

## 2012 Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Survey Results

Number of surveys returned: 399

| Question   | Number of Respondents | Responses  |
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| 1. Regarding your corn acres next year, are you planning to plant more, the same amount, or less?  | 386                   | More: 17.9%<br><b>Same: 66.3%</b><br>Less: 15.8% |
| 2. For livestock producers: In the next five years, do you plan to expand your herd size?  | 196                   | Yes: 36.2%<br><b>No: 63.8%</b>                   |
| 3. For grain producers: In the next five years, do you plan to expand your acres?  | 364                   | <b>Yes: 65.7%</b><br>No: 34.3%                   |
| 4. Did you purchase crop insurance in 2012?  | 389                   | <b>Yes: 84.1%</b><br>No: 15.9%                   |
| 5. If you did purchase crop insurance, did you file a claim?   | 292                   | <b>Yes: 83.6%</b><br>16.4%                       |
| 6. Do you plan to purchase crop insurance in 2013?   | 378                   | <b>Yes: 87.3%</b><br>No: 12.7%                   |
| 7. What, if any, changes do you plan to make in your farming operation next year as a result of the 2012 drought?  | 224                   |  |
| 8. Thinking about the next ten years, what is the biggest threat to Illinois agriculture remaining profitable?   | 293                   |  |
| 9. Have you used the Section 179 small business expensing in the past ten years?   | 357                   | <b>Yes: 71.1%</b><br>No: 28.9%                   |
| 10. For landowners only: Considering the value of your farmland and other assets, would a change from the current \$5 million peronsal exemption to a \$1 million personal exemption creat a liability for your heirs that would require the sale of assets? | 278                   | <b>Yes: 81.3%</b><br>No: 18.7%                   |