An Update on the Farm Economy

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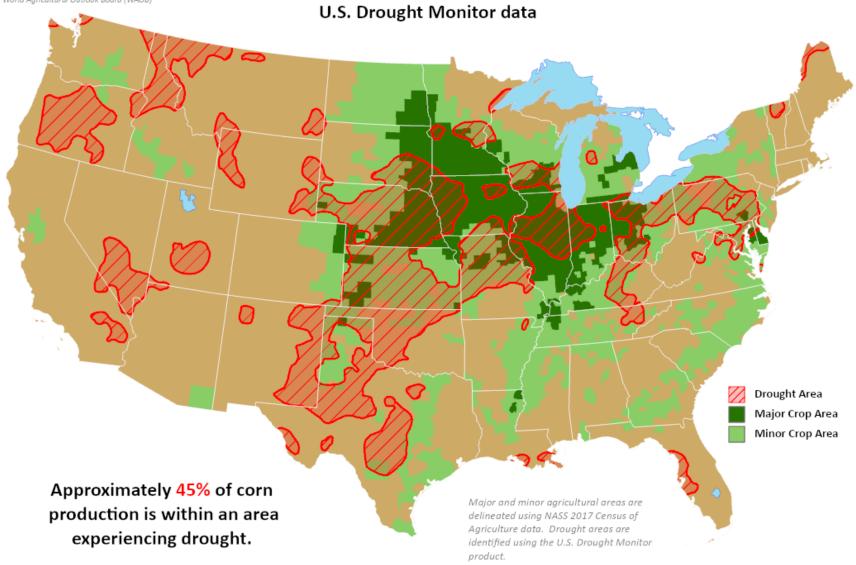


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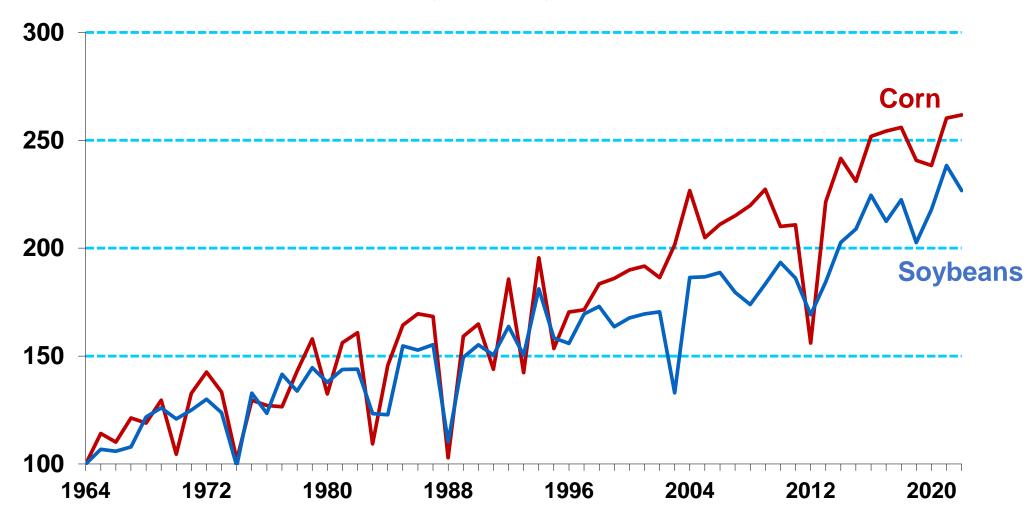
Corn Areas in Drought



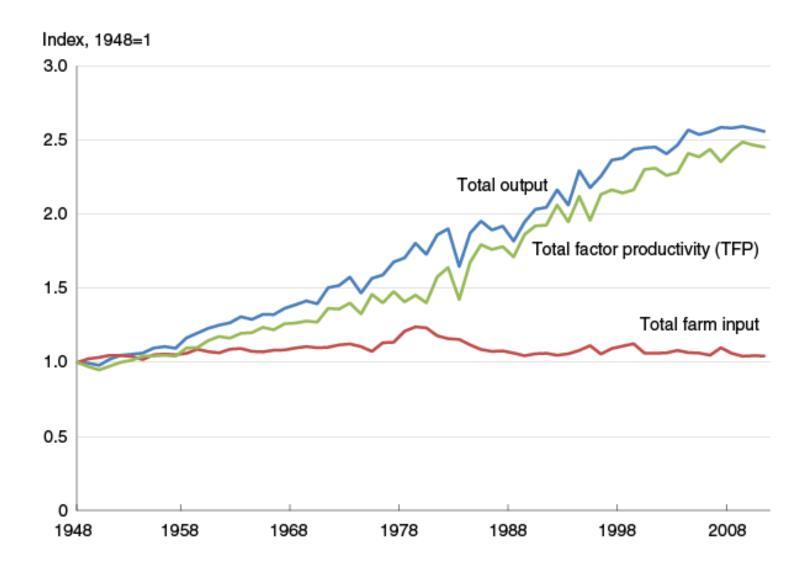


District yield indexes up a lot over time, with new record corn yield in 2022

(1964=100)

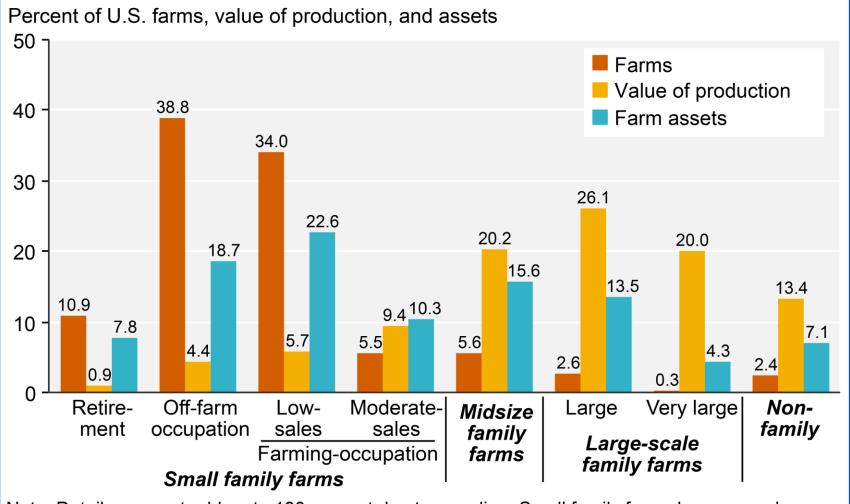


U.S. agricultural productivity growth accounts for most of output growth between 1948 and 2011

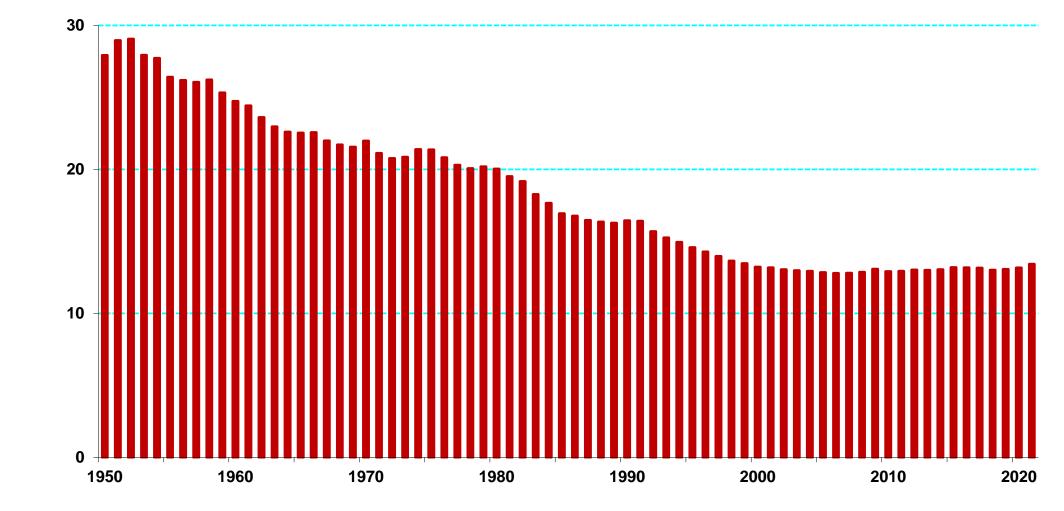


Source: USDA, Economic Research Service.

Distribution of farms, value of production, and farm assets, 2020



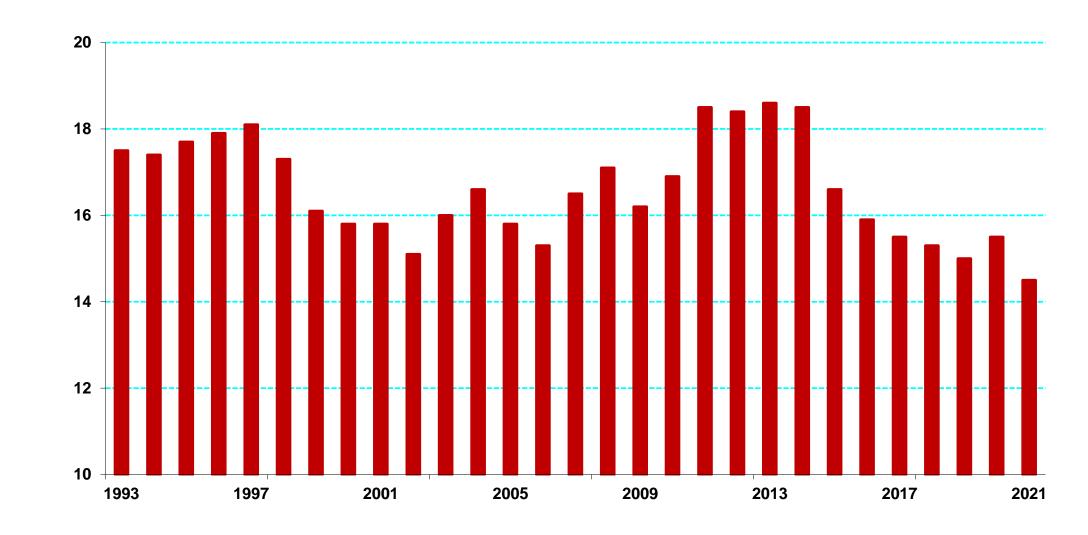
Note: Details may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. Small family farms have annual gross cash farm income (GCFI) less than \$350,000, measured before deducting expenses. Midsize family farms have GCFI of \$350,000–\$999,999. Large-scale family farms have GCFI of \$1,000,000 or more. Source: USDA, Economic Research Service and USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2020 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (data as of December 2021).



Food Dollar Shares for 2020

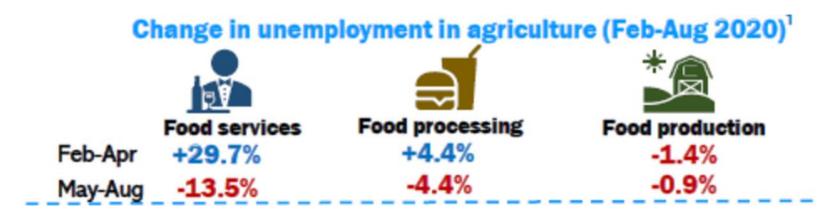


Farm Share of Food Dollar moving lower



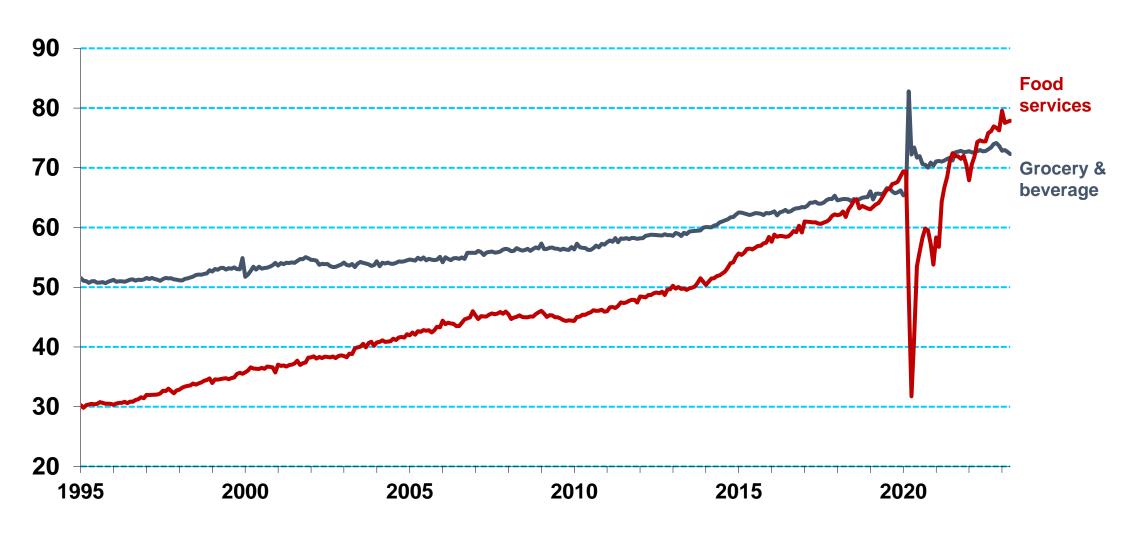
Pandemic impacts on the food economy

- Disruptions to food distribution networks
- Loss of demand for food services, including schools
- Milk dumped even as grocery shelves empty out
- Food production hurt by Covid-19 cases and logistics
- Jump in food eaten at home and food prices
- Divergence in employment outcomes



Food services overtook grocery sales again

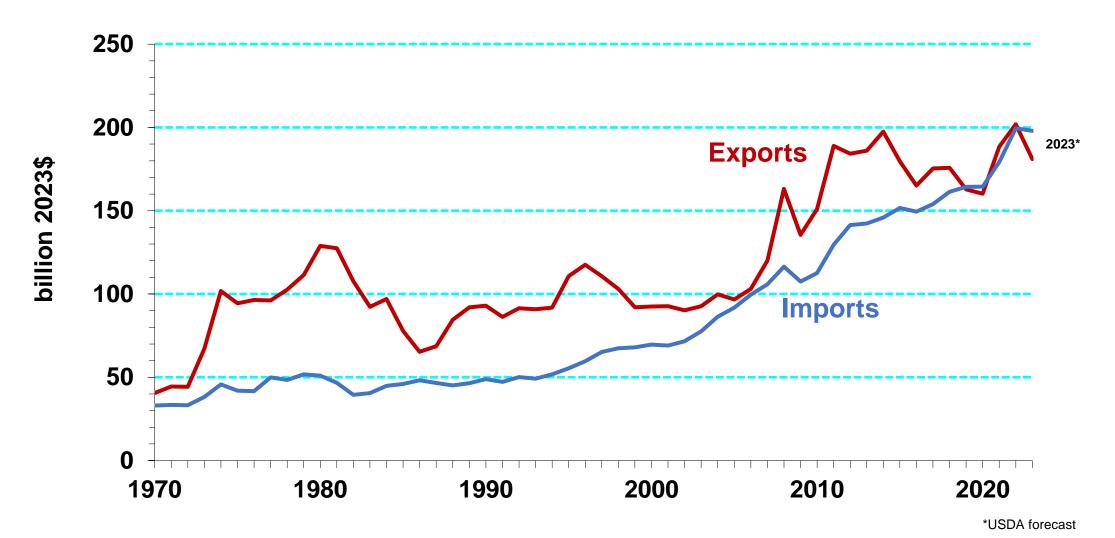
(retail sales in billion \$ adjusted by PCE for Dec. 2020)



Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau and Bureau of Economic Analysis

Value of U.S. agricultural exports and imports

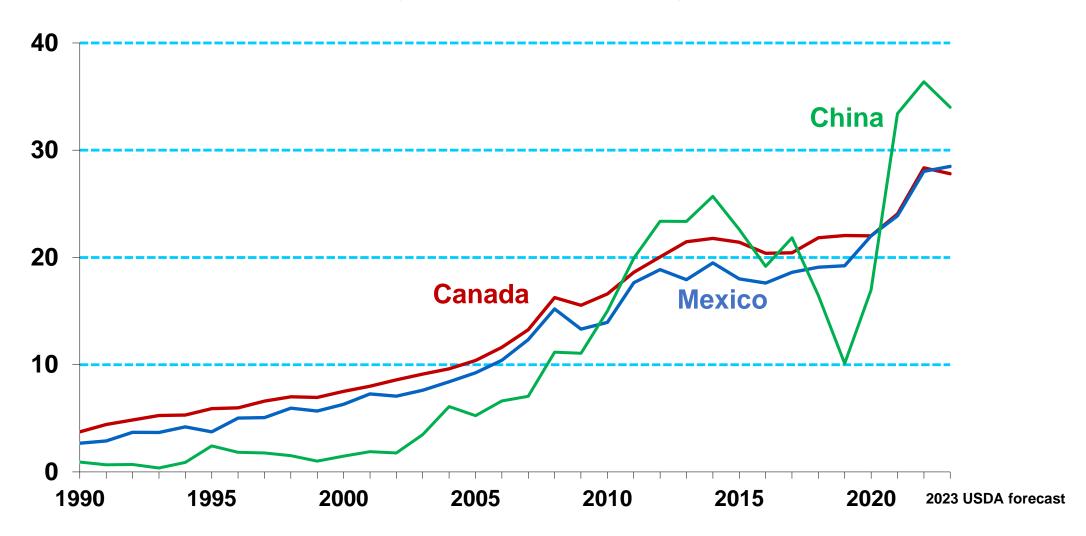
(Fiscal Year, adjusted for inflation)



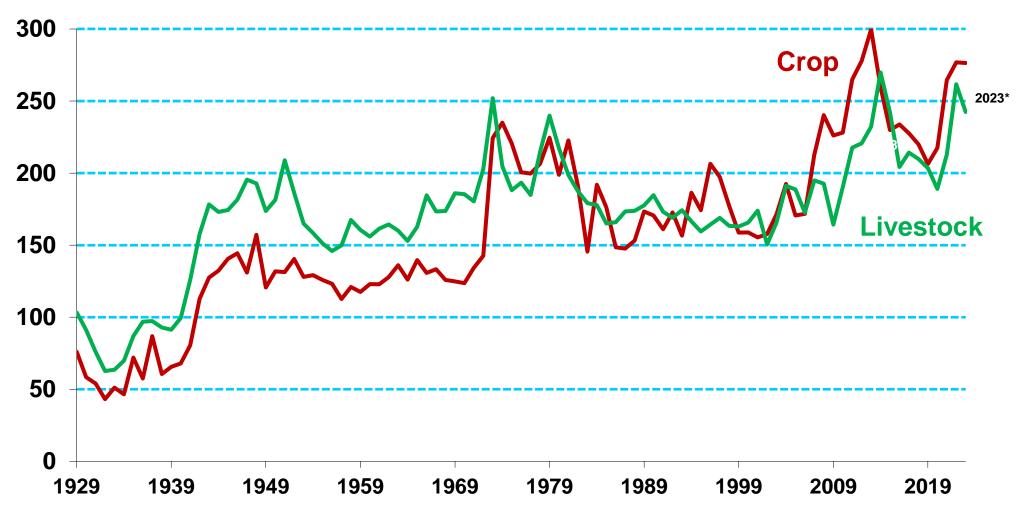
Source: USDA, Economic Research Service

Agricultural exports to China expected to remain higher than to NAFTA partners in FY 2023

(Fiscal Year in billion \$)

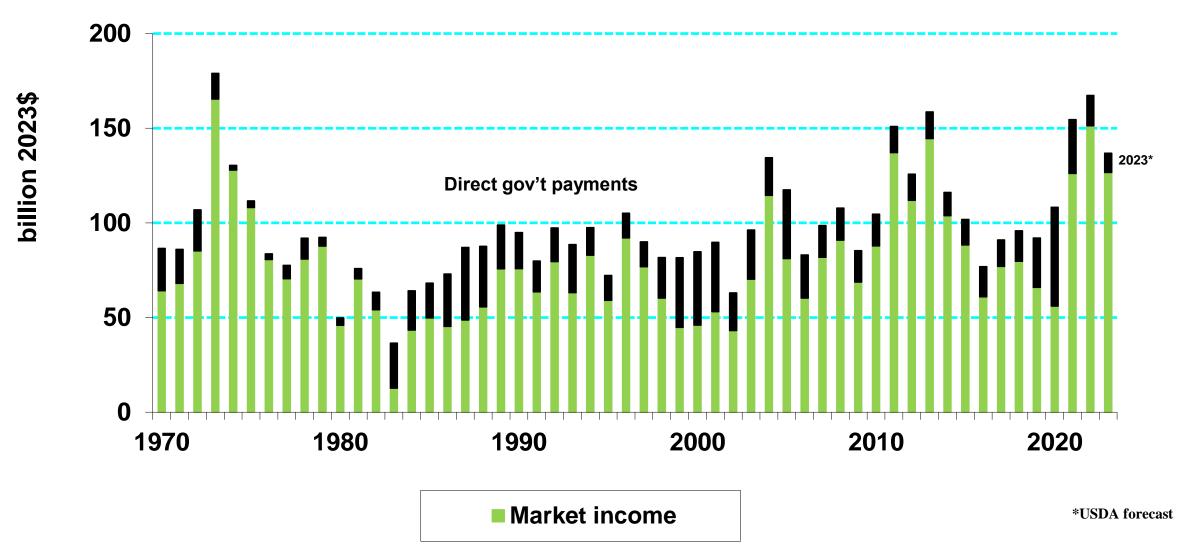


U.S. Farm Production Value (billion dollars, 2023\$)



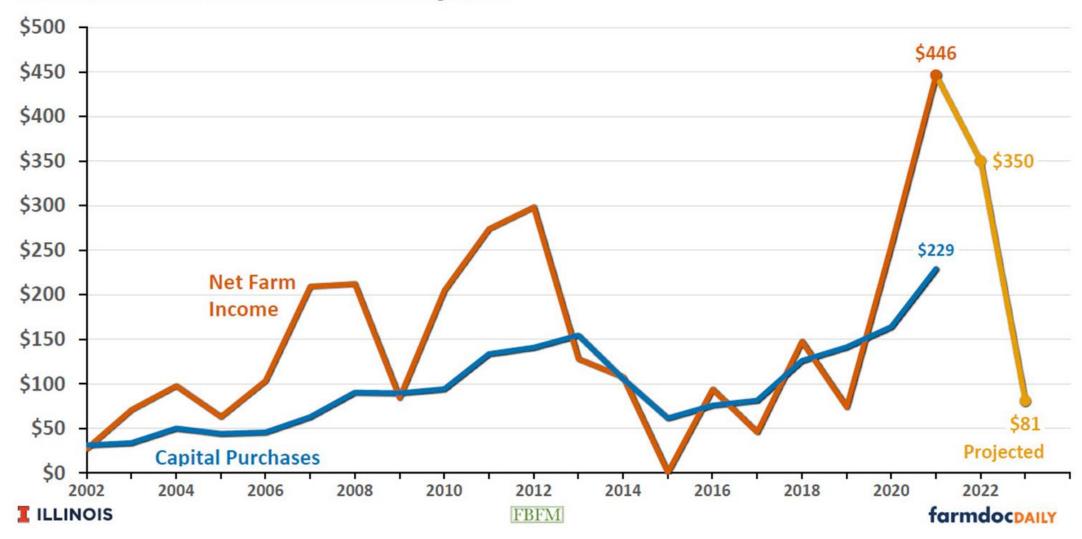
*USDA forecast

Real net farm income is expected decline in 2023



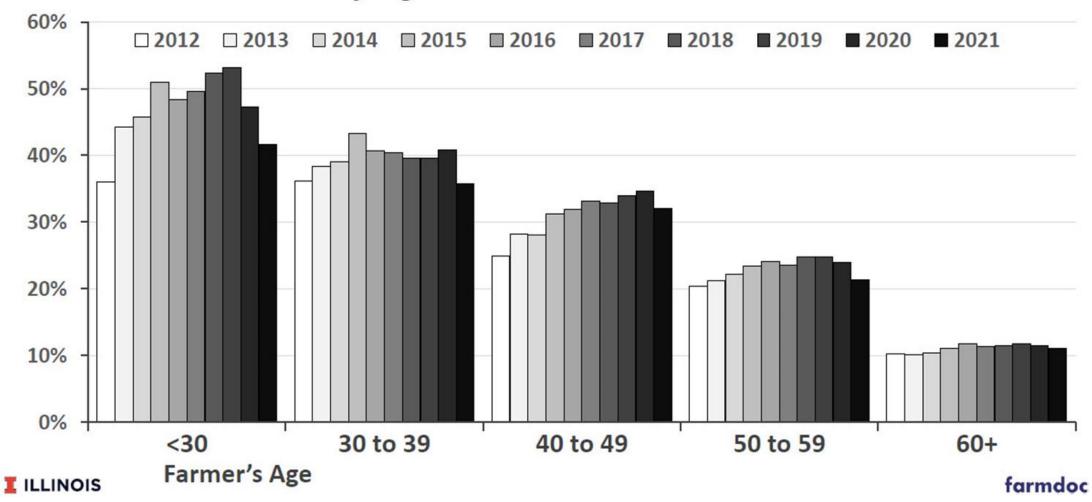
Net Farm Income and Capital Purchases on Grain Farms in \$1,000

Enrolled in Illinois Farm Business Farm Management

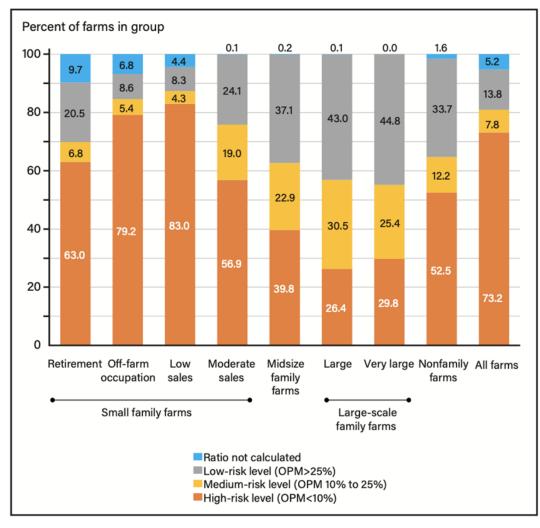


FBFM Records Summary

Debt to Asset Ratio by Age

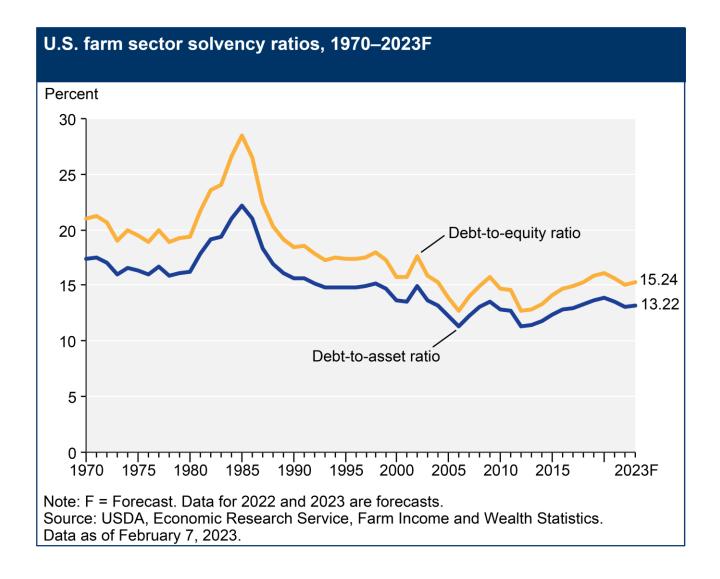


Farms by operating profit margin and type, 2020

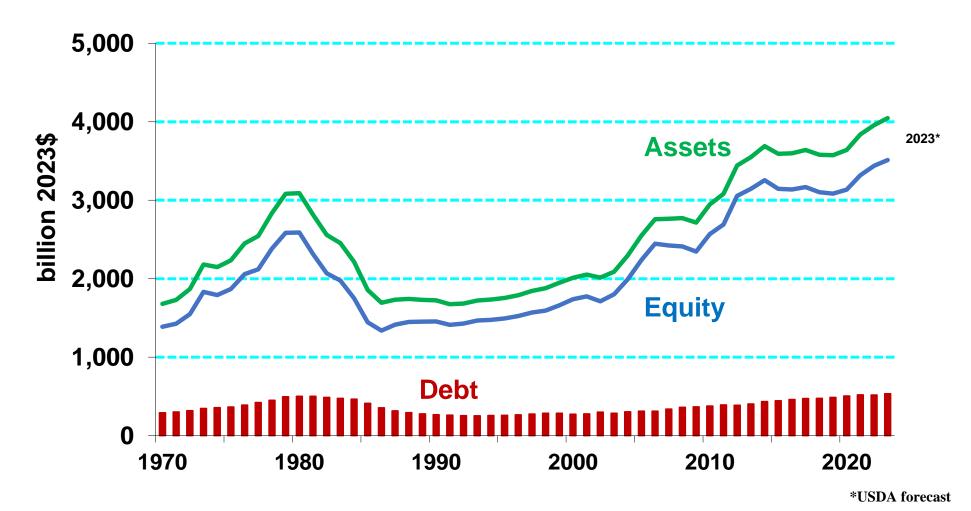


Notes: Due to rounding, sums may not add to 100 percent. Operating profit margin (OPM)=100 times (net farm income plus interest paid minus charges for unpaid labor and management)/gross farm income. OPM ratios are not calculated for operations with zero or negative gross farm income.

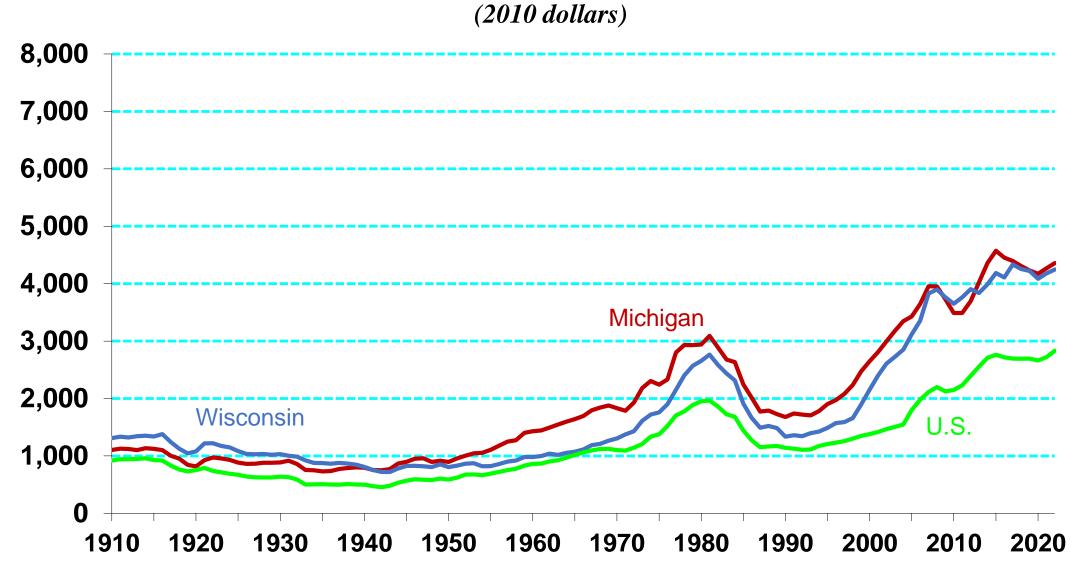
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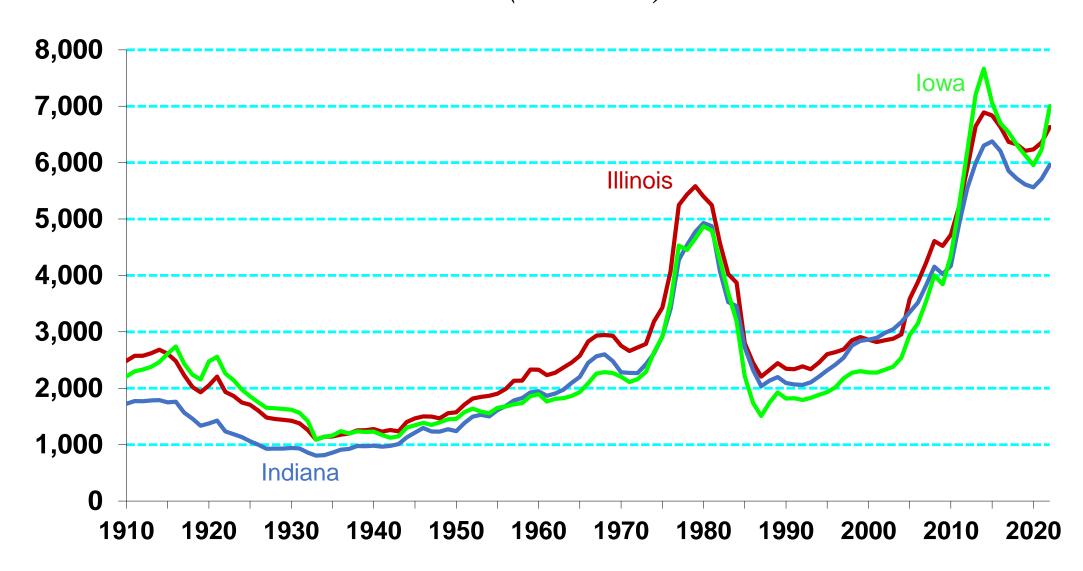
Real farm sector assets, equity, and debt seen setting new peaks in 2023



USDA Farmland Values for Michigan and Wisconsin



USDA Land Values for Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa (2010 dollars)

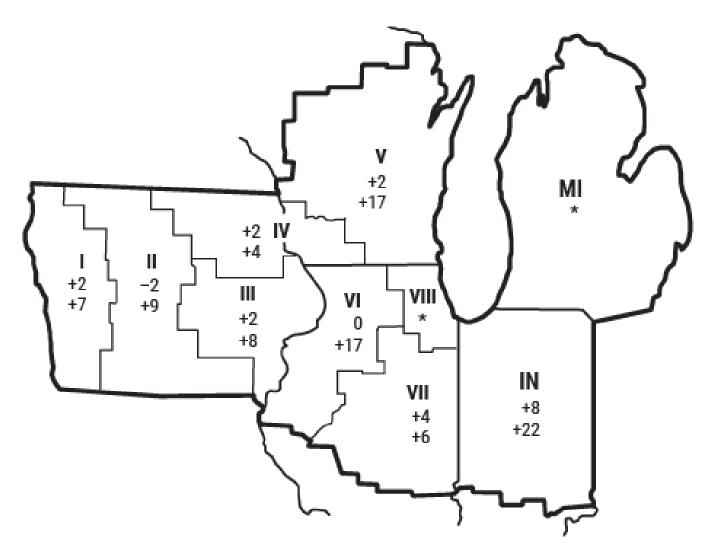


Chicago Fed survey results for Q1 of 2023

Percent change in dollar value of "good" farmland

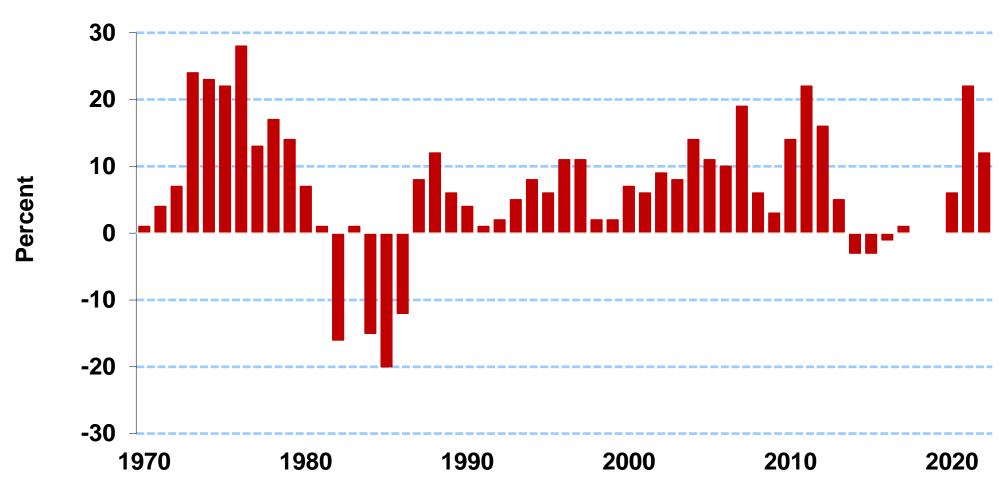
Top: January 1, 2023 to April 1, 2023 Bottom: April 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023

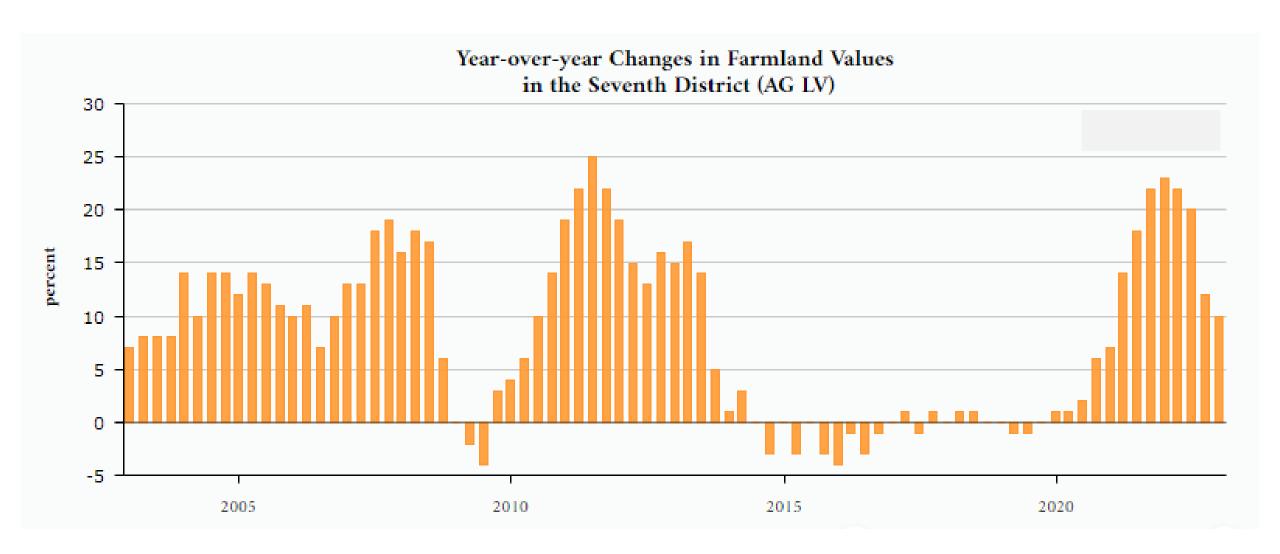
	January 1, 2023 to April 1, 2023	April 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023
Illinois	+2	+11
Indiana	+8	+22
lowa	+1	+7
Michigan	*	*
Wisconsin	+2	+15
Seventh District	+2	+10



^{*}Insufficient response.

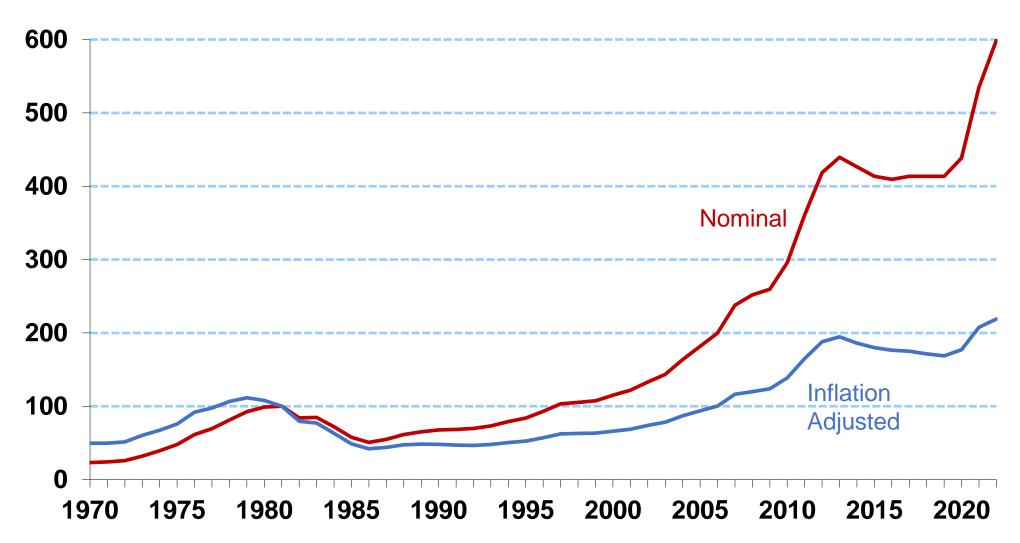
Annual change in farmland values in Seventh Federal Reserve District



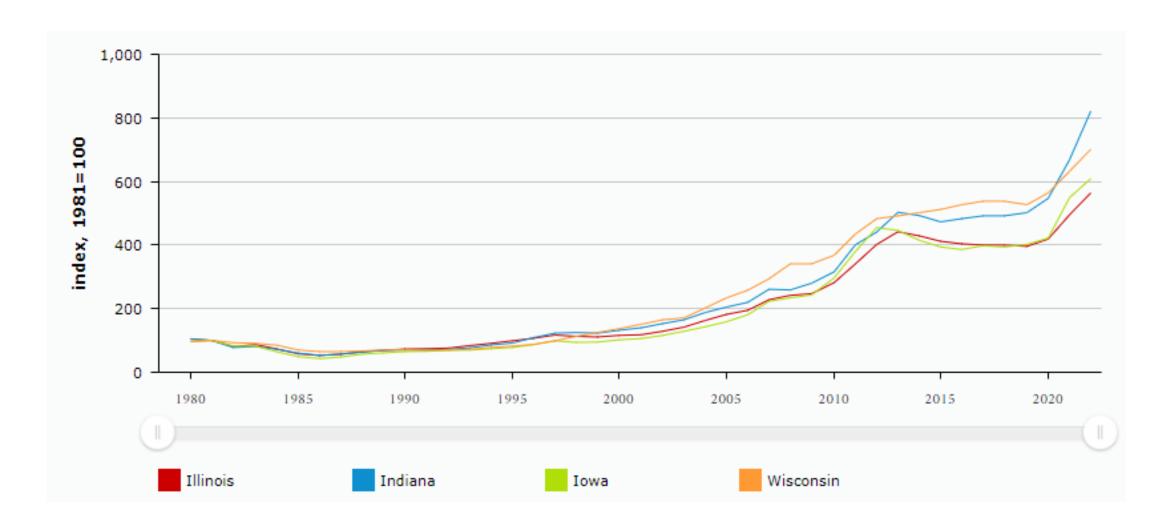


Index of Seventh District farmland values

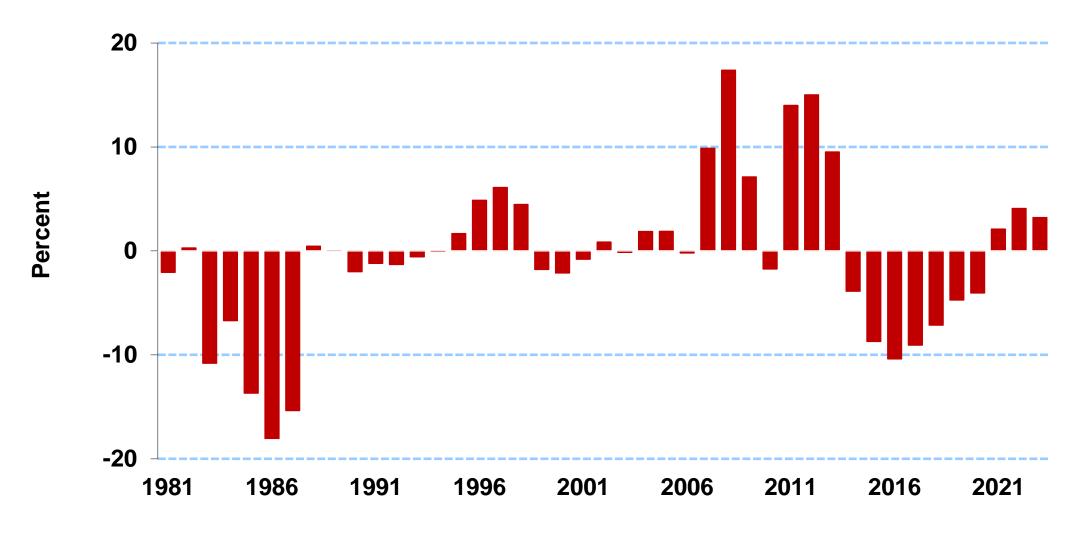
(1981=100, adjustment by PCE)



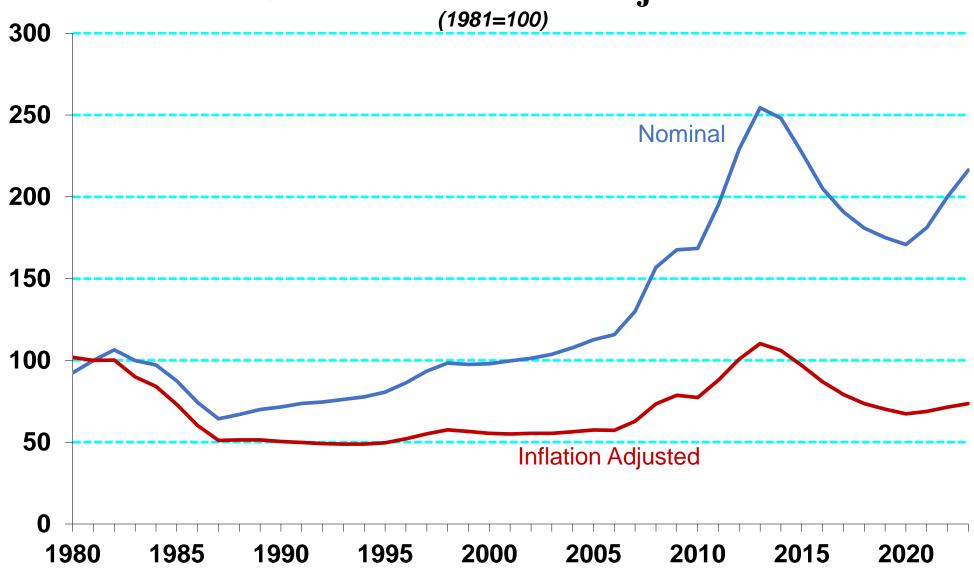
Farmland Value Indexes for 7th District States



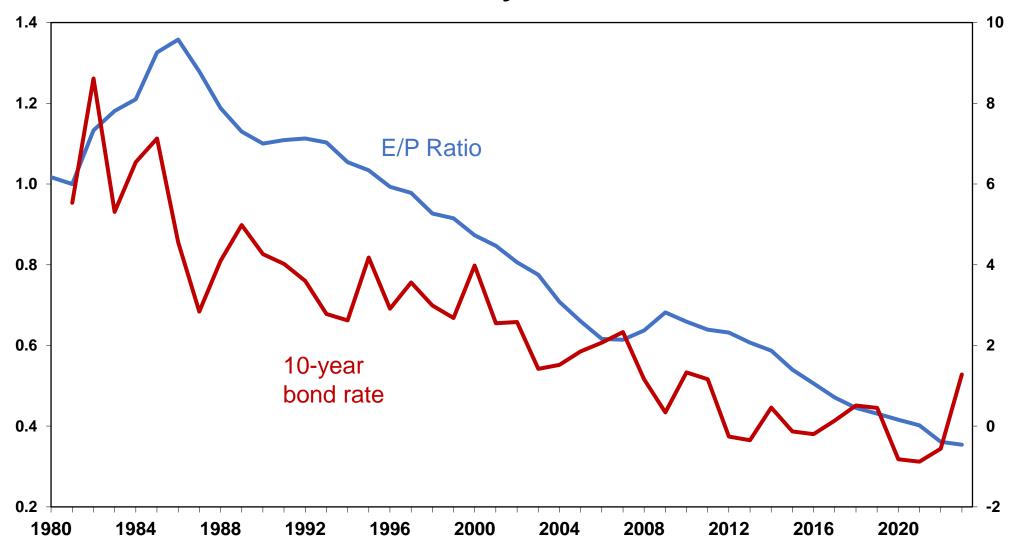
Annual change in real farmland cash rents in 7th Federal Reserve District



Index of Seventh District Cash Rents Nominal vs. Inflation Adjusted

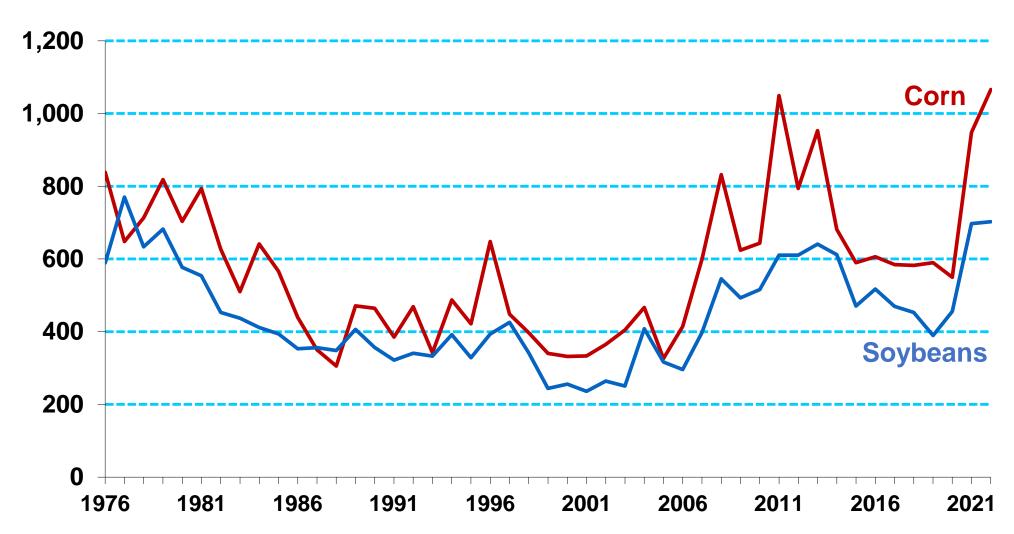


7th District Earnings to Price Ratio (left axis, 1981=1.0) vs. Real Return on 10-Year Treasury Bonds

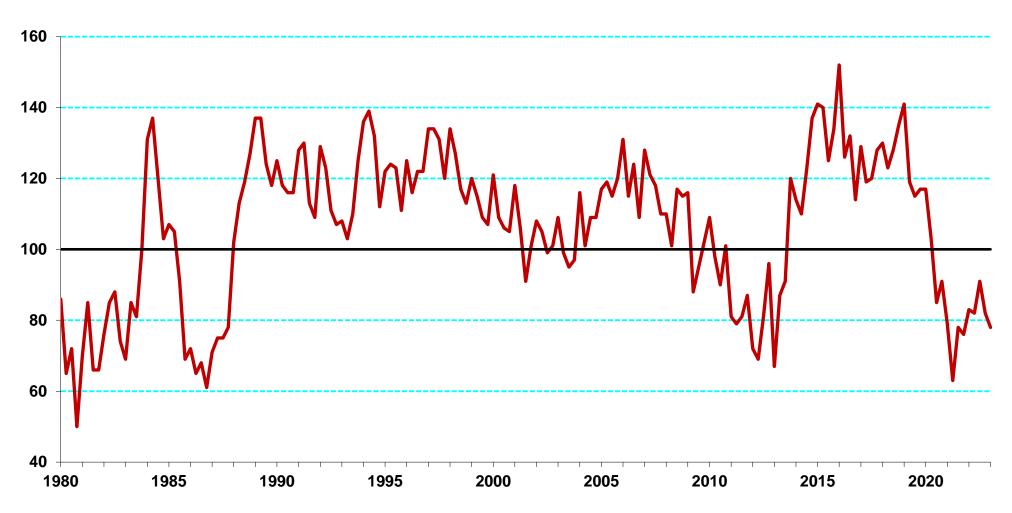


District real crop revenue more volatile than yields, with sharp increases in 2021-22

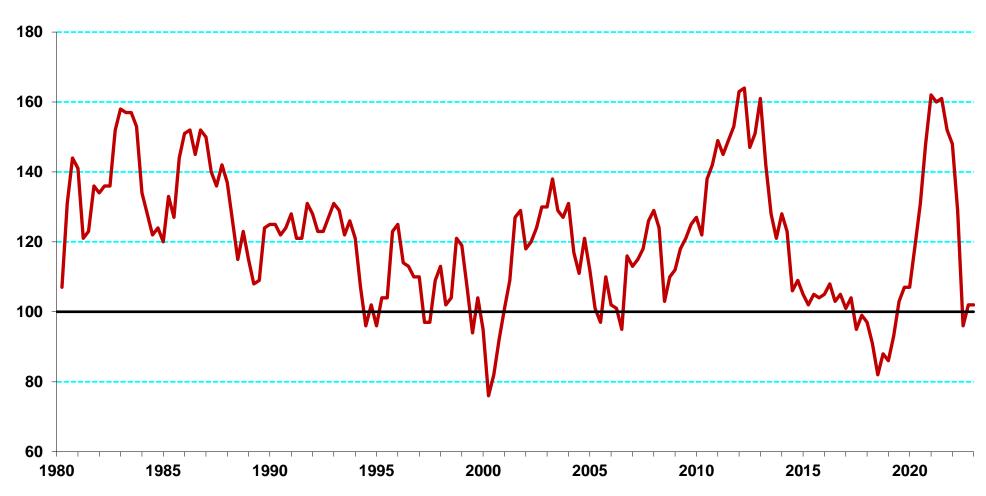
(\$/per acre, adj. by PCE for 2010)



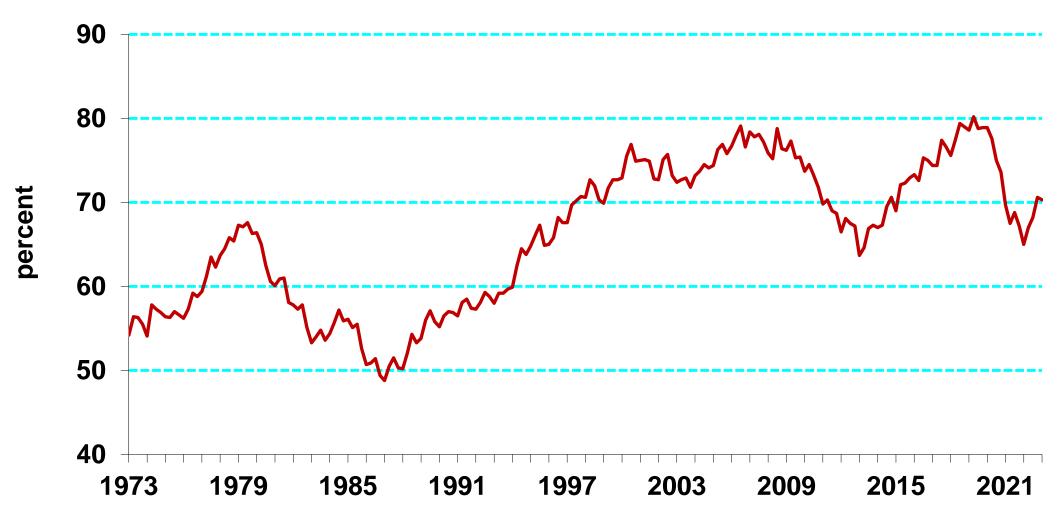
Index of non-real-estate farm loan demand for the 7th Federal Reserve District



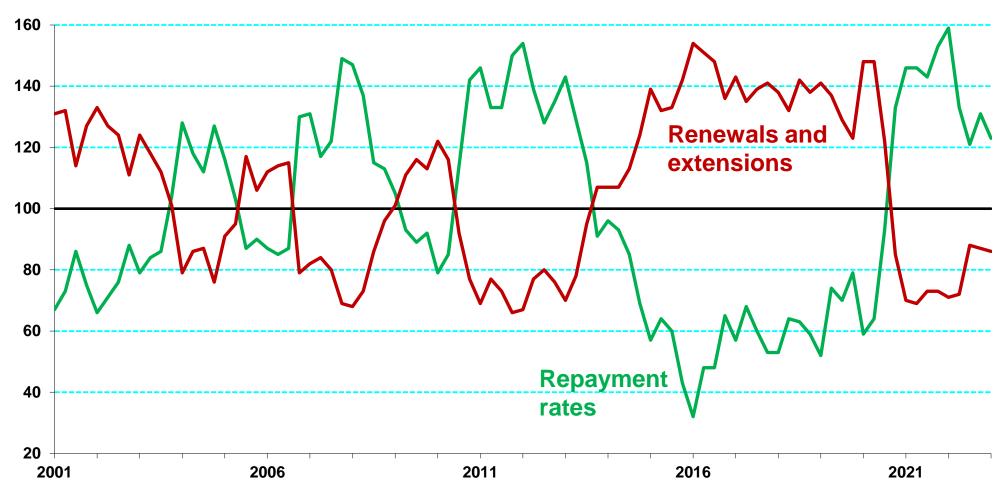
Index of funds availability for the 7th Federal Reserve District



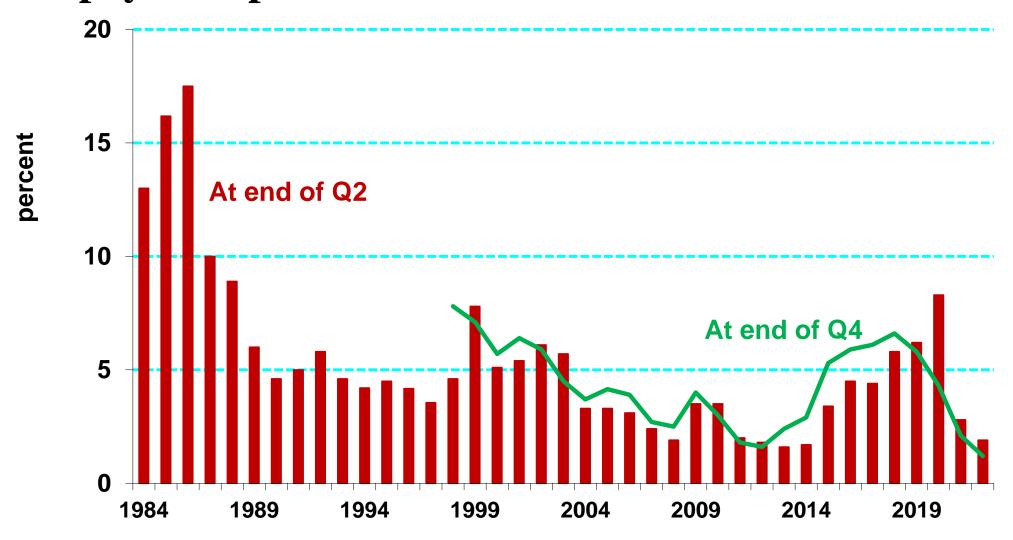
7th District average loan-to-deposit ratio



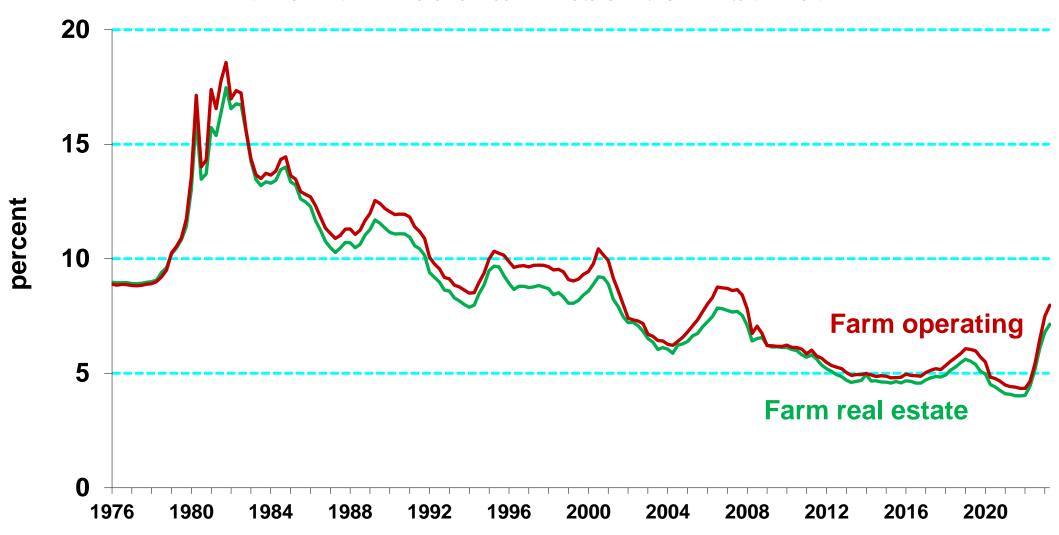
Indexes of non-real-estate farm loan repayment and renewals & extensions for the 7th District



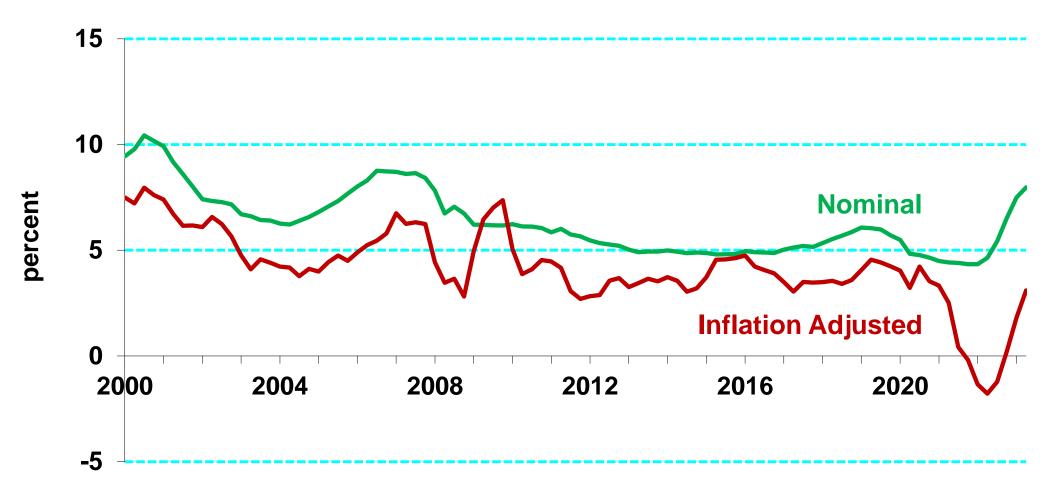
Farm loan volume with "major" or "severe" repayment problems in 7th Federal Reserve District



Interest rates charged on new farm loans in the 7th Federal Reserve District

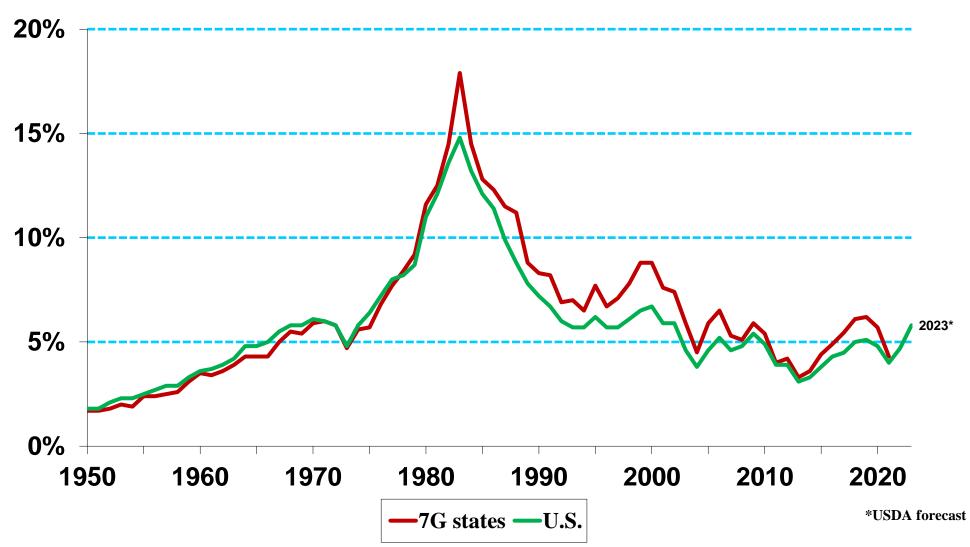


Interest rates charged on new farm operating loans in the 7th Federal Reserve District

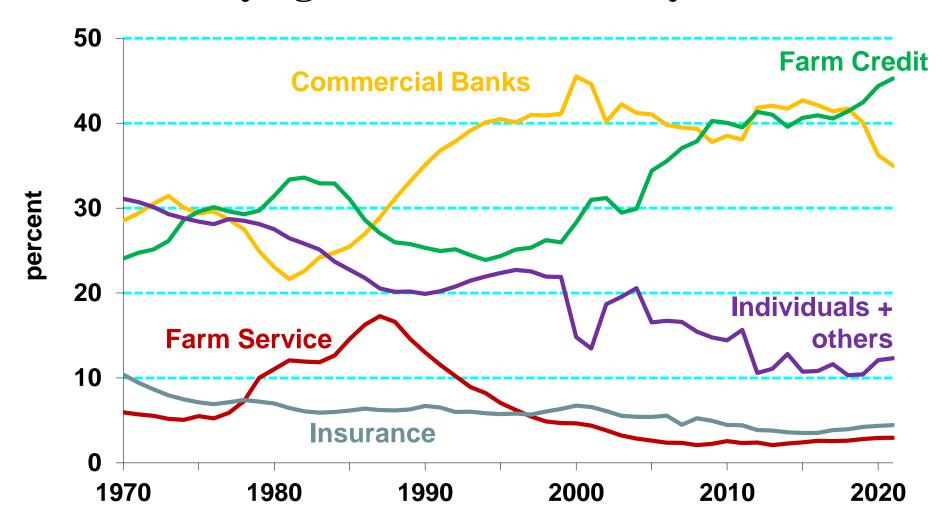


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Bureau of Economic Analysis

Interest expenses as share of agricultural value of production (% of total)

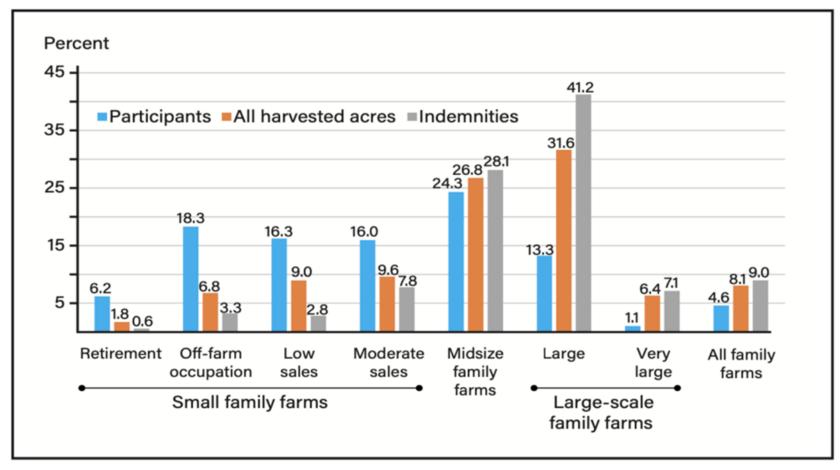


Primary agricultural lenders by market share



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service

Federal crop insurance participants, harvested cropland, and indemnities, 2020



Note: The bars of the same color add to 100 percent.

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Financial indicators for the farm sector

- Net farm income for 2023 will be down, yet should be decent
- Smaller boost from government spending
- Farm balance sheet improved
- Higher farm interest rates eating into cash flows
- Loan demand lagging as funds to lend about the same
- Credit conditions strengthened
 - Only 1.2% of loans with "major" or "severe" repayment problems
 - Loan renewals & extensions declined

FARMTECH LANDSCAPE 2020



