

# Farm Summit To Focus On 2010 Outlook

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Illinois agriculture continued its roller coaster ride during 2009, with more dips than rises. A major issue was the impact of the sharpest global recession since WWII, which depressed demand and prices across the sector.

Combined with rising input prices, planting delays, and H1N1 fears, this was a year of tremendous uncertainty by any standard.

In 2010, there is the possibility of better times due to recovery in the general economy and some lessened pressures on the cost side. However, this makes the need for sound economic information and analysis even more critical.

The Farm Economics Summit can help you navigate through these treacherous waters. This important program is set for December 18

at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn, from 8 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Speakers from the U of I farmdoc team will explore the farm profitability outlook from several perspectives, including the direction of prices, outlook for farm returns, impact of speculation on farmer marketing decisions, climate change policy, farm programs and crop insurance, and implications of the economic crisis for agriculture.

Early registration by December 7 is \$50. Late registration is \$65. The registration fee includes lunch, refreshments, and all materials. For more details and to register, log on to [www.farmdoc.illinois.edu](http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu). △



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