A leader for more than four decades in the analysis, research, and teaching of grain markets, the University of Illinois Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) serves producers, agribusiness, and all those impacted by the cash and futures grain markets. Alongside generating scholarly market research and innovative thinking, ACE provides the public with unbiased, factual guidance on the markets. Because the need for fundamental analysis of markets is ever more critical to a producer’s bottom-line, ACE seeks to establish the Center for Grain Price Outlook.

Establishing the Center will ensure long-term support for groundbreaking research and outreach on economic analysis of agricultural commodity and marketing systems. Private support is critical.

The public looks to the University of Illinois for reliable information and advice about commodity markets. The planned research team, staffed with leading agricultural economists, will continue the tradition: current findings, delivered through numerous venues.

SCOTT IRWIN // Laurence J. Norton Chair of Agricultural Marketing

To continue its pioneering research in economic analysis of commodity and marketing systems, ACE will assemble a team of experts. The team, working in collaboration with USDA, other state universities, and the agricultural industry, will evaluate critical issues, developing findings for effective and reliable market analysis. Their work will also contribute to the evaluation of agricultural policy impacting commodity markets. Private gifts and grants will create the opportunity for developing this research team and their work.
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The award-winning farmdoc and farmdoc daily websites have made timely and well-researched information even more accessible. ACE faculty and staff contribute to the life and growth of these valuable resources. Both depend on private gifts in support of the Center for Grain Price Outlook.

“As a land-grant university, the University of Illinois strives to provide the public with top-notch market information. We will continue to create new tools to communicate valuable market outlook reports available to local producers and those around the globe impacted by commodity markets.”

DARREL GOOD // Professor Emeritus

“To increase profitability, producers need accessible and reliable market information provided by respected experts.”

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