## **Easy Resources For Estimating Cropland Cash Rental Rates**

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for the past couple of years we've seen a lot of interest in different ways to look at cash rent as well as different alternatives to straight cash rental payments," says Jeff West, County Director Henry-Stark Extension. However, this year things have settled down a little since for the most part, cash grain prices are down from their highs back in '08-'09 when potential gross income saw significant changes year after year.

West says that, "Even though cash rental rates and potential crop incomes have stabilized a little, many producers and land owners like to run the numbers to see where they are on a particular piece of property." With that in mind, he encourages land owners and producers to take advantage of the many on-line resources available from Ag Extension Economics at the University of Illinois as well as Illinois State University.

Of course, being in Illinois we would first en-

courage you to review the resources published on our Farmdoc website at http://farmdoc.illinois.edu/manage/index.asp. Note that you will need to move down the page to the shaded box to find the farm lease and cash leasing resources on this page. If you would like to get a slightly different perspective and a different look at the numbers, check Iowa State's 2010 cash leasing update on-line at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/wholefarm/html/c2-20.html. For those more visual learners, Iowa State resource options offer an excellent cash leasing presentation on-line from '08-'09. The numbers may be different but, the ideas and concepts are the same. The information provided at either of these two links can also be shared with others across town or across the country.

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