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Wisconsin Agricultural Land Prices 2017

Arlin Brannstrom, University of Wisconsin Center for Dairy Profitability

Low commodity prices did not dampen average agricultural land prices in 2017. The WI Department of Revenue transfer return data finds average agricultural land values were nearly steady in 2017.

The weighted average price of agricultural land sold in Wisconsin in 2017 was \$4,025 per acre. This is a 3.5% increase from 2015 and nearly identical to the average from 2016. There were 11% more acres sold in 2017 and 13% more reported transactions. Declining farm incomes helped to dampen demand. With low commodity prices expected

and increased borrowing costs again in 2018, producer competition for land will likely soften again.

The complete 10 page report is on the UW Cooperative Extension Farm and Risk Management (FARM) Team Website: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/farmteam/files/2018/04/Wisconsin-Ag-Land-Prices-2012-2017-final.pdf>

Jeff Laufenberg: 2018 Wisconsin CCA of the Year

Bryan Jensen, UW Extension and IPM Program

Please join the WI CCA Board and congratulate Jeff Laufenberg as the 2018 Wisconsin Certified Crop Advisor of the Year! Jeff grew up on an 800-acre dairy farm and is a graduate of UW Platteville. Jeff has been working in agriculture for 33 years and is currently the Technical Development Lead for Syngenta. His role with Syngenta allows him to advise several farms on crop production, pest management and soil fertility issues and he manages a territory from the Dakotas to Michigan.

Brian Madigan, Country Visions Cooperative, must be recognized for his effort to coordinate and submit Jeff's nomination. Several aspects of his nomination stand



out to me as being important contributing factors to Jeff's successful career. First, Brian writes that Jeff has become the "go to guy" when troubleshooting problem weed, diseases and insect problems. His broad ranging skills help people understand problematic issues like herbicide mode of action, soil fertility and economics. Assisting growers to make the best informed decisions as possible. He hosts field days and guest lectures at other covering broad reaching topics. Jeff has conducted and participated in several replicated research trials and is the foundation of Brian's description of Jeff as being "data-driven".

Jeff has also put his broad range of knowledge and experience to good use by mentoring several young agronomists, farmers and interns. Inspiring them to answer challenging questions by understanding issues that can expand their trade to the next level.

Please join us in congratulating Jeff. Job well done!

New CCAs for 2018

Bryan Jensen, UW Extension and Dept. of Entomology

We have a new group of CCAs for the coming year! Please join the Wisconsin CCA Board in welcoming those who have recently received full certification. We all take great pride in their accomplishments. Please review the list and extend them a warm welcome and congratulations on a job well done!

Justin Eckelberg

Silke M. Ford

Austin R Underdahl

Bryan P. Kemink

Lee A. Boles

Terese M. Sazama

Timothy D. Wucherer

Katelyn Margaret Werner

Stefan M. Stults

Hallie A Metcalf

Mark A. Kendall

Nate Leystra

Rachel Leege

Jesse L. Ziegler

Dane W. Christenson

Timothy F Radatz

Matthew Jacob O'Leary

Jorey Dobbs

Andrew J. Heath

Steven Feucht

Allan Michael Herritz

Jordyn S. Sattler

Kevin Gallenberg

Luke N. Peterson

Gustav J. Parkhurst

Michael T. Sikorski

Benjamin Karl Erdman

Dylan Nelson

Robert S. Laubenstein

Douglas R. Wiedenbeck

Jeffrey A Lueck

Soybean Management Strategies to Facilitate Timely Winter Wheat Establishment in 2018

Shawn Conley, State Soybean and Small Grains Specialist

Winter wheat acres across WI have declined over the past few years due to late grain harvests, disease concerns (FHB or scab) and poor wheat prices, however anyone that lives and works in WI knows that a base number of cereal acres are needed to support the dairy industry (straw and land to summer haul manure). As farmers get ready to kick off the 2018 growing season here are a few suggestions to help get your 2018/19 winter wheat crop established on time.

[To read the full article, click here.](#)

2018 Wisconsin Soybean Yield Contest

Shawn Conley, State Soybean and Small Grains Specialist

The Wisconsin Soybean Association (WSA) Soybean Yield Contest is organized to encourage the development of new and innovative management practices that highlight the importance of using sound cultural practices in Wisconsin soybean production systems.

Contest contact: Dr. Shawn Conley 608.262.7975 Contest web page: www.coolbean.info

Contest Committee Members:

Dr. Shawn P. Conley, Patrick Mullooly

[For more information, click here.](#)

The WSMB Free Soybean Cyst Nematode Testing Program

Shawn Conley, State Soybean and Small Grains Specialist

The WI Soybean Marketing Board (WSMB) sponsors free nematode testing to help producers stay ahead of the most important nematode pest of soybean, the soybean cyst nematode (SCN). Eggs of SCN persist in the soil between soybean crops so a sample can be submitted any time that is convenient. The soil test report indicates the number of eggs in the sample and is useful for selecting the right variety for the next soybean crop. Retests of fields planted with SCN-resistant varieties over multiple years shows how the nematode population is responding to variety resistance and provides an early warning should the nematode population adapt to host genetics.

In the spring of 2012, the WSMB expanded the nematode testing program to include other pest nematodes in addition to SCN. These nematodes are less damaging to soybean than SCN but can cause enough yield loss to warrant treatment. As is the case for SCN, there are no rescue treatments for nematodes so the primary purpose of this year's soil test is to plan for next year's crop. Soil samples collected in corn for nematode analysis have predictive value for explaining yield if they are collected before the corn V6 growth stage. Sampling early in the season will provide information about the risk potential for the current corn crop AND the next soybean crop.

The assays used to recover nematode pests other than SCN in soil require that the nematodes are alive. So, it is impor-

tant to keep the samples moist and at least room temperature cool. Collecting a sample that includes multiple cores ensures that there will be plenty of root pieces to assay. It is not necessary to include live plants in the sample. The soil test report will indicate which pest nematodes are present and at what quantities and their damage potential to soybean and corn based on the numbers recovered.

For more information on SCN testing and management practices or to request a free soil sample test kits please contact: Jillene Fisch at (freesctest@mailplus.wisc.edu) or at 608-262-1390.

Click to view more information on our [WI SCN testing program](#) or visit [The SCN Coalition](#). Remember the first step in fixing a nematode problem is to know if you have one! The WSMB sponsored nematode testing program provides you that opportunity. So Wisconsin farmers....Whats you number!

Cover Crops Do's & Don't's

Shawn Conley, State Soybean and Small Grains Specialist

This article uncovers cover crop facts and myths about weed, insect, and disease management. We are roughly a month away from the start of soybean planting and for those of you that have cover crops established we recommend that you terminate those cover crops 2 weeks before planting. Please click for more information on: [Cover Crops Do's & Don'ts: Uncovering cover crop facts and myths about weed, insect, and disease management.](#)

UW/UWEX Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update March 16

Brian Hudelson, Sue Lueloff, John Lake and Ann Joy

The PDDC receives samples of many plant and soil samples from around the state. The following diseases/disorders have been identified at the PDDC from March 10, 2018 through March 16, 2018.

The 3/16/18 PDDC Wisconsin Disease Almanac (i.e., weekly disease summary) is now available at:

<https://pddc.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2018/03/FullTable031618.pdf>

UW/UWEX Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update March 23

Brian Hudelson, Sue Lueloff, John Lake and Ann Joy

The PDDC receives samples of many plant and soil samples from around the state. The following diseases/disorders have been identified at the PDDC from March 17, 2018 through March 23, 2018.

The 3/23/18 PDDC Wisconsin Disease Almanac (i.e., weekly disease summary) is now available at:

<https://pddc.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2018/03/FullTable032318.pdf>

UW/UWEX Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (PDDC) Update March 30

Brian Hudelson, Sue Lueloff, John Lake and Ann Joy

The PDDC receives samples of many plant and soil samples from around the state. The following diseases/disorders have been identified at the PDDC from March 24, 2018 through March 30, 2018.

The 3/30/18 PDDC Wisconsin Disease Almanac (i.e., weekly disease summary) is now available at:

<https://pddc.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2018/03/FullTable033018.pdf>

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