

Hamilton County, Hamilton County's yield is an even ten bushels to the acre more, and yet I am seeing on here \$86 an acre less. So now I'm getting real skeptical and blow this formula all to pieces. So can you give me the answers why?

SENATOR LANDIS: Ms. Nelson, let me try to describe for you sources that would explain the differences that you pointed out. First, you used some ASCS crop reporting figures. The task force suggests the use of the livestock and crop reporting service. The SCS figures, for the reason that there is no distinction between management level, in ASCS figures there are. So the figures that we used for the yield come from a different source than the report that you are looking at. Secondly, expenses vary between counties with respect to the amount of gravity, flow irrigation that you've got and even so the gravity flow irrigation costs can be different. Remember that that top fraction is yield and price, which will be steady for most of those counties, that is true, but times land owner share. Land owner share is an expense factor. The expense factor varies county to county, depending on the kind of expenses that are incurred, the amount of gravity flow irrigation versus center pivot, and the land owner's share that we find in our survey. The share relationships, the shares that are out there may vary county to county. We've done that by survey and that is also an additional source of the reason why there is a variation between county to county.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Fifteen seconds.

SENATOR NELSON: I wouldn't want to blow your formula all to pieces, but if you've used the Nebraska crop reporting service for these yields, we are in trouble. I also want...I don't know if you know or not, they do reflect in the ASCS yields. I know if we nit-pick and...good way of shutting me off, isn't it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Nelson, I'm sorry, the shut off was accidental. If you wanted to finish with a couple...please do.

SENATOR NELSON: I'm strictly kidding, Chris. I knew that. I wouldn't have said that if I didn't feel that way. I am a little skeptical now on these yields, you know, and on the dollars when I see this formula. But maybe I can get my mind satisfied. But you know how it is when you find one