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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE IL-163

Purpose: To replace Section I. C. Cost Data 1. Crop Budgets – General, Costs and Returns Estimation (CARE) Website with Illinois Economic Data Website, i.e.

<http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/manage/index.html>

Background: Costs and Returns Estimation (CARE) Website has been replaced with Illinois Economic Data Website <http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/manage/index.html> The Management section of *farmdoc* has been revised just in time for Christmas. This revision “flattened” the section so that all information is available from the main Management page. In addition, the following features have been added:

1. A user can now perform a search of *Illinois Farm Economics: Facts and Opinions. Facts and Opinions* a twice a month publication dealing with farm management topics. A search tool allows a user to conduct a customized search or look for articles in the following areas: crop economics, crop insurance, decision aids, farm income, farm profitability benchmarks, farm programs, farmland leases and values, financial and tax, livestock economics, and machinery economics.
2. New Crop Budgeting tools have been added. These tools allow a user to view historical costs for corn and soybean for four regions in Illinois. Returns are given for the years 2000 through forecast returns for 2006. Projected costs for corn-after-soybeans, corn-after-corn, soybeans, and wheat are also provided. These budgets can be modified online. Tools are available from the “Per Acre Revenue and Costs for Illinois” box in the Management section
3. An expanded set of links to other sites providing farm management information has been added to the “Other Resources” area of the Management section.

Actions: No action is required.

Access to eFOTG can be through the Illinois home page by clicking on "eFOTG" or by accessing

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>

Location

**Section I, C. Cost
Data, 1. Crop
Budgets - General:**

Summary of Changes

Replace Costs and Returns Estimation (CARE) Website with Illinois Economic Data Website, <http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/manage/index.html>

Technical guide notice 163 is filed under Section 1, "FOTG transmittals" at the eFOTG site.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Gradle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'W' and 'G'.

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