89th Annual
Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference
Iowa State University
Benton Auditorium, Scheman Building
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Next Year’s SMLV Conference: Wednesday, May 17, 2017

8:00 — 8:30 Registration

8:30 — 8:45 What is Your Prediction for Iowa’s Land Values?
   — Dr. Wendong Zhang, Chair, Conference Planning Committee

8:45 — 9:45 Evaluating Hunting Leases: Implications for Recreational Land Values
   — Tom Steen, the Hunting Lease Network, Farmers National Company

9:45 — 10:00 Break

10:00 — 11:30 Panel Discussion on Current and Future Cash Rents in Iowa
   — Moderator: Dr. Alejandro Plastina, Assistant Professor, Economics, ISU
   — Panelist: Mike Downey, AFM, Hertz Farm Management
   — Panelist: Scott Neff, Senior Business Relationship Mgr., Wells Fargo Bank, Marshalltown
   — Panelist: Jim Knuth, Senior Vice President, Farm Credit Services of America

11:30 — 12:30 Lunch

12:30 — 1:15 Excessive Spring Rain Will Be More Frequent (except this year): Weather Tools to Manage It
   — Dr. Chris Anderson, Assistant Director, Climate Science Group, ISU

1:15 — 1:45 Soil Fertility Management with Tight Crop Production Margins
   — Dr. John Sawyer, Professor in Agronomy and Extension Soil Fertility Specialist, ISU

1:45 — 2:45 Cover Crops, Wetlands, and Conservation Drainage: Why We Need to Adopt and How Many Acres Are Needed?
   — Dr. Matt Helmers, Dean’s Professor, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, ISU

2:45 — 3:00 Break

3:00 — 4:15 Global Economic Outlook: What Does a Slowing China and a Strong US Dollar Mean for US Agriculture
   — Dr. Nathan Kauffman, Assistant Vice President, Omaha Branch Executive and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

4:15 — 4:30 Iowa Land Values – Your Estimates
   — Dr. Wendong Zhang, Assistant Professor, Economics, ISU