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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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**Record-breaking decade ends; risk management key moving forward**

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Use the article titled:

**Record-breaking decade ends; risk management key moving forward**

1. List three highlights of agriculture from 2010-2019.
2. List three challenges in agriculture from 200-2019.
3. What are two major ag events happening in the first part of 2020?
4. The article states that Chinese soybean demand accounts for roughly one of every three rows of soybeans grown in the US. Why do you think a trade deal with China is important to Illinois?
5. Why do you think there has been such an increase in ethanol production in the US going from 4 billion gallons in 2005 to 16 Billion gallons in 2018?
6. Aaron Curtis, commodity risk consultant for MID-CO, who contributed expertise to the article mentions technology in seed and agronomy as a part of growth in agriculture production. What forms of technology in agriculture to you see making an impact in the next 10 years?

Answer Key

1. Record high commodity prices in first half, record high land prices in first half, record yields in 2017-2018, major jump in ethanol demand, major jump in export demand
2. Severe drought in 2012, trade issues 2018-2019; historical wet weather 2019, record prevented plant acres 2019.
3. 3. Final USDA crop production numbers, stock estimates and projections of winter wheat plantings (1-10) and US China Trade talks (1-15)
4. Answers will vary, but should include the amount of soybeans grown in Illinois.
5. Answers will vary, but would expect to see less reliance on oil base resources.
6. Answers will vary. It will be interesting to see if students make connection to technology along with global trade implications that are also discussed in the article.