

The Friday Leader

News from the Champaign County Farm Bureau

News for the Week Ending Friday, August 7, 2015

Earth Partners

Who do you know?

Earth Partners is looking for local elementary teachers interested in bringing agricultural education into their school through hands-on programs, events and educational materials.

These "Ag Champions" will be a liaison between the Earth Partners Agricultural Literacy Program and their respective school. Through this program we hope to continue to connect students and teachers to agriculture and also ensure schools

are receiving current resources and programming that meets their unique needs.

If you know of or are a Champaign County teacher that would be interested, please contact Myla at 217-352-5235 or myla@ccfarmbureau.com.

Food Repack

Last Evening the Young Ag Leaders had the opportunity to participate in a food repack at the Eastern Illinois Food Bank! Look for future information on how YOU can support the food bank!

Toolshed Meetings

Toolshed meetings were held on Tuesday, August 4th. We appreciate all who came out to hear Mark Gebhards, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities, of Illinois Farm Bureau give an update on GMO Food labeling, State Budget, WOTUS, RFS changes, Trade, Infrastructure, Glyphosate's future and Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. CCFB thanks the Zahnd Family, Rice Family and Waters Family for hosting these meetings at their toolsheds.

This Week's Hot Topics

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/ionentine/2014/09/17/the-debate-about-gmo-safety-is-over-thanks-to-a-new-trillion-meal-study/>

- **FERTILIZER DEAL REJECTED** - K+S AG on Friday said it rebuffed another unsolicited takeover approach from Canadian rival Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan Inc. that valued the German salt and fertilizer company at roughly €7.9 billion (\$8.63 billion).
- **FORD PICKUPS** - Ford has hired a second supplier to provide steel frames for its best-selling F-150 truck, hoping to better meet delivery demands amid a part shortage from its current supplier.
- **STATE FAIR VENDORS** - Illinois State Fair vendors have agreed to work even though their paychecks may be delayed because of state budget issues, event organizers said. "They understand we don't have a budget," Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Philip Nelson said during a preview of the fair for the media on Thursday.
- **EDGAR ON STATE BUDGET**— Gov. Bruce Rauner should focus on the state budget and wait until later to address his ambitious "turnaround agenda," former Gov. Jim Edgar said Thursday.
- **SHOOTING COMPLEX CLOSING**— The state of Illinois plans at the end of this month to close a money-losing shooting complex at Sparta. The 10-year old complex

only brings in \$1.1 million in revenue and costs \$3 million to operate.

- **JOBS REPORT** - The economy added a solid 215,000 jobs last month in a development that could help give the Federal Reserve the evidence it needs to raise interest rates in September for the first time in nearly a decade.
- **FAST-GROWING FIRMS** - An annual list of the nation's fastest-growing retailers includes four Illinois companies ranging from a supermarket chain to a cosmetics merchant to a farm-supplies seller.
- **SALES TAX HOLIDAY** - Shoppers in neighboring states like Missouri and Iowa will enjoy a back-to-school sales tax holiday this weekend, but it won't be offered to those in Illinois.
- **TAX EXTENDER UPDATE** - Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell flatly ruled out a government shutdown this fall but was less certain on when Congress would revive a series of expired tax benefits, including biofuel credits and the popular Section 179 expensing allowance.
- **PORK REMAINS FAVORITE** - Pork continues to be the fastest-growing protein for the foodservice industry over the last four years, according to a new study by

Chicago-based Technomic Inc. affiliated with the National Pork Board's Pork Checkoff program.

- **FARMERS' MARKETS** -The number of farmers' markets rose to 8,476 in 2014, up from 2,863 in 2000 and 1,755 in 1994, according to USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. Farmers' markets tend to be concentrated in densely populated areas of the Northeast, Midwest, and West Coast.
- **FARMWEEK PREVIEW** – Check out FarmWeek's stories Monday on the upcoming Illinois State Fair, new beef expansion plans in NW Illinois, and listen to Ken Beck's comments on nutrient management strategies.

Mark Your Calendar!

AUGUST 10, 2015 10:30AM TIME CHANGE

Women's Committee

Program at Presence Hospital at 11:30a.m.

1400 W. Park St. Urbana, IL

AUGUST 10, 2015 FROM 12:00PM TO 05:00PM

Ben Louis Open

AUGUST 13, 2015 FROM 10:00AM TO 12:00PM

Prime Timers

Speaker: Ginger McKee – Cunningham Children's Home

Music: Christy Rigsby

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**801 N Country Fair Dr
Champaign, IL 61821**

AUGUST 20, 2015 *FROM 03:00PM TO 04:30PM*

FARM Illinois Briefing

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**801 N Country Fair Dr
Champaign , IL 61821**

AUGUST 21, 2015 *FROM 02:00PM TO 03:00PM*

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!! RSVP TODAY

An Afternoon with your Congressman

John Reifsteck Farm

**1007 Country Rd 300 East
corner of Monticello Road & Duncan
Champaign, IL 61822**

AUGUST 23, 2015 *FROM 06:00PM TO 08:00PM*

DINNER AT THE RIBEYE WITH ALOYTT

Great Opportunity!!!

Pheasants Forever Banquet

CCPF Banquet Sales Price List

Banquet program ads:

Business card size:	\$25
Half page:	\$50
Full page:	\$100

Sponsorship:

Cost of sponsorship is \$250.

What sponsors receive:

- Two meals at our banquet.
- Annual membership in Pheasants Forever, the nation's leading upland game conservation organization, including a subscription to *Pheasants Forever Magazine*.
- The CCPF newsletter, *The Ringneck News*, and all other chapter mailings.
 - A sponsor plaque, with a medallion for each year of sponsorship.
 - A chance to win a shotgun in our Sponsor Shotgun Raffle.
- A sponsor gift consisting of either \$50 in Rooster Bucks to spend at our banquet (on live or silent auction items only); *or* the 2013-2014 Pheasants Forever Print of the Year; *or* a chance to win a shotgun in the Bonus Sponsor Shotgun Raffle.
 - Special recognition at the chapter banquet.

New Trip!! Call today to reserve your spot!

Half Century of Progress – August 27-30

Monday August 10th**

Extension Pond Workshop

Today in History

- 1990 Fun Date: At 12:34:56 the time and date was 12:34:56 7/8/90 i.e. 1234567890.
- 2004 Pitcher Greg Maddux won his 300th baseball game.

Sincerely,
Dave

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"Champaign County Farm Bureau will strive to assist families in agriculture by recognizing and responding to issues of concern while strengthening partnerships and improving farm family life for this and future generations."