



The Ag Outlook: An Economic Downturn

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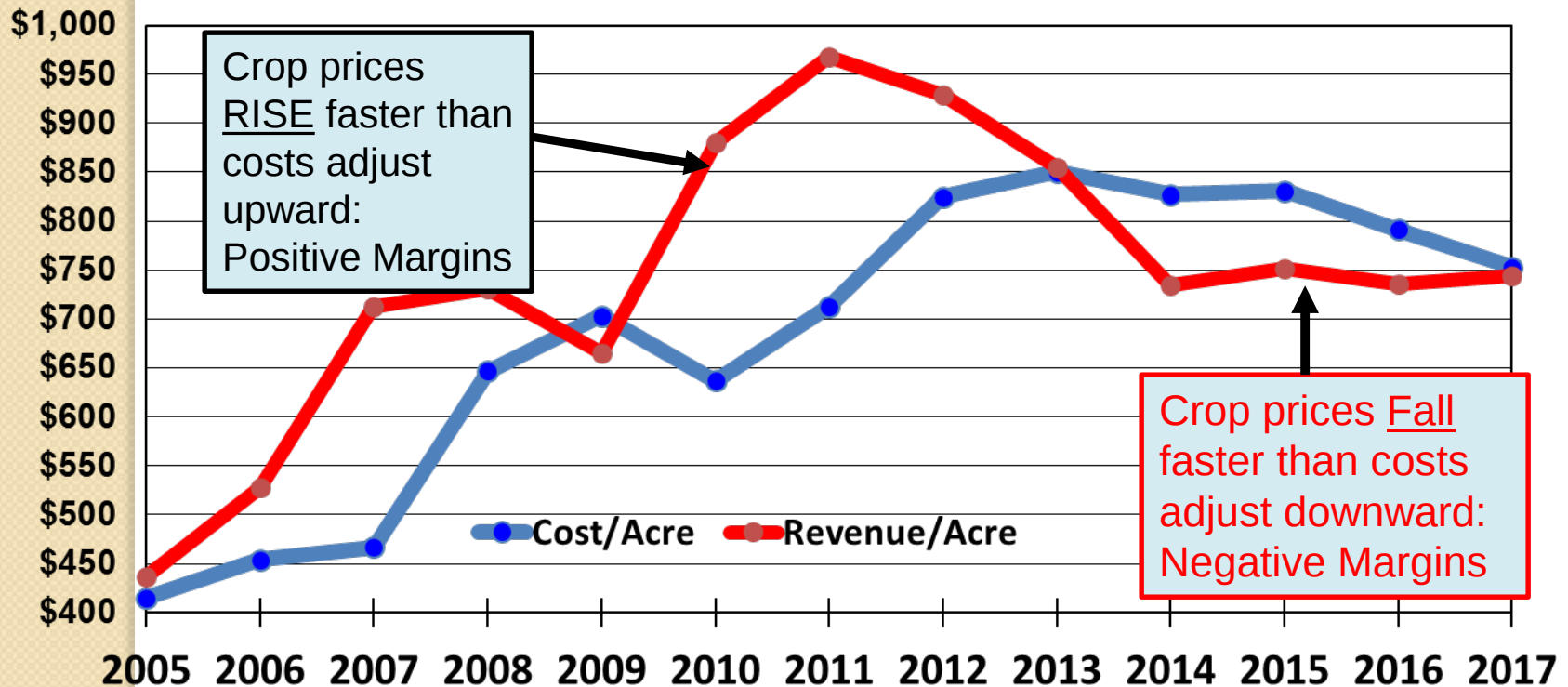
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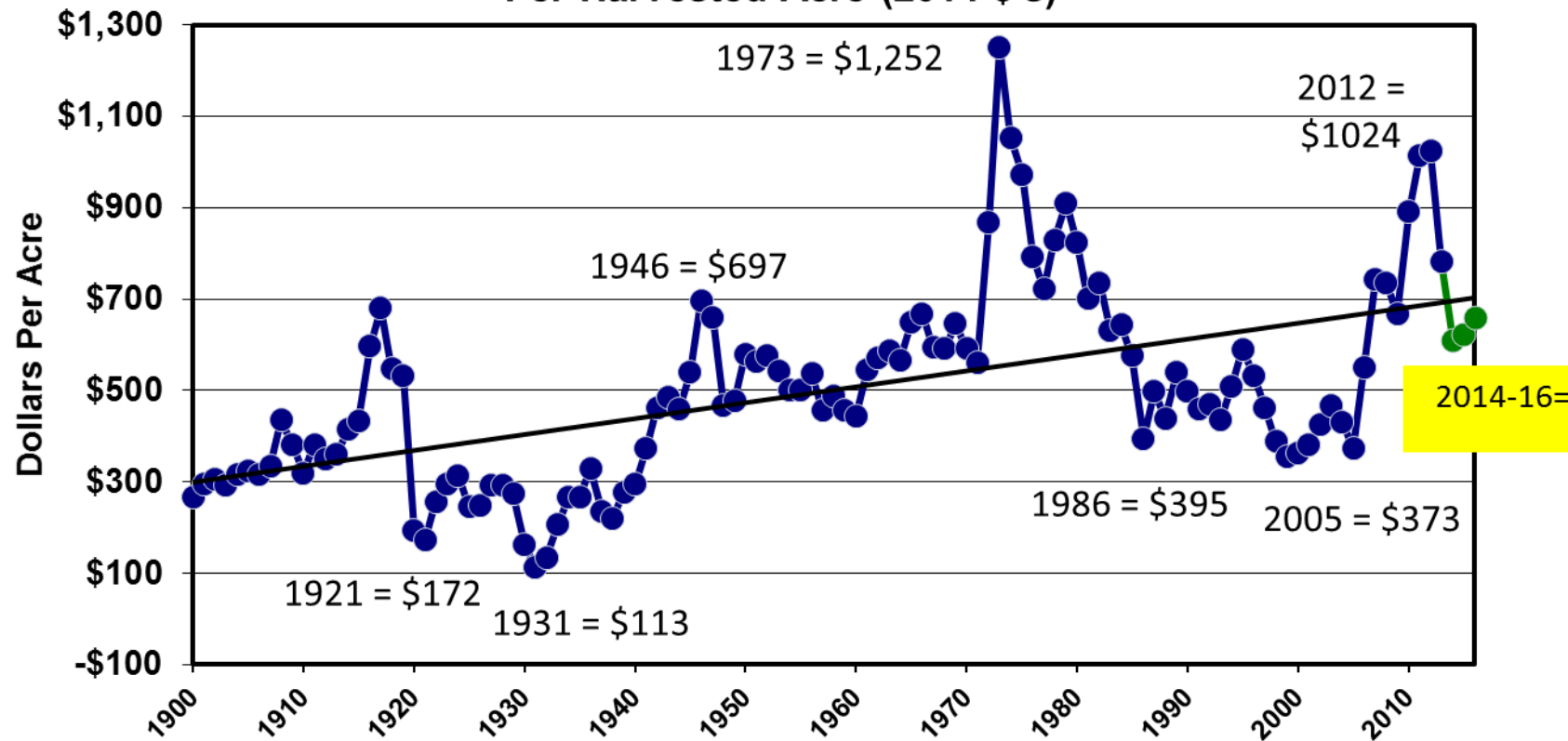


Farm Income

Average Corn Revenue & Costs/Acre by Year in Indiana



Real U.S. Corn Revenue (+Insurance) Per Harvested Acre (2014 \$'s)

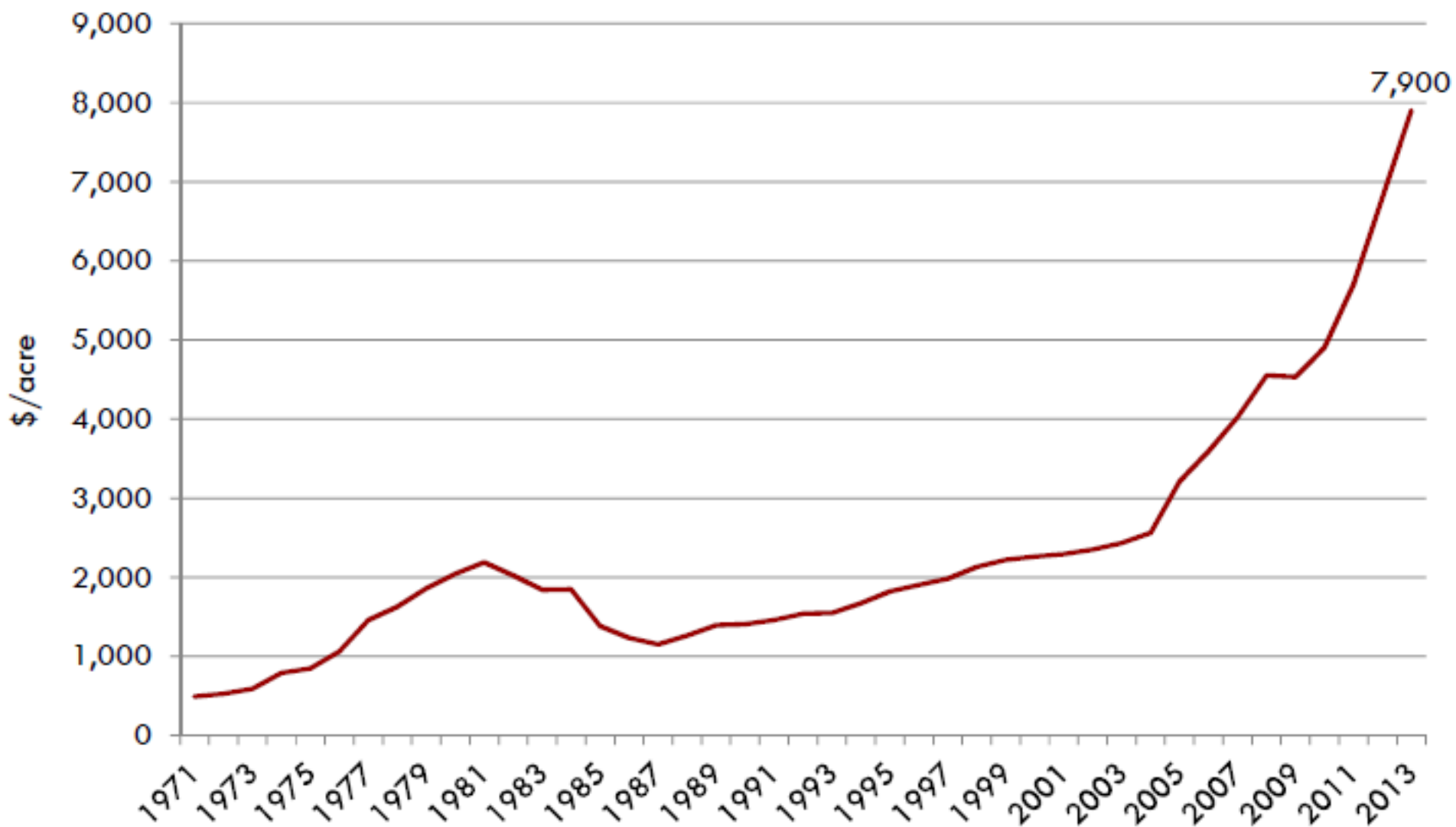




Land Values

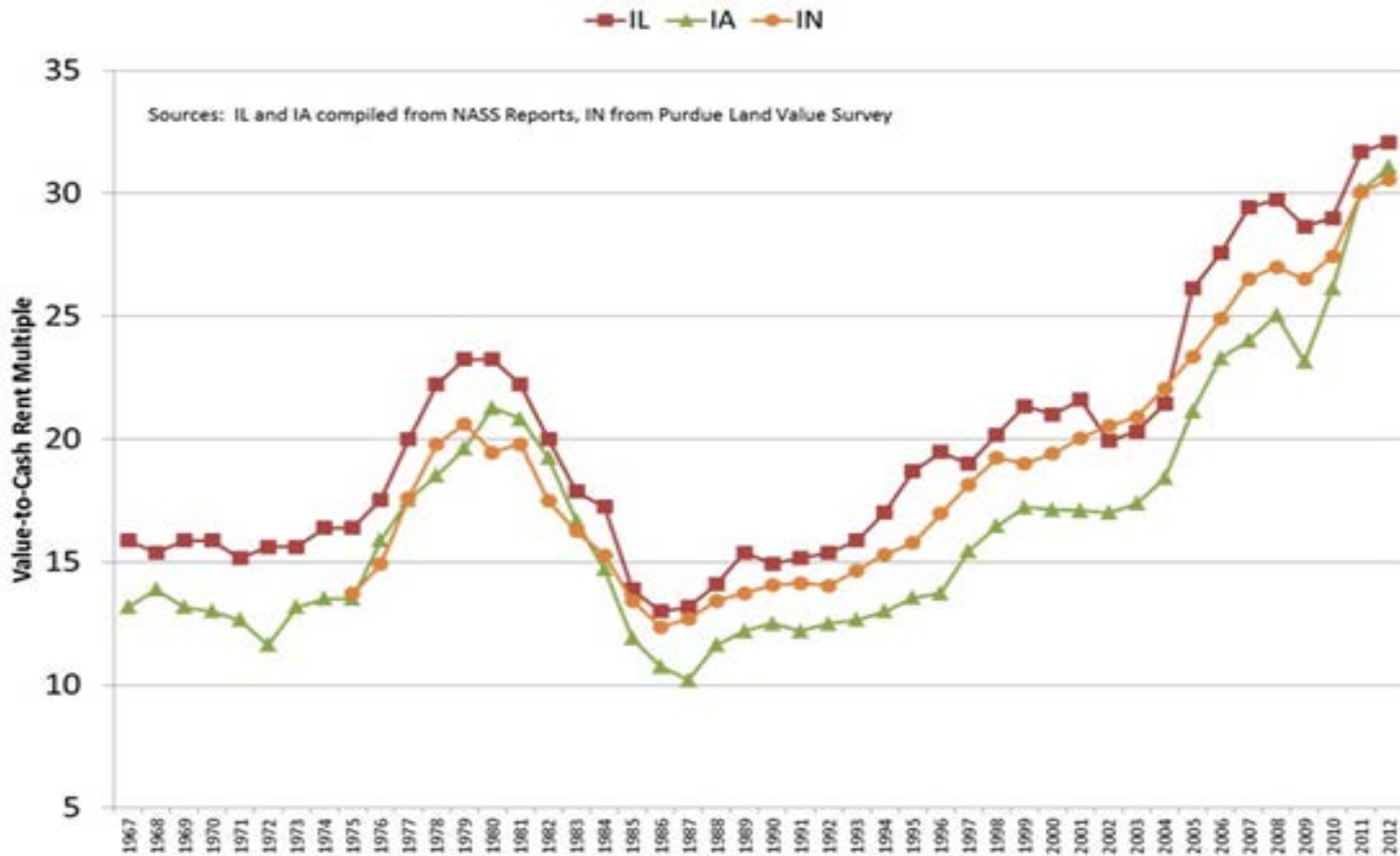
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(USDA Ag real estate values, Illinois, \$/acre)



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Value-to-Cash Rent Multiple for IA, IL, IN Cropland, 1967-2012





Key Financial Vulnerabilities

I. Working capital (current assets less current liabilities)

- Goal – 30% of gross revenue
- Burn rate – reduction due to losses (\$50 – 100 per acre)
- First line of defense against financial stress



2. Cash shortages

- Operating losses particularly for renters
- Increased tax burdens
- Capital expenditures?



3. Tight repayment capacity

- Short repayment schedules on equipment/land loans
- Reduced income/cash flow

4. Solvency – debt load

- Generally still strong
- Weakening for highly leveraged
- Few defaults/bankruptcies

Table 5. Comparison of Debt-to Asset Ratio for 2500 Acre Farms with 50% of Land Owned

	Debt-to-Asset Ratio	
	25%	50%
Annual Net Farm Income (Mean)	\$160,500	\$134,800
Change In Net Worth (3 Year) (Mean)	\$459,100	\$474,900
Working Capital/Value of Farm Production		
<i>Mean</i>	49.5%	30.1%
<i>Percent < 35%</i>	0.1%	54.4%
Debt-to-Asset Ratio		
<i>Mean</i>	13.0%	35.6%
<i>Percent > than 55%</i>	0.0%	0.0%
Term Debt Coverage Ratio		
<i>Mean</i>	1.5	1.1
<i>Percent < 1.1</i>	2.6%	38.2%
Percent Positive Cash	98.1%	53.7%
Percent ROE > 10%	21.1%	41.7%

Table 6. Comparison of Land Tenure for 550 Acre Farms with 25% Debt-to-Asset Ratio

Table 5. Comparison of Land Tenure for 550 Acre Farms with 25% Debt-to-Asset Ratio	% of Land Owned		
	85%	50%	15%
Annual Net Farm Income (Mean)	\$98,900	\$49,800	-\$2,100
Change in Net Worth (3 year) (Mean)	\$76,000	-\$32,300	-\$130,400
Working Capital/Value Of Farm Production			
<i>Mean</i>	49.6%	32.9%	17.3%
<i>Percent < 35%</i>	9.2%	56.9%	99.5%
Debt to Asset Ratio			
<i>Mean</i>	17.1%	22.1%	32.6%
<i>Percent > 55%</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Term Debt Coverage Ratio			
<i>Mean</i>	1.7	0.9	0.6
<i>Percent < 1.1</i>	16.2%	76.8%	99.5%
Percent Positive Cash	74.8%	24.3%	0.3%
Percent ROE > than 10%	11.7%	0.5%	0.1%