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\$20,000 AN ACRE FARMLAND, WILD SWING IN GRAIN MARKETS; WHAT'S NEXT? NATIONAL EXPERTS HELP IOWANS MANAGE RISKS AT JULY 23-24 ECONOMIC SUMMIT

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA – May 29, 2012 – A \$20,000-an-acre sale of farmland in northwest Iowa grabbed the attention of media nationwide, but what will be the real consequences for farmers squeezed by high sale and rental prices once their promising grain crops come out of the field this fall? The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), Iowa's largest grassroots farm organization, is bringing national experts to the Iowa State Center Scheman Building July 23-24 to help farmers manage the incredible economic risks involved in farming today.

“Land prices and cash rents are the biggest points of exposure for almost every Iowa farmer; we've seen land prices and commodity prices double or triple in a relatively short period of time this year,” says IFBF Director of Research and Commodity Services David Miller. “We want to help farmers understand the risks of a very strong farmland market and put those risks in proper perspective.”

The IFBF Economic Summit features experts ranging from economist Danny Klinefelter of Texas A&M University and Jeff Plagge, president-elect of the American Bankers Association, to Iowa State University weather expert Elwynn Taylor, a panel of D.C. experts from the Senate

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and House Ag Committees and Daniel Mitchell of the Washington, D.C. 'think tank,' the CATO Institute. For a complete listing of the panelists and schedule, click here <http://www.iowafarmbureau.com/article.aspx?articleID=57826>

. The price of the two-day summit is \$50 for Iowa Farm Bureau members and \$150 for non-members. Information on the summit, lodging and online registration forms can be found online at

www.iowafarmbureau.com

. The registration deadline for the IFBF Economic Summit is approaching, so click or call soon to register.

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