

**Illinois
Farmland Watch**

Central: In Marshall County, 88 acres in Bell Plain Township, approximately 30 miles northeast of Peoria, with Class A soils (excellent quality) brought \$6,680 per acre in December 2007.

During the six months prior to December 2007, six sales with Class A soils have been recorded at the Marshall County Courthouse at an average price of \$6,282 per acre (excluding excessively low and high sales), totaling 534 acres valued at \$3,354,371. The price range per acre varied between \$4,800 and \$7,572, while the average tract size was 89 acres.

The average per-acre price for A-quality soils during this same time period in the Central Crop Reporting District was \$5,443, and around the entire state was \$5,512.

East-southeast: In Douglas County, 162 acres in Tuscola Township, approximately 20 miles south of Champaign, with Class A soils (excellent quality) brought \$6,000 per acre in November 2007.

During the six months prior to December 2007, four sales with Class A soils have been recorded at the Douglas County Courthouse at an average price of \$5,651 per acre (excluding excessively low and high sales), totaling 393 acres valued at \$2,221,000. The price range per acre varied between \$5,200 and \$6,000, while the average tract size was 98 acres.

The average per-acre price for A-quality soils during this same time period in the East Southeast Crop Reporting District was \$5,415, and around the entire state is \$5,512.

Southeastern: In Wayne County, 40 acres in Garden Hill Township approximately 30 miles northeast of Mt. Vernon with Class C soils (good quality) brought \$3,250 per acre in October 2007.

During the six months prior to December 2007, six sales with Class C soils have been recorded at the Wayne County Courthouse at an average price of \$3,769 per acre (excluding excessively low and high sales), totaling 360

acres valued at \$1,357,000. The price range per acre varied between \$2,500 and \$4,500, while the average tract size was 60 acres.

The average per-acre price for C-quality soils during this same time period in the Southeastern Crop Reporting District was \$3,365, and around the entire state is \$3,696.

By *Evan Lemenager*, editor of the *Illinois Land Sales Bulletin*, a bimonthly report on farmland sales.

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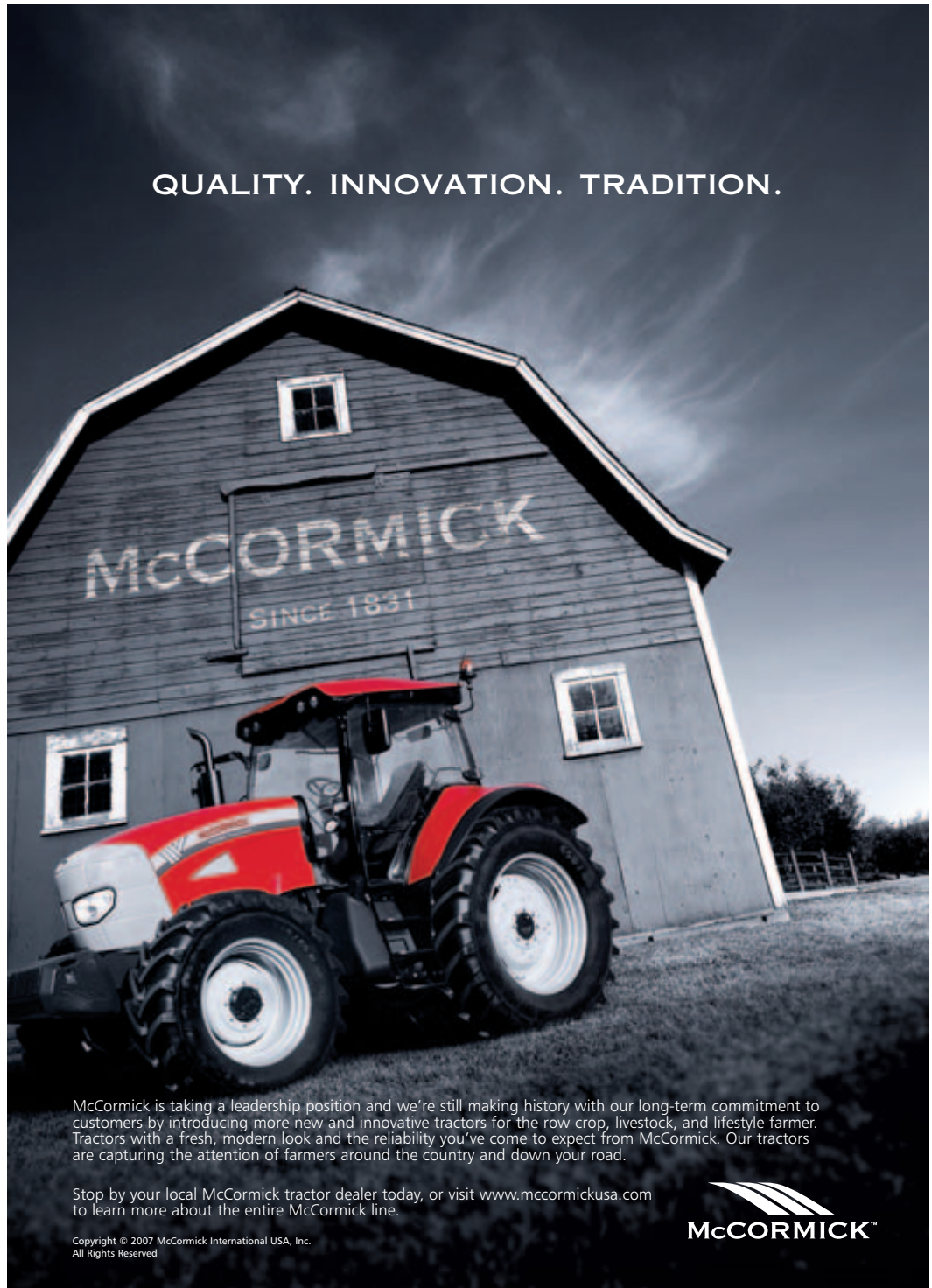
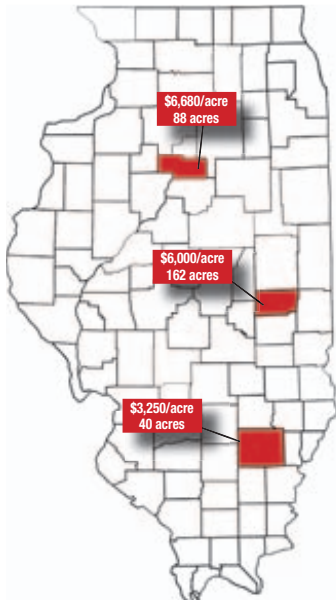
New tool for wheat weed control

DUPONT'S newly approved Agility SG herbicide is offering wheat producers a new tool for better weed control, including tough ALS-resistant species.

Agility features four active ingredients and two modes of action to offer a broad-spectrum product without the hassles of mixing multiple products, say Jim Collins, general manager of the company's crop protection division.

Agility controls more than 80 tough broadleaf weeds, including Russian thistle, pigweed and kochia. It's also covered by DuPont Crop Protection Plus wheat program, which provides growers who purchase the product with product cost replacement if their crop is destroyed by drought, flood, frost/freeze, fire or hail.

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