

# Computer Workshop For Farmers To Be Held In Red Bud

**CARBONDALE, ILL.**

**H**alf of Illinois farm households have a computer, but the majority of farmers still do not use this technology to help make management decisions. Many farmers are like Andy, a middle-aged farmer who was out of school before computers became popular. He knows there is a lot the computer can do for him, but he feels left out and unsure of where to start. Andy's Project is a computer education workshop especially designed for farmers.

This workshop, sponsored by University of Illinois Extension, and the Farm Bureaus and Soil and Water Conservation Departments in Randolph and Monroe counties, is set for December 19 in Red Bud, at the Southwestern Illinois College computer lab, 9 a.m. to noon.

Participants will work on spreadsheets from the University of Illinois farmdoc website. In-

cluded in the selection of spreadsheets are Farm Rent Evaluator, Farmland Lease Analysis, Illinois Soil Productivity Index, Illinois Crop Yield, and Machinery Economics.

The computer work will be agriculturally oriented, stressing good farm management practices and tools to improve decision making. All instruction is at a basic level, and minimal keyboard skills are necessary.

Space is limited, and the registration deadline is December 15. To register, contact U of I Extension in Monroe County, 618-939-3434, or Randolph County, 618-443-4364. While Andy's Project is geared toward farm men, enrollment is open to anyone interested. If you need special accommodations to participate, please indicate when registering. Major funding is provided by the North Central Risk Management Education Center and Illinois Risk Management Agency. Δ