



### **Agriculture Is Vital to Illinois' Economy**

- Illinois' agricultural industry contributed more than \$19.9 billion in farm receipts in 2010 to the state's economy, making this state one of the nation's top 10.
- According to the 2012 USDA Census of Agriculture Illinois has more than 58,500 farms and 26.9 million acres of farmland. Over 79% of farms are less than 500 acres, with the average farm size of 359 acres.
  - 59,734 farms have less than 500 acres.
  - 7,617 farms have between 500-1000 acres.
  - 7,736 farms have more than 1000 acres.
- Nearly 80 percent of the state of Illinois is comprised of farmland, with corn and soybeans accounting for the vast majority of the farm sales.
- Illinois is a top five producer of swine and also leads in the production of specialty crops like pumpkins and horseradish. The state also produces hay, wheat, rye, oats, grain sorghum, fruits and vegetables.

### **Crop Insurance Is Vital to Illinois' Agricultural Sector**

- Crop insurance protected \$13 billion of liability on growing crops in Illinois in 2013. There were 19 million acres insured and more than \$464 million was paid to farmers in indemnities for production and/or revenue losses.
- The top commodities (liability) for crop insurance protection in 2013 were:
  - Corn - \$8.7 billion, protecting 10.4 million acres.
  - Soybeans - \$3.9 billion, protecting 7.8 million acres.
  - Wheat - \$222 million, protecting 603,235 acres.
- The private crop-hail insurance product provided an additional \$9.5 billion in liability protection on growing crops in Illinois.