

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC FARMLAND ZOOM MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**FARMLAND ASSESSMENT AND FLOOD DEBASEMENT
PROGRAM WILL NOW BE VIRTUAL!**

With social distancing still upon us, Illinois Farm Bureau is partnering with Rock Island and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus® to host a **VIRTUAL** farmland assessment meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss increasing property assessments and adjustments due to flooding. The meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 9, at 9:00 am. Pre-registration is required to receive the meeting link.

Due, in part, to a change in the Farmland Assessment Act, all farmland assessments will continue to go up. The rate of increase will be largely dependent on the soil type. Poorer soils will continue to see higher than 10% increases while better producing soils can expect an increase of less than 10%. This increase in assessed values will be reflected on property tax bills payable in 2020 and for several years to come.

Additional information will be provided on the opportunity to receive a flood debasement on those acres that saw crop loss and prevented plant due to last year's flooding.

The presentation, given by Brenda Matherly, Director of Local Government with Illinois Farm Bureau®, will give you a better understanding on how farmland assessments are calculated and the long-term impact on those values.

In order to ensure our virtual capacity, please pre-register with the Rock Island County Farm Bureau (309) 736-7432 or email tmayhew@ricofarmbureau.org OR the **Whiteside County Farm Bureau by calling (815) 772-2165 or email whitesidecountyfarmbureau@gmail.com by Thursday, June 4**. Once registered, you will be e-mailed a link to join the meeting.