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**Illinois Farmland Owner Meetings Set for October
October 4, 2012, 6 pm
Ogle County Farm Bureau Building, 421 West Pines Road, Oregon, IL**

Educational meetings for farmland owners have been scheduled around the state of Illinois during October. Locally one is scheduled for Thursday, October 4 beginning at 6pm at the Ogle County Farm Bureau Building, 421 West Pines Road, Oregon, Illinois. The program is designed to help landowners better manage their farmland and increase their economic return. The meetings are sponsored by US Farm Lease.

The program presenters will discuss useful, valuable information for landowners in a clear and easy to understand format. The program will focus on the following topics

- Current Farmland Lease Trends
- Farmland Values and Investment Returns
- Farmer Profitability in Today's Market Place
- Determining Illinois Soil Productivity Indexes for Your Farmland
- Protecting Your Farm's Soil Nutrient Bank
- Estate Planning Tips (some locations)

US farm Lease will also present a web based tool to help landowners achieve fair market lease arrangements and help farmers find land available for rent.

Program presenters will vary by meeting location and include the following team.

- Kevin Brooks - Farm Management and Farmer Profitability, US Farm Lease
- Dale Baird - Certified Crop Adviser, retired University of Illinois Extension, Crop Systems Educator
- Jim Endress - Certified Financial Planner, retired University of Illinois Extension, Farm Management and Livestock Systems Educator
- Ruth Hambleton – Women's Issues in Agriculture, retired University of Illinois Extension Farm Management Educator

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All meetings will begin at 6 pm and conclude at 9 pm with light refreshments being served. Additional program dates and locations are as follows:

October 11, Joliet, IL

Joliet Junior College
Weitendorf Ag Education Center, Room 1005/1009

October 15, Countryside, IL (Chicagoland)

Cook County Farm Bureau, 6438 Joliet Road

October 18, Champaign, IL

Parkland College, 2400 West Bradley Ave
Tony Noel Ag Technology Applications Center

October 22, Mattoon, IL

Lake Land College, 5001 Lake Land Blvd., West Building

October 23, East Peoria

Illinois Central College, 1 College Drive
Ag and Industrial Technology Building, Room 203

October 25, Springfield, IL

Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, Trutter Center

October 29, Centralia, IL

Kaskaskia Community College, 27210 College Road,
LifeLong Learning Center, Rooms 112 & 117

There is no charge for the program but pre-registration is requested. To register, interested landowners should contact Kevin Brooks phone (877)-232-4002 or email Kevin at kevin@usfarmlease.com

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