

## Eastern Illinois Foodbank Finds Silver Lining In Trade War



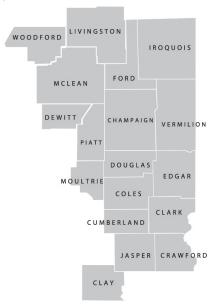
Jim Hires, Eastern Illinois Foodbank, President & CEO

Farmers are being hit hard this year. The trade war with China, the unending hits from Mother Nature, and crop prices have many Illinois farmers wondering when things are going to take a turn for the better. Looking for a silver lining in 2019 led us to the Eastern Illinois Foodbank (EIF), located in Urbana, covering 18 Illinois counties and serving 170 agencies. While the current trade war with China impacts farmers and many others negatively, EIF has been able to turn a negative into a positive.

EIF is currently seeing a dramatic increase in the number of commodities they are receiving. With the government buying surplus commodities and supplying it to government-supported agencies, Gavin Gordon EIF's Inventory Management Supervisor, says "We began seeing an increase last September. We

are receiving a lot of fruits and vegetables we didn't receive before mitigation." Larger supplies of apples, milk, oranges, and meat (primarily pork) challenge EIF to find cooler space. Currently, working with one cooler and two rented reefer trucks to keep goods refrigerated have also increased costs for EIF. Jim Hires, EIF's CEO, says the increased food "is a good problem to have, but it does create issues. The food we receive is free, but it costs us to store it and distribute it. We, of course, would prefer an increase of funds through TANF instead of a tariff war."

Approximately, 12 million pounds of food moves through EIF annually. In 2018, 1.5 million lbs of the total food was a commodity. This year commodities have increased 60-70% with roughly 2.4 million lbs of commodities being distributed to friends and neighbors in the 18 counties that are served. "This has been very nice for agencies that are not used to getting such great products. The percentage of our TANF funding has remained the same, but our pounds have really increased due to trade mitigation," says Jim Hires.



Eastern Illinois Foodbank's 18 county service area



Eastern Illinois Foodbank warehouse

Jim Hires has been with EIF for 14 years and has witnessed tremendous growth in this sector of business. EIF now has 30 employees, 6 trucks on the road every day for deliveries and pickups, more food donations from food manufacturers and retailers, and an increase in donors from the community. 60 to 70 mobile food pantries visit communities throughout the year and 1 million pounds of food is currently housed in the EIF warehouse. Jim and Gavin both agree that partnering with Feed America, a network of food banks throughout the US, has led to great opportunities for growth.

A donor and friend of Eastern Illinois Foodbank is a face you might recognize. Brian Stark, Senior Sales Manager at The Anderson's, Inc. and a past president of the CCFB Foundation, has been a member of EIF's Prom Court. EIF's Prom, a large fundraiser in the community, pulls in people from all walks of life to support their cause. Brian stepped up to the plate and raised enough money to be crowned Prom King two years running by raising over \$30,000 for the cause. Brian is a

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## Welcome Maggi Maxstadt

Please extend a warm welcome to new CCFB employee Maggi Maxstadt, Membership & Outreach Coordinator. Maggi grew up in Mahomet, IL, and graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Agricultural Leadership Education. Maggi will be one of the first faces you see when you walk into the office. She will be working directly with members and helping them with all their needs.

Maggi is no stranger to Farm Bureau, its programs, and benefits. She was actively involved in FFA and 4-H throughout high school and college, volunteered with Agriculture in the Classroom, and

is a past 4-H Representative to the Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee.

Does Maggi look familiar? She was highlighted in a past edition of the CCFB's newsletter as a Foundation Scholar. Prior to coming on board with CCFB, Maggi worked at the University of Illinois Extension office. Maggi says "I'm excited to work with the membership of the Champaign County Farm Bureau!" We are excited to have Maggi on board and taking care of member's needs. If you are in or around the office stop by and say HI!



Maggi Maxstadt

## June Report



#### President, Mike Briggs

As I write this column for the month of July I'm not sure what to say. It has definitely been a spring we won't soon forget. We just finished up planting the second week of June and they are calling for 2-4 inches of rain this week. It looks like spraying season may have many of the same challenges as planting. Even though we are late by the calendar most of the crops are up in our area and they look pretty good. The Illinois Farm Bureau and Country Companies have put on some prevent plant meetings during the spring, which I hope were helpful if you were in those situations.

I will be in Bloomington at the end of the month to meet with the other county presidents and IFB. It appears we have a lot to talk about and I will try and touch on the highlights in the coming months.

Sincerely, Mike Briggs

# WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Champaign County Farm Bureau Women's Committee is open to all women interested in agriculture.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

July 8

9:30 AM Regular Meeting Special Speaker- Chelsea Byers-Writing Your Life Story

August 12
Regular Meeting

# CCFB Calendar of Events July 2019

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July 4	Holiday	CLOSED
July 8	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
July 9	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
July 11	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
July 13	CDL Training	
July 16	Legislative Committee	7:30 a.m.
July 18	Full Board	6:30 p.m.
	August 2019	
August 8	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
August 12	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
August 13	Legislative Committee	7:30 a.m.
August 15	Full Board	6:30 p.m.

## Join the Prime Timers! July 11 starting at 10 a.m.

Featured Speaker: Lowell & Ellen Mennenga – Prevention of Opioids



Entertainment: David Fulton

Gerald Henry, Prime Timers Chairman

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month

Cost of Lunch = \$8

Call 352-5235 ahead of each meeting to reserve your spot

Mark your calendar for future meetings!

August 8 September 12

## **Member Benefits Of The Month**

Champaign County Farm Bureau Members are eligible for discounts at several local businesses. This month we are featuring the benefits that contribute to your health and wellness. Be sure to visit these businesses and take advantage of your benefits!

- \*Must show membership card to be eligible
- \*All local discounts apply ONLY at time of purchase
- \*All benefits subject to change without notice

**Huey's Home Medical:** \$100 off Private Duty Care or DME (Durable Medical Equipment) purchase of \$2000 or more. Call 356-4839

**The Champaign Fitness Center:** No Joining Fee, No long term commitment & \$5.00 off Monthly membership dues. Call 356-1616 for details.

Refinery Health Club: 10% off enrollment and \$45/month dues w/annual commitment.

**All About Eyes:** Enjoy discounts on your eye exams, frames and lenses at the Champaign location.

**Bard Optical:** Eye Exams- \$45. Save 25% on Frames & 10-40% savings on all other eyewear purchases.

Illini Hearing: 30% off MSRP at 1801 W Kirby Ave. Call 552-1730.

**Profile by Sanford:** Helping you achieve long-term weight loss success call 217-516-3736 or stop by 902 Meijer Drive, Suite 5, Champaign for member discount information.



Prime Timers hosted guest speaker Bill James, Deputy Coordinator for Champaign County Emergency Management Agency



# **Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull**

# Champaign County Fairground <u>Thursday, July 25th</u>

Registration 2pm, Pull 3pm

Co-sponsored by Champaign County Young Ag Leaders & Champaign County Fair Association.

## Champaign County FFA Chapters Are Staying Busy This Summer

Summer has kicked into high gear with June being a very busy month. Champaign County FFA Chapter members attended summits and conventions to learn more and meet up with fellow FFA members from throughout the state.

Mahomet Seymour FFA & Unity FFA chapter members attend the 2019 Ag Communication Summit on June 10 in Springfield, IL.



Unity FFA





Eastern Illinois Foodbank Prom King Brian Stark

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friend of the Foodbank saying, "I grew up on a farm in East Central Illinois. As a young boy, production agriculture became a passion of mine. From my work at The Anderson's to growing up on a farm, I see farmers working hard to produce food that will feed the world. Supporting this important cause allows me to get behind something I really believe while tying it all back to agriculture. I don't want to see any child or person go hungry or without food. Eastern Illinois Foodbank's reach is wide and I believe it is important to support their mission."

There are many way to volunteer and become involved with EIF and those in your community. Gerald Henry, CCFB Prime Timer Chair, became involved nine years ago with the food bank serving the Sadorus area. Three local churches are involved in putting this local agency together including St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sadorus Methodist Church, and Parkville Methodist Church. Gerald and several other volunteers work together to

distribute food once per month to approximately 10 families who need assistance. Gerald and a team of volunteers pick up food from Eastern Illinois Foodbank, bring it back to their local agency, and set up a free choice shopping area similar to a grocery store for families to shop. Gerald says he became involved because "We know there is a need in our community. We are willing to volunteer our time and resources to help these families out of a crisis situation."



Gerald Henry, CCFB Prime Timer Chair, has been volunteering for the Sadorus area food bank for 9 years

Illinois Association FFA State Convention – June 2019, Springfield, IL

Sophia Hortin, a graduate of Fisher High school, closes out her term as the 2018-2019



Fisher FFA members attending FFA State Convention

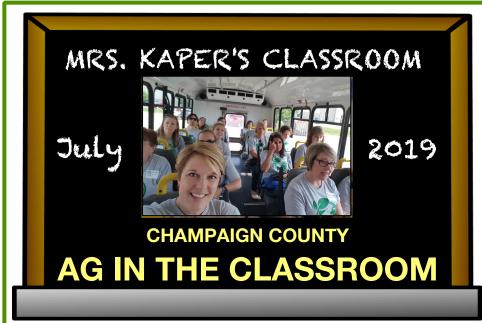


Unity FFA students, in arm bands, are serving on the courtesy corps while at the convention. These students serve as ushers and check for registration of guests.



Unity FFA members attend the state convention.





## School's Out for Summer...

... but that hasn't stopped Mrs. Kaper!! In June, 30 teachers from Champaign, Piatt, and Ford-Iroquois schools gathered for the CCFB Foundation's Summer Ag Institute, a three-day "teach the teachers" workshop about agriculture and how to incorporate it into the classroom.



### 30 Teachers - 3 Action Packed Ag Days!

30 - 5 Gallon Buckets of Ag Freebies Given to Teachers

21 - Professional Development Credits Earned by Each Teacher



1 - Motivational Speaker3 - Commodity Group Speakers



Topics Covered: Soil, Pork, Dairy, Earth Day, Ag Engineering, Food Sciences, Family Farms

Field Trips: Sidney Dairy Barn, Central Illinois Produce, Central Illinois Spice, UI Engineering/Robotics Lab, UI Food Services Bevier Cafe, Slagel Farms, Slagel Family Meats

340 - Packages of Ag Mags Given to Teachers





150 - Ag Themed Posters Given to Teachers

\$500 in Ag Themed Books Given to Teachers



## Feeding Our Future. Fueling Our Industry.

Kirk Builta, Executive Director

I am proud to be part of the Champaign County agricultural community. The farm families, agricultural businesses, and organizations that make up this community lead with integrity, feed our world with ground-breaking efficiency, provide stewardship for the land, and work hard to ensure that our shared food and farming legacy continues for future generations.

I believe it was a strong sense of stewardship that lead our founding fathers to build the Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation in 1985. Amid very challenging times in our agricultural community, these leaders established a scholarship program to aid the agriculture students who would become our future leaders. Over three decades and 400 students later this legacy remains.

Today the Foundation's vision is simple, achievable, and stays true to the value of integrity, stewardship and legacy that are its cornerstones: "We communicate the critical importance of agriculture to our community." We achieve our vision through our mission: "We educate by bringing knowledge and understanding through our Ag in the Classroom program, by providing scholarships to our future ag leaders, and by fundraising to sustain these initiatives."

Today, through our AITC program we educate 1,000+ students every month with lessons that incorporate agricultural themes and bring understanding to our industry. Our scholarship program recently extended \$60,000+ in financial support to local students who will lead our industry tomorrow. Growth. Success. However, the need is growing. Education costs are rising, and consumers are further removed from the farm.

Today we face another challenging time in our agricultural community. Yet, we strive to continue to lead with integrity, stewardship, and legacy so that we have the foresight and vision to invest in our industry's future just as our past leaders have done. I am proud to be a part of the Champaign County agricultural community, and it is my hope that you will join the Foundation in "feeding our future and fueling our industry".





MARK THORNSBROUGH, GENERAL MANAGER

## From The Field

by Dr. Howard Brown

#### Sidewall compaction common.

Frequent rain events made it nearly impossible to find an ideal window for planting this Spring. While rain and wet soils created the problem, it will take rain to resolve or minimize the impact. Sidewall compaction is common in both corn and soybean fields. Soybeans have a weak taproot. Roots grow down and avoid much of the sidewall compaction. Unfortunately, corn plants have a fibrous root system that is more vulnerable to soil restrictions (sidewall compaction). The nodal (permanent) root forms about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>



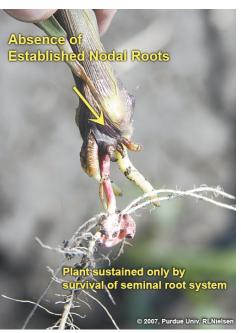
Sidewall compaction created by the planter slicing a wetter-than-desired soil. Impossible to avoid in many areas this growing season. (Source: Dr. Howard Brown)

inch below the soil surface and spread laterally. Sidewall compaction will prevent or impair the lateral development of a permanent root system until rainfall softens the sidewalls or fills the slot up with loose soil, allowing the nodal roots to develop.



Corn without an established nodal root system, referred to as Rootless corn Syndrome. (Source: Dr. Robert Nielson, Purdue University)

Rootless Corn Syndrome will be common in many fields where planting-time sidewall compaction is common. Smeared sidewalls leave the growing point suspended in air, preventing the formation of the plant's permanent root system. The corn plant is only attached



Arrow pointing to location of nodal (permanent) root development. (Source: Dr. Robert Nielson, Purdue University).

to the soil by the mesocotyl (not a root), eventually resulting in what is referred to as "Rootless Corn Syndrome". Lodged corn will usually develop a partial permanent root system on the lower side of the plant that touches the soil, usually enough to allow the plant to elbow upright. The impact of Rootless Corn Syndrome on harvest yield will depend upon the size of the area affected, the length of time to establish nodal roots and whether-or-not the plants are upright or laying down on the soil surface.

**Poor seed quality?** I think not. The difference between the two plants in Image 4 is that the growing point of the smaller plant at the 3rd leaf stage (V3) was injured by wireworms, while the other plant was not. The small plant was created by the initiation of a secondary bud in a young leaf axis developing into a tiller commonly called a sucker). Even if allowed to grow and thrive with sunlight, there will be no grain produced. The many challenges that faced stand establishment, including insect injury, will linger all the way to harvest. Some of them will eventually fade away, while others will hang around as a reminder to the challenges of 2019. Wireworms are a soil-borne pest that has no rescue treatment. The only decision to make is whether-or-not the area needs to be replanted (with replant insecticide use).

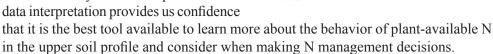


Plant exhibiting wireworm injury to growing point (left). Plant is considered a tiller and is not expected to contribute to harvest yield

The only treatment for wireworm is preventative, the use of an in-furrow or banded application of a soil insecticide labelled for wireworm control. Wireworm infestations tend to remain in an area. Plan for a treatment the next time corn is planted.

**Should I apply additional N?** N-TRACKER Plus sampling is wrapping-up for most sites this growing season. Producers that participated in the program received reports suggesting what action should be considered. Without an N-TRACKER Plus estimate of N dynamics at a specific site, N management decisions will be based upon

large area weather patterns, limit field characteristics, testimonials, and feelings. N-TRACKER Plus is a management tool that is now six years old. Experience with data interpretation provides us confidence



Soil testing for plant-available N beyond Leaf Stage 6 (V6) has limited value. Plants are in a period of rapid growth, with rapid uptake of N. Sampling for plant-available N during this time will likely result in a false indication of an N short-fall. It is impossible to determine what is already inside the plant compared to what remains in the soil. Would you like to make better management decisions about the 2nd greatest input cost in corn production? Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to learn more about the tool or to sign-up for an N-TRACKER Plus Site beginning with an inventory of plant-available N after harvest.

#### Be ready for fungicide application.

The delayed planting season for both corn and soybeans may end up making the crops more vulnerable to disease pressure during critical stages of growth (grain fill). Gray Leaf Spot in corn usually becomes a concern soon after tassel emergence in a normal growing season. Late-planted fields may not reach flowering before Gray Leaf Spot lesions appear on lower leaves. Frog-Eye Leaf Spot of soybeans has gained our attention over the past few



Source: Corn Crop Blogs, Illinois Corn Growers, August 12, 2013.

years. Late-planted fields may be more vulnerable to the early arrival of lesions. No reason to panic, but plenty of reason to scout and be ready to respond. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to stay informed about their observations across the area that they serve. Determine what products can be used and how soon they can be applied if the possibility of a disease outbreak becomes reality. Be proactive rather than reactive.

**SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM.** Illini FS has participated in a summer intern program with 2 and 4-year colleges and universities over the past several years and this year is no exception. It is our pleasure to work with Haley Brokate (Image 6), Illinois State University and Brandon Williams, Parkland Community College as the Illini FS Summer Interns. Both Haley and Brandon are a significant part of our N-TRACKER Plus Program.

Haley has a special project that will help learn learn more about the relationship between nutrients in the plant compared to plant-available nutrients in the soil. Haley will sample soils at several sites following the N-TRACKER Plus Program. She will collect tissue samples at the same time to track changes in the soil and plant tissues. Her program will be sampling soil up to tassel-time where no crop is removing plant-available N to provide an estimate of N released by mine



Haley Brokate, Paxton, IL. Illini FS Summer Intern focusing on nutrient management.

provide an estimate of N released by mineralization of soil organic matter (microbial release).

Brandon Williams will be focusing on information management and the technologies available to help with information management. He will be working closely with Patrick McConkey, Manager of Information Management and Ag Technologies for Illini FS. Brandon will focus on the use of periodic aerial imagery as part of an advance scouting program, monitoring changes in imagery over time to help make in-season management decisions. Brandon will also spend time working on



Brandon Williams, Arcola, IL. Illini FS Summer Intern focusing on technologies and information management.

a way to improve how application information is captured and shared.

Illini FS is very fortunate to have such talented students to work with this summer. Know a student that will be finishing-up their academics within the next year or two? Have them learn more about the GROWMARK Summer Intern Program by visiting <a href="https://www.growmark.com">www.growmark.com</a>. Click on "Careers" and then "Student Programs". Interviews will begin sometime this fall for the 2020 growing season. Students enrolled in both 2 and 4-year programs are invited to apply.



Nathan Hubbard **COUNTRY Financial Agency Manager** 



Rhonda Wagner Administrative Assistant **Champaign Agency** 



**COUNTRY Financial's 2nd Annual Hoops for Troops** 



Dan Punkay 328-0023

Travis Heath

*352-4555* 



cation and for scholarships for students with disabilities.

The team known as THE NORTH REMEMBERS





Representatives Nathan Hubbard, Bret Kroencke, Tristan Loos & Austin Beaty. This team won the Hoops for Troops wheelchair 3 on 3 half court tournament hosted at U of I's ARC. The team played other teams from District 8 as well as the CEO, Jim Jacobs, Senior Vice President, Jeff Koerner and District 8 Agency Vice president, Ron Gregory.

Bret Kroencke 359-9391



Chuck Rippy *586-5030* 



Chris Greenwold



355-8675



Dan Duitsman



469-2033



John May 352-3341



Austin Beaty 352-0012



Attendees raised over \$10,000 for the Chez Family Foundation Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Edu-

consisted of Champaign County COUNTRY Financial

# Chris Greenwold Running for a Cause



Keith Garrett

485-3010

Jessie DeHaan 352-3466



Chris Greenwold (left) is preparing for the St. Jude Run by getting in more miles with friends



So much fun was had in 2018 we decided to do it again.



Stan Ochs

352-3296

Terry Hill 469-9800

Champaign County COUNTRY Financial Representative Chris Greenwold, has been spending the last few months training to participate in the St Jude Run from Champaign to Peoria, IL. The fun run held on August 3, 2019, raises funds to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Chris is a long time runner who has participated in the St. Jude Run in the past.

A few facts about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food

Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80%.



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Aaron Wheeler 586-6170



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Scott Jackson 359-9335



David Gray 305-6051



Dawn Babb 892-4479



Andrew Deedrich 359-3941



Steve Derry 352-2655

# Dicamba Talking Points for IFB Members UPDATED June 2019

Background: The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) received 330 dicamba-related complaints through their formal "Pesticide Misuse Complaint" process in 2018, more than any other state. In 2017, they received 246. In addition to soybean and other crop damage, IDOA and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) received complaints regarding damage to residential areas, trees, and other natural areas. The US Environmental Protection Agency issued additional label sumers: restrictions and guidelines for three products - XtendiMax, FeXapan, and Engenia, on October 31, 2018. Those rules apply for the 2019 season. On March 1, 2019, IDOA announced

additional state-level restrictions on those products, which they pursued through 24(c) Special Local Needs label. The same restrictions – with an earlier growth stage cutoff of V4 – were announced for the Tavium product also this spring.

On June 11, 2019 the Illinois Department of Agriculture announced extending the cut-off date from June 30 to July 15 due to the challenging planting conditions this season.

## Messages from Farmers to Con-

 Farmers need a variety of tools to protect our crops from problematic weeds. Dicamba products are an important part of that toolbox.

- We are disappointed that these products have caused issues in our state and that there are concerns from the public about agricultural practices
- Farmers use herbicides responsibly, which includes:
  - \*Using the appropriate product for the weed problem at hand

\*Using integrated pest management practices so tools retain their efficacy (including using multiple modes of action, different timings, cover crops and other weed management tools)

Pesticide applicators are trained and must pass certifications for the work they plan to do, and we support that program because we want the public to know we are knowledgeable

 Farmers utilize tools like Field-Watch to monitor for sensitive areas around them, in addition to communicating with neighbors of all kinds – farm and non-farm to have a successful season

## **State Restriction Message from Farmers to Consumers:**

 IDOA is the pesticide authority in the state, and it is their job to ensure that pesticides do not have negative impacts on the environment.

## Spots still available to join CCFB on this fun trip! FEATURED TRIP – September 12, 2019 THE PAJAMA GAME - THEATRE AT THE CENTER, Munster, IN

This Tony Award winning best musical inspired the film starring Doris Day. There's trouble at Sleep-Tite pajama factory when workers demand a raise of 7 1/2 cents. Both sides are standing firm, but when the head of the Union Grievance Committee meets her new supervisor, love changes the game. This musical comedy romance includes favorites "Steam Heat," "Hernando's Hideaway" and "Hey, There."

A trip to the beautiful Theatre at the Center does not disappoint! The Theatre at the Center was established in 1990 and attracts over 50,000 patrons annually. Martin Kappel, the founder of the facility, created a space with more than 400 seats to provide live theatre, music, comedy, and enter-



tainment. According to their website, www.theatreatthecenter.com, the Theatre at the Center honors a tradition that began in 1992 which welcomes celebrity headliners to perform for audiences at the Munster venue. Grab your friends and register today!

Price per person: \$105.00 Deadline to register, be paid in full or cancel: August 19, 2019



## **CDL Prep Course**

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Contact us at (217) 352-5235



There will be a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) prep course on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Farm Bureau Auditorium. The class will cover general knowledge of CDLs: air brakes, combination vehicles, tankers, doubles and triples, passenger vehicles and hazardous materials.

A CDL is required if you drive any of the following: any combination vehicle with a Gross Combination Weight Rating of 26,001 pounds or more, providing the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of the vehicle being towed is more than 10,000 pounds; any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more or any such vehicle towing another not in excess of 10,000 pounds; any vehicle designed to transport 15 or more people and any vehicle required by federal law to be placarded while transporting hazardous materials.

Farmers and farm employees are exempt if they do not drive a semi-trailer and are within 150 air miles of their homes.

The cost of the prep course is \$50 for Farm Bureau members and \$55 for non-members. To register for the class, clip the bottom of this page and send it

with the payment to the Farm Bureau, 801 N. Country Fair Dr., Champaign, IL 61821. **Registration deadline is Friday, July 5, 2019.** There is a minimum of 10 participants to hold the class and a maximum of 50 total participants.

Registration For	m for CDL Pr	ep Course	

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Doubles/Triples	
Passenger Vehicles	
Hazardous Materia	ls
_	Doubles/Triples Passenger Vehicles

Deadline: July 5, 2019

Return to:

Champaign County Farm Bureau Registration

ATTN: Brenda

801 N. Country Fair Dr. Champaign, IL 61821

## Summer Ag Institute



Teachers collaborate to find facts in Ag Mags.



Cheryl Mitchell, CCFBF Board Member, welcomes teachers and challenges them to engage with ag in their classrooms.



SAI teachers observing a robot developed by the U of I College of ACES that has the capability to measure plants in the field. The TerraSentia robot is transportable, compact and autonomous. It captures each plant from top to bottom using sensors and algorithms.



Using magnetic tiles to create sentences about agriculture. This activity was conducted by Nutrients for Life with Haley Siergiej.



Teachers from Champaign, Piatt, and Ford-Iroquois attend the 2019 Summer Ag Institute hosting by Champaign and Piatt Counties. Teachers took part in several field trips, heard from commodity representatives, and exchanged ideas that incorporate ag into their classroom lessons.

#### CCFB Young Ag Leaders in conjunction with the University of Illinois Extension sponsor Operation LEAD









This annual event brings 4-Hers from around the county together for leadership and team building exercises at Allerton Park. In this series of photos, the 4-Her's were tasked with coming up with a way that everyone got from the perimeter of the obstacle to the small wooden square. If they accidentally touched the ground between the two they had to start over. They worked as a group and assisted all the participants until everyone was secure on the wooden square.



