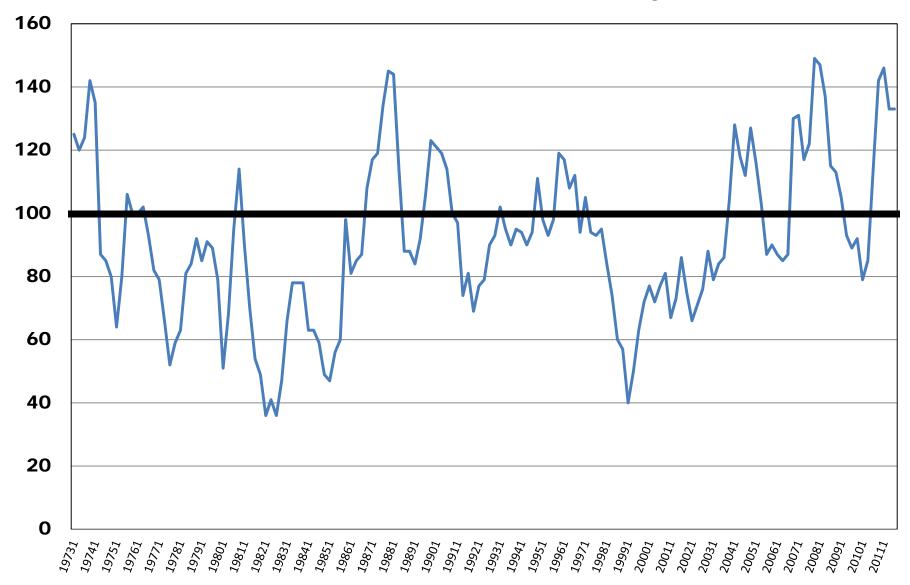
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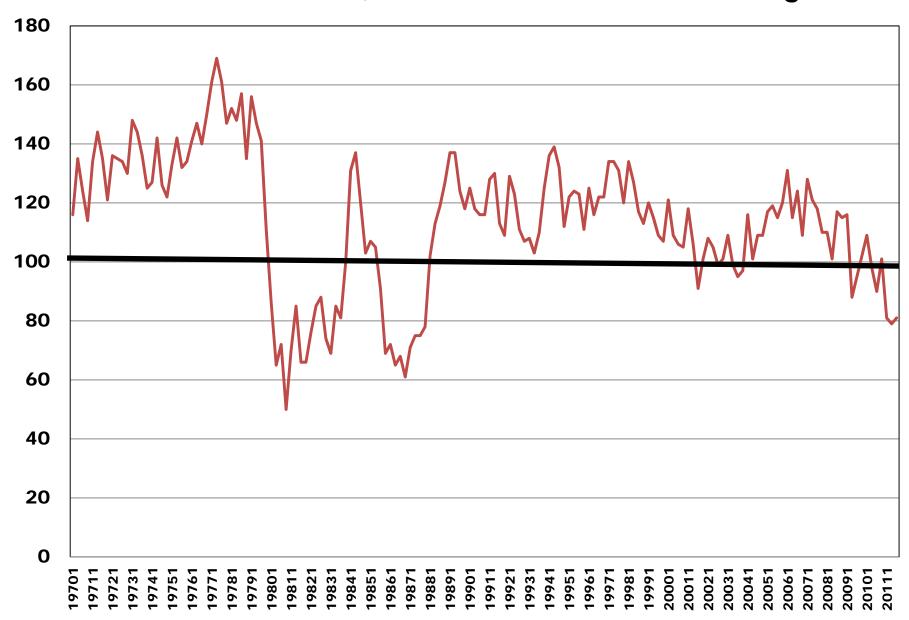




#### Iowa Land Values Adjusted for Inflation Using Consumer Price Index or Producer Price Index for Farm Products

### Loan Repayment Ratio, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

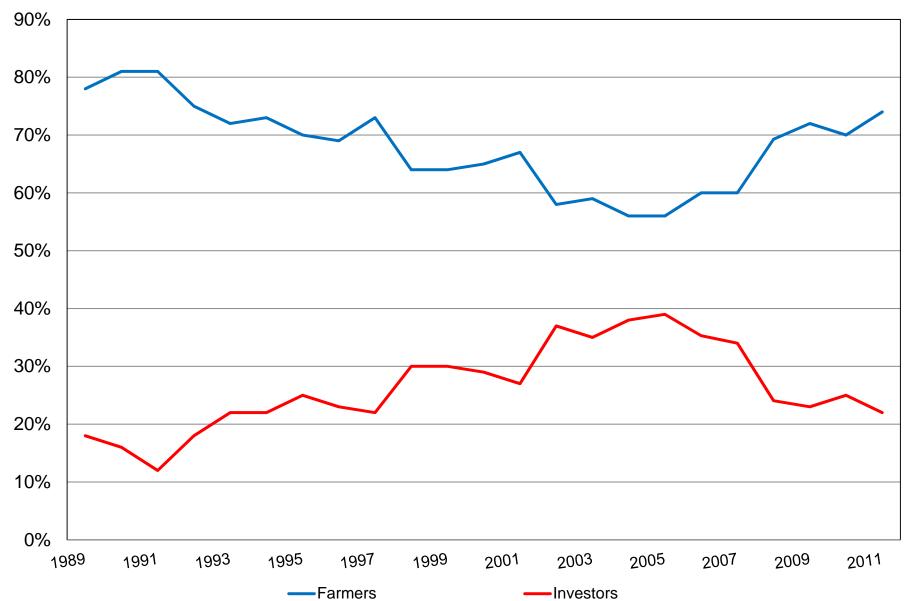




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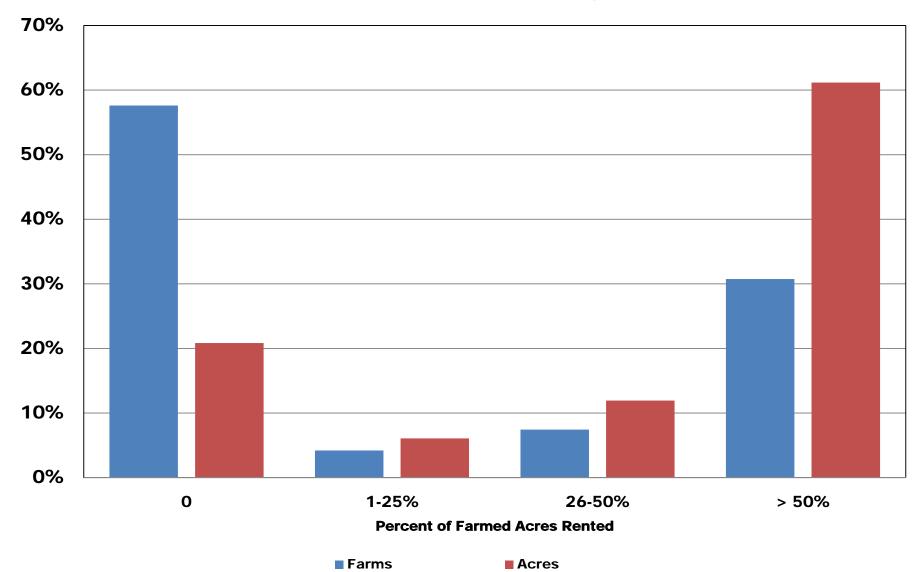
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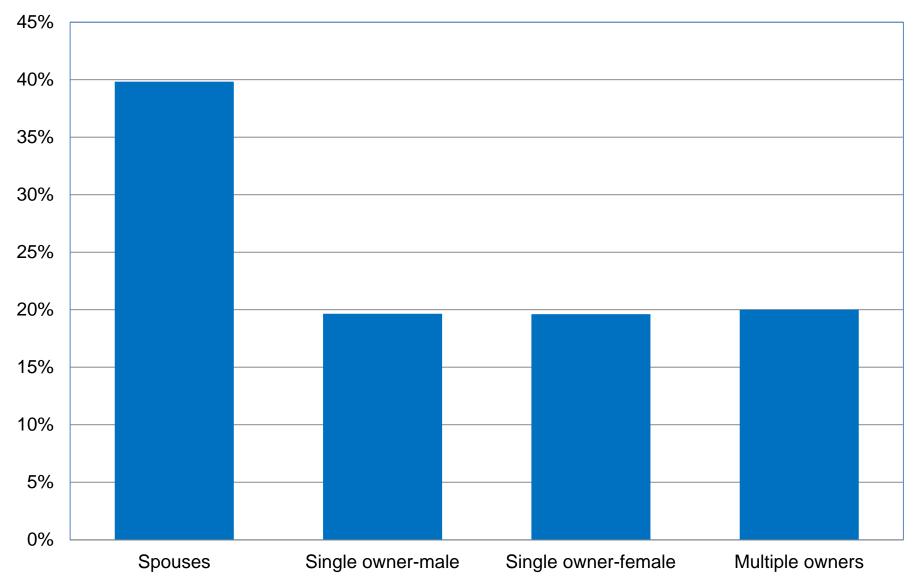


### **Farm Land Purchasers**

### Percent of IA Farms and Cropland By Percent of Acres Rented, 2007



### Distribution of Iowa Farmland by Gender of Owner



# Observations

- Land values are increasing at rates not seen since the early 1970s
- Commodity prices have been the primary force driving the increasing values
- Low interest rates and lack of alternative investments are positive factors
- Relatively good yields
- Impact on beginning farmers
- Possibility for a collapse similar to 1980s is a frequently asked question



## Factors to Watch

- Debt levels; not just land debt
- Costs of production
- Commodity prices
- Interest rates
- Economic conditions
- Inertia
- Others



## Thank-you

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