

Ag Summer Camp



Organizations Team Up to Bring Agriculture Education to Champaign Youth

For the past 6 years, the Champaign County Farm Bureau and CCFB Foundation’s Ag in the Classroom program have teamed up with the Champaign Park District to bring agriculture education to kids in Champaign County. These organizations work together to plan and host a summer camp focusing on agriculture. Each summer’s camp focuses on a different agriculture topic and gives kids

hands-on experiences through activities and games. Since this partnership began, hundreds of local children have been exposed to the importance of agriculture and how it affects their daily lives.

CCFB Manager Bradley Uken says, “I was at an American Farm Bureau Federation, AFBF, annual meeting and saw the Cook County Farm Bureau receive an award for an agriculture camp program they hosted at the Chicago Ag High School. I realized we could do the same type of program in Champaign County. Once I returned home from AFBF, I reached out to Cook County for program specifics and was able to begin meeting with Parkland College and Earth Partners (now CCFB Foundation’s Ag in the Classroom) and things started to take shape. We were able to bring the Champaign Park District into the mix and

planned our first camp for that summer. We started with the Douglass Community Center that first year and added the Leonard Center in year two, and have been working with them both since.”

The ag summer camp, held at the Tony Noel Center at Parkland College, varies in length running from 2 to 4 days. Sola Gratia Farm in Urbana, a community-based farm enterprise dedicated to producing locally-grown, high quality, natural produce, came on board a few years ago. The ag camp takes a field trip to Sola Gratia so children can see and learn more about local produce, how it’s grown and healthy after school snacks.

A mainstay of this program over the past six years has been the Ag Family Fun Night. Ag Family Fun Night is held on the evening after the first day of camp. “This is a two-hour, community

event, used to build excitement for camp. We want to show camper’s parents and siblings what the campers will be doing and experiencing while at camp,” says Bradley Uken. Ag Family Fun Night events are held at both Park District locations separately. The Douglass Community Center and the Leonard Center both host community members so they can see tractors that are on-site, thanks to Birkey’s Farm Store, enjoy hands-on agriculture education activities, and eat a free meal. Brittney Washington, Douglass Park Program Coordinator for the Douglass Community Center chimes in about the impact of this event, “Having a lot of community members attend the Family Fun Ag Night is so important be-

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Family Fun Ag Night



July Report

President, Mike Briggs



After a long cool spring we definitely got warmed up in July. As I'm writing this it looks like we will get some cooler temperatures for pollination which would be helpful. Crops in Champaign County don't look too bad considering the growing season. A few timely rains and I think we could still see decent yields.

At the end of July, I had the opportunity to meet with the other county presidents in Bloomington. That is always helpful to learn what issues are facing other counties and see how we can work together to improve what we provide for our members. Champaign County was also able to host John Sullivan at the end of July. While he is familiar with agriculture it's always nice to show leaders first-hand what is going on in our county..

Sincerely,
Mike Briggs

Join the Prime Timers!
August 8 starting at 10 a.m.

Featured Speaker & Entertainment:
Ozzie Pearl



Gerald Henry, Prime Timers Chairman

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month

Lunch Cost = \$8

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

Mark your calendar for future meetings!

September 12
October 10
November 14



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September 24 & 25, 2019

Defensive Driving Course

at Champaign County Farm Bureau

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August Meeting: August 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Jolie Fran Coer-Carsten on Meditation
Lunch at Papa Del's.

September 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Outreach Educational Event- Curtis Orchard

September Meeting: Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Tour: Central IL Produce following meeting
Lunch at Baxter's American Grille

FB CONNECT

Dutch Treat Dinner at The Ribeye

1701 S. Neil St, Champaign, IL

Sunday, August 18th at 6:30pm

RSVP to the office at 217-352-5235

by Friday, August 16th

The Women's Committee is collecting new and gently used backpacks for use by the Eastern Illinois Foodbank for children with food insecurity. Please bring your contributions to the Farm Bureau office.



CCFB Calendar of Events August 2019

August 5th	Marketing Club	6:30 p.m.
August 6th	Toolshed meetings	See ad page 7
August 8th	Prime Timers	10:00 a.m.
August 12th	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
August 13th	Governmental Affairs Committee	7:30 a.m.
August 14th	Tax Planning for 2019	See ad page 8
August 15th	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.
August 20-22	Safety Tour	See ad page 7
August 26th	FarmTEK series	7:30 a.m.

September 2019

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September 13th	Hemp: An agricultural Commodity meeting	7:30 a.m.
September 17th	Governmental Affairs Committee	7:30 a.m.
September 19th	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.
September 24 and 25th	Defensive Driving	



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Sophia Hortin Closes Out Term as FFA State President



Sophia Hortin

Serving as the 2018-2019 Illinois FFA State President was an experience that can be described as nothing less than extraordinary and truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It was a year of traveling well over 20,000

miles visiting thousands of FFA members in hundreds of FFA Chapters, building connections between the organization and numerous business and industry leaders, and advocating for agriculture in both our state's and nation's capitals.

It would take a novel to recap the many phenomenal opportunities in which I am so honored and humbled to have taken part in during my service to Illinois FFA, as each and every day brought new experiences, events, and opportunities to continually build and expand our great organization.

Shortly after taking office our state officer team (Eliza Petry, Vice President (Rochelle); Shaylee Clinton, Reporter (Ina); Miriam Hoffman, Secretary (Earlville); Taylor Hartke, Treasurer (Teutopolis); and 25 Section Presidents) selected "Elevate" as the 2018-2019 Illinois Association FFA State Theme as we encouraged students to take their knowledge, leadership, skills, and service to the next level in all facets of the organization and in life. We used this theme as a focal point throughout the year's many events. Most notably, was Chapter Visits where we traveled around Illinois during the fall with the goal of collectively

visiting every FFA Chapter in Illinois and delivering a dynamic workshop focused around developing excellent goal setting skills. By the end of the class, each student set three goals (short-term, mid-term, and long-term) that set them on a path to achieving the FFA mission of premier leadership, personal growth, and career success in their life.

Later, the theme ("Elevate") also served as the headline for the content delivered at the 91st Illinois FFA State Convention which hosted over 5,000 Illinois FFA Members and guests June 11-13, 2019 in Springfield, Illinois. It was here that I gave my retiring address entitled "Passion to Purpose" which aimed to inspire students to use what they are passionate about to fulfill purpose in their life by being a servant leader in their community. Later that day, my teammates and I gave our final farewell as we passed the organization on to the newly elected leaders.

It's hard to believe how fast this year went by. From traveling to Washington D.C to advocate for agriculture and agriculture and education to the grassroots efforts in serving Illinois FFA members from all around the state, I truly wouldn't have traded this

experience and opportunity for anything. It was truly an honor and a privilege to serve the over 19,000 Illinois FFA members and the phenomenal work they are doing in their communities which not only makes Illinois FFA great, but that ensures FFA members are ready to be the leaders of the future.

While this chapter may have come to a close, next year my involvement with Illinois Agricultural Education continues as I am attending the University of Illinois to study Agricultural Education with aspirations to become a high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

As I reflect on this great experience, I am extraordinarily grateful for the many who have encouraged and supported me before, during, and after my year of service. I feel extremely fortunate to come from an area with so many outstanding individuals that are so dedicated to supporting youth in agriculture. *Thank you for all that you do!*

For more information about Illinois FFA or to learn about how you can become involved visit ilaged.org or contact an FFA advisor in your area.

St. Joseph Ogden FFA kicked off summer with some fun at the FFA State Convention held in June.



Rachel Wilson-Gold Rated Chapter Scrapbook



Lindsey Aden, Ross Booker, Mallory Ames-State FFA degree



Mallory Ames competed in the state Job Interview CDE



SJO FFA members enjoying state convention and the state convention dance



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Draw an Illinois Farm Contest

Ag in the Classroom would like to see your creativity! Using some of the featured directed drawings or your own imagination, draw an Illinois farm scene. You can feature livestock, crops, equipment, barns/sheds, or fields. Make it your own! You can use crayons, colored pencils, or markers.

Mail or drop off your entry at our office on or before August 23. We will judge them and announce winners by August 30. Winners will receive a free book and a \$10 gift card.

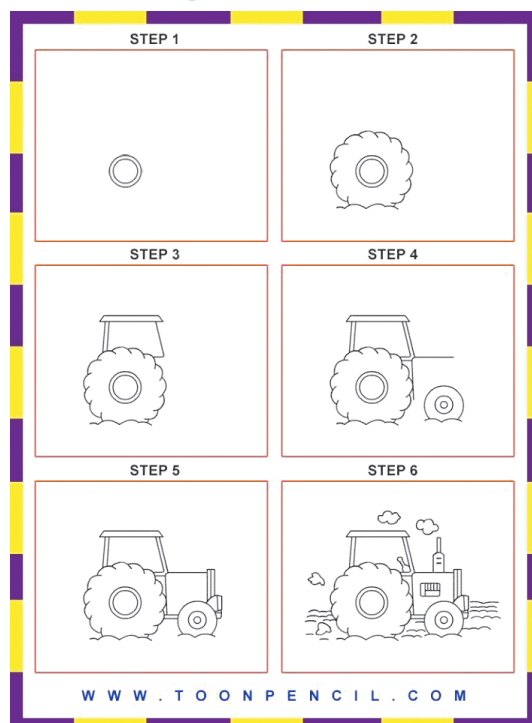
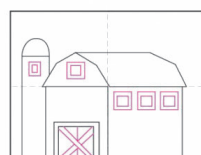
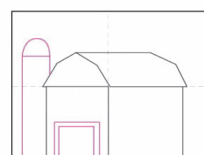
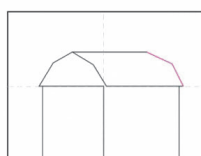
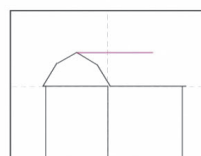
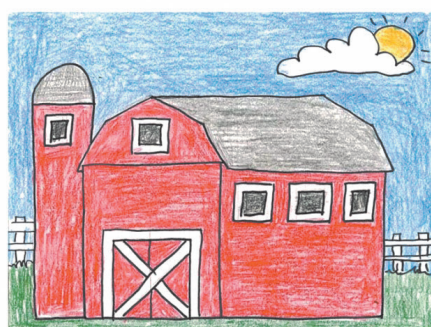
Winners will be contacted personally and announced on our Facebook page. Like us on Facebook at Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation.



Contest Guidelines:

- Drawings will be judged on neatness, creativity, and its Illinois farm focus
- Contest is open to children ages 12 and under
- One entry per person
- Include child's name and age, parent or guardian's street address, phone number, and email address on the back of the drawing
- Drawings must be on 8.5x11 paper
- Categories for winners:
 - Ages 4-6
 - Ages 7-9
 - Ages 10-12
- All entries are due by August 23
- Winners will be contacted no later than August 30
- Send in or drop off entries at:
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Paying the Price of Parenting: More than Half of Americans Willing to Go Into Debt to Put Their Child Through College

Americans willing to take on an average of \$31k in debt for their child's higher education

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. – The recent college admissions scandal sent shockwaves through America and revealed the extreme lengths that some parents will go to get their children into the best schools. However, a new survey from COUNTRY Financial® shows that most Americans, while not breaking any laws, are willing to go to financial extremes when it comes to their child's college education.

The survey found that 56 percent of Americans would voluntarily go into debt to pay for their child's college education, with the average person willing to take on \$31K in debt. Interestingly, the survey also found that men are willing to take on a higher debt amount than women to pay for their child's education (\$35K vs. \$27K).

The majority of Americans (75 percent) believe it's important to have a college degree when looking for a job, and 65 percent believe a college degree is worth the investment.

"Parents obviously want to do whatever is in their power to help their children get a leg up in life," says Doyle Williams, an executive vice president at COUNTRY Financial. "However, taking on tens of thousands of dollars of debt can have a major impact on their ability to save and prepare for their own financial future. If paying for a child's education is a priority, then successfully integrating college funding into one's overall savings and retirement goals is all-important. Talking with a trusted financial planner can help you align your priorities and create a strategy to reach them."

Parents are saving for college, but it's not enough

According to the College Board's 2018 report on trends in college pricing, in-state tuition and fees at public four-year institutions have increased at an average rate of 3.1% per year beyond inflation for the past 10 years. Given the rising costs of college, parents are saving up as early as possible, with 36 percent of Americans saving for their child's college education when the child is the age of five years or younger. However, 30 percent of parents have not been able to save anything for their child's education, with four in 10 parents admitting that having a child is more expensive than they anticipated.

Despite all the effort parents put into furthering their child's education, their contributions are often not enough to cover the full cost of tuition — only 18 percent of parents predict/report that their contribution will cover 81 to 100 percent of their child's education. In fact, six in ten of those surveyed said they predict they'll be able to cover, or were able to cover, 60 percent or less of their child's college education costs.

"Even if you plan to assist your child with the financial costs associated with college, our survey's findings show that the majority of families are not able cover the full tuition costs out-of-pocket," said Williams. "Parents should be honest with their kids about what they will pay for, and then research all of the options the child has for furthering his or her education."

To make college more affordable, students are working while attending (61 percent), attending community college (27 percent), applying for scholarships (43 percent), applying for financial aid (42 percent) and, of course, taking out student loans (39 percent).

Making sacrifices to prepare their kids for success with extracurriculars and prep classes

Sixty percent of those who attended or are planning for college said they have enrolled in at least one financial-ly-taxing extracurricular to help improve either their own or their child's chances of getting into college. The most popular extracurriculars included SAT or ACT prep classes (13 percent), private sports (12 percent), music, language or art lessons (10 percent) and hiring an academic tutor (4 percent).

To afford these extracurricular activities, Americans are willing to make financial sacrifices such as cutting back on vacations (29 percent), pulling from their savings accounts (26 percent), taking out a loan (18 percent) and even taking on part-time jobs (17 percent).

Parents still paying off own student loans

On top of the stress of paying for their child's college education, parents also still worry about paying off their own student loan debt. Fifty-five percent of parents surveyed said it would take or has taken five years or longer to pay off their loans, and about seven percent of parents predict they won't be able to pay off their student loans in their lifetime. One in three people who took out loans of their own say they would not be willing to take on debt for their kids.

By comparison, out of all college students and graduates surveyed, 36 percent said that they expect it would take more than 10 years to pay off their student loans, while eight percent said they expect to never be able to pay them off.

Interestingly, the survey found that those without a financial planner are more likely than those with a financial planner to say that they have not been able to put any money aside for their child's college education (25 percent vs. 11 percent, respectively)



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From The Field


by Dr. Howard Brown

CRITICAL PERIOD FOR ROOT GROWTH. Corn plants focus on root and vegetative growth up to silk emergence (post-tassel emergence) and on ear fill following pollination. Any loss of root mass (e.g. Insect feeding, dry or saturated soil conditions) may not be noticed until the plant enters the reproductive stage of growth when the primary focus of the plant is filling the young kernels in the ear and the root mass is inadequate to support the increased demand for water and nutrient uptake. Following pollination, plant roots generally die faster than they grow. Any loss of root mass or lack of an opportunity to develop root mass during the vegetative stages of growth will likely take a toll on plant health during the reproductive stages.

EAR DEVELOPMENT. The number of rows an ear will have is determined when the young plant has 5 to 8 true leaves. The number of kernels per row is determined when the plant has 12 to 15 true leaves. The number of kernels fertilized (pollinated) and filled depends upon the growing environment approximately 2 weeks before and after tassel emergence. Stress during early growth may limit the number of rows per ear while stress closer to tassel emergence may limit the number of kernels per row.

STRESS PRE/POST TASSEL EMERGENCE. Stress prior to pollen shed may leave some kernel embryos unfertilized due to delayed silk emergence (hot and dry). While pollen shed (tasseling) is primarily driven by heat units, heat or moisture stress during silk emergence can delay silking enough for tip kernels to miss pollen shed (tip embryos last to receive pollen). Periods of stress during pollination can also be noted when regions within the ear express bands or areas of poor or no pollinated embryos. Plants experiencing stress following pollination may abort ear tip kernels. Although pollinated, tip kernels may be aborted if the plant detects it does not have the capacity to complete all the kernels pollinated.

BEYOND POLLINATION. Corn is an annual plant with the primary purpose to germinate, grow and reproduce. The plant does whatever it takes to complete at least one viable kernel before the end of the growing season or the plant's life, including killing itself by remobilizing needed nutrients to the developing grain. Beyond 2-3 weeks following silk emergence the plant commits to fill all remaining kernels, remobilizing needed nutrients from the roots and lower stalk if needed to complete kernel fill. Roots and lower stalk tissue that lose nutrients to such remobilization start to die, attracting soil pathogens that breakdown dead or dying plant tissues, many that we refer to as stalk rots.



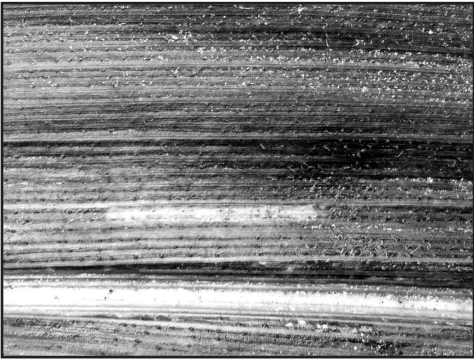
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GLS still a concern. Spores likely to germinate in areas receiving recent rains/heavy morning dew. Expect new lesions in the next 10-14 days at or above ear. Southern Rust found in West-Central IN. Scout for fungal pathogens. May be good year for fungicide use.

LEAF DISEASE CHALLENGES. The 2019 growing season has favored fungal leaf pathogens, such as Gray Leaf Spot in corn and Frog Eye Leaf Spot in soybeans. Fungicide applications, whether to corn or soybean crops, will likely be viewed as a good investment this fall.

GRAY LEAF SPOT IS AN AGGRESSIVE FUNGAL PATHOGEN of corn that can reduce leaf area affecting grain fill, standability and harvest yield. The pathogen over-winters in plant residue and is splashed onto the lower leaves by rainfall. Lesions are easily identified by their restricted growth between leaf veins (rectangular growth with smooth sides and jagged ends (Figure 1). Lesions can grow to approximately 1-inch in length and can cover a significant amount of leaf surface with an environment favorable for disease development. Spores germinate during periods of leaf wetness, such as a rain event or a heavy long-lasting morning dew. Periods of alternating leaf wetness followed by dry conditions favor disease development. A period of leaf wetness is needed to germinate the spores once there is leaf contact. Once the lesion is mature, dry weather helps spread the spores to upper leaves (referred to as a "spore shower"). Once the spores are in place, another period of leaf wetness allows the next generation of spores to germinate and infect leaf tissues. Fungicide treatments at or close to brown silk are suggested. Later treatments may not have as much impact on harvest yield, especially if the pathogen infects upper canopy leaves. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist about fungicide options at the current stage of growth.

Southern Rust is not a leaf disease



Lesion formed by Gray Leaf Spot fungus on corn leaf. Lesions have smooth edges (defined by leaf veins) and jagged ends.



Southern Rust pustules formed on the upper leaf surface. Pustules are round and are orange to light brown.

that normally is cause for concern in our geography. It is a pathogen that moves to the Midwest from the south on storm fronts or prevailing winds (upper leaves). Common rust pustules appear on upper and lower leaf surfaces. They are typically brown to brownish red, elongated in shape, and scattered on leaf surfaces. Southern Rust pustules appear primarily on the upper leaf surface. Pustules have an orange to light brown color and are round and densely packed on the leaf surface. Both Common and Southern Rust fungi require short periods of leaf wetness to cause infection. Approximately six hours of dew is usually enough moisture for infection and disease development. Like other common leaf fungal pathogens, periods of leaf wetness followed by periods of dry weather favor spread of the pathogen.

TAR SPOT IS A NEW FUNGAL PATHOGEN TO OUR AREA that can have an economic impact on harvest yield. The fungus produces small, round to semi-circular, raised black structures on the leaf surface. The structures (called stromata) can form on both the upper and lower leaf surfaces. In some cases, stromata can form lines across the leaf surface. Tar Spot is thought to be favored by free moisture on the leaf surface for at least 7 hours, whether due to rain, dew, fog, or high relative humidity. There is still much to learn about this pathogen. Examine corn leaves for the presence of black, tar-like spots. So far, the pathogen has been identified during mid-grain fill, often on leaves below or near the ear leaf. Wet your finger and try to rub the black spot from the leaf surface. If the spot does not wash off, Tar Spot is a possibility (if it does wash-off, you now have insect excrement on your finger). :-). Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for fungicides to consider and the best time of application if Tar Spot is identified.



Corn leaf infected with Tar Spot. Stromata on upper and lower surfaces of leaf form black spots that cannot be removed by rubbing.

FROGEYE LEAF SPOT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED in area soybean fields. This fungal pathogen initially appears on upper leaf surfaces as small, dark, water-soaked spots, eventually growing in size and becoming round to angular in shape. The center of the lesions are gray, brown, and/or light tan and are usually surrounded by a narrow reddish-purple margin. Lesions can join (coalesce) to create blighted areas leaves. The disease is favored by a warm, humid environment over an extended period of times. Several days of overcast weather favor disease development. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialists to help identify the pathogen and to provide fungicide treatment options.



Frog-eye Leaf Spot on soybean leaves. Spots can coalesce and form larger blighted areas.

CHECK FIELDS FOR SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE POPULATIONS. Carefully dig up plant roots and look for small, uniform white specks, resembling grains of sugar. The white or crème-colored objects are likely immature nematode cysts (still living). As soybean maturity approaches, the female cyst nematode matures and dies. The chitin in her outer body hardens and turns a dark brown, usually falling away from the root making it impossible to assess the extent of a population (similar color to the soil). Once cyst nematodes are mature collecting soil samples (within the row) and having them washed to make a cyst count is about the only way to identify a potential problem. Visit with your local FS Crop Specialist about what to look for or where to send samples to be washed and evaluated.

CONSIDER MAPPING CROP RESPONSE in fields with significantly large areas of obvious differences in plant growth. Invite your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to help determine the primary cause of the affected area. Defining an "Area of Interest" provides information to help define possible management zones within a field. Addressing environments within a field is what ag technologies is all about. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for help with defining potential management zones and what may help improve growth and harvest yield in 2020.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

- Gray Leaf Spot: <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/bp/BP-56-W.pdf>
- Southern Rust: <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/BP/BP-82-W.pdf>
- Tar Spot: <https://crop-protection-network.s3.amazonaws.com/publications/tar-spot-filename-2019-03-25-120313.pdf>
- Frog-eye Leaf Spot: <https://crop-protection-network.s3.amazonaws.com/publications/cpn-1017-frog-eye-leaf-spot.pdf>

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cause the Douglass Community Center’s main focus is to involve the community as much as possible. I believe that we reached a lot of community members this year because the flyers were spread via email, posted on social media, and paper flyers were handed out and posted around the Center.” Uken estimates that nearly 700 campers, siblings and community members came out for the Ag Family Fun Night. “What an impact we had in just a short period of time, talking agriculture to consumers and kids that up until then had probably never met a farmer or had the opportunity to ask questions about our industry.”

Brittany Washington works with these kids throughout the summer and watches them learn and get excited about different topics saying, “Kids get most excited about learning about agriculture because this may be an unfamiliar topic for them.”

To make this program a success, planning must start early. Sarah Kaper, CCFB Foundation’s Ag in the Classroom Director, says “Planning for Summer Ag Camps began in April. The dates were set back in February, but the actual planning began in the spring as the school year was coming to an end.”The camp has focused on several agriculture topics over the years including corn, soybeans, wheat, and equipment. The camp’s focus is picked early in the year so the camp can be designed and constructed around the theme. Deciding on a theme is no easy task. Sarah Kaper told us how this year’s theme came to be. “We had a CCFB Foundation board retreat in March. The board members were discussing topics that the public needs to know more about. In the course of the discussion, the word “stewardship” came up—stewardship of the land. Our very survival depends on the soil beneath our feet. It is so important that stewardship has become one of the values of the Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation. From that discussion, I began to think of ways to teach kids about the word “stewardship” and

that there is more about soil than what is stuck to their shoes and under their fingernails in the summer!”

Sarah Kaper sees the impact agriculture education makes when she takes agriculture education to the classroom and works with teachers to bring the message about agriculture to students. Sarah believes agriculture education is important, “Students need to make connections to their food, to the land, and with the people (farmers) in agriculture. By conducting Ag camps like these and by teaching in the classrooms of Champaign County, students are exposed to agriculture in a realistic and modern way.”

“Ag Summer Camp is a successful program,” says Bradley Uken. “It extends the education and outreach that the CCFB Foundation does throughout the school year into the summer. The camp continues to provide opportunities to educate youth about agriculture and the unique experiences that come with it.” Kids got to dig in the dirt with this year’s topic. According to Sarah, “Kids always love activities that involve food-like our edible

Kid’s Pedal Tractor Pull

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soil profile! They also love getting their hands dirty.”

2020 is right around the corner! It is never too early to begin thinking about next year. Sarah is quick to point out...It is still early, but the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day is coming up this spring. We may offer activities that are connected to our Earth’s natural resources. Stay tuned!”

Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation Ag in the Classroom is always looking for hands to help with our efforts. If you would like to help with Ag in the Classroom during the school year or with Ag Camps in the summer, contact Sarah Kaper at 217-352-5235 or email her at Sarah@ccfarmbureau.com.

3 Meetings...

Aug 20 12 to 1 pm @ Lee Briggs’
1875 CR 3000 N Rantoul, IL 61866

Aug 21 12 to 1pm @ Paul Berbaum’s
467 CR 1600 N Bondville, IL 61815

Aug 22 12 to 1pm @ Darrel Rice's
768 CR 1800 E Philo, IL 61864

1 GOAL TO KEEP YOU SAFE ON THE FARM THIS HARVEST

JOIN THE CCFB FOR AN IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE BEFORE HARVEST AND WE’RE PROVIDING LUNCH!



Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Special Guest: Mark Gebhards

IFB Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities

Toolshed Meetings

8:30 AM Ken Dalenberg’s Farm
Breakfast will be served
3014 N 1500 E Rd.
Mansfield, IL 61854
Use the north drive

11:30 AM Dale Franzen’s Farm
Lunch will be served
2915 CR 2000 E
Rantoul, IL 61866

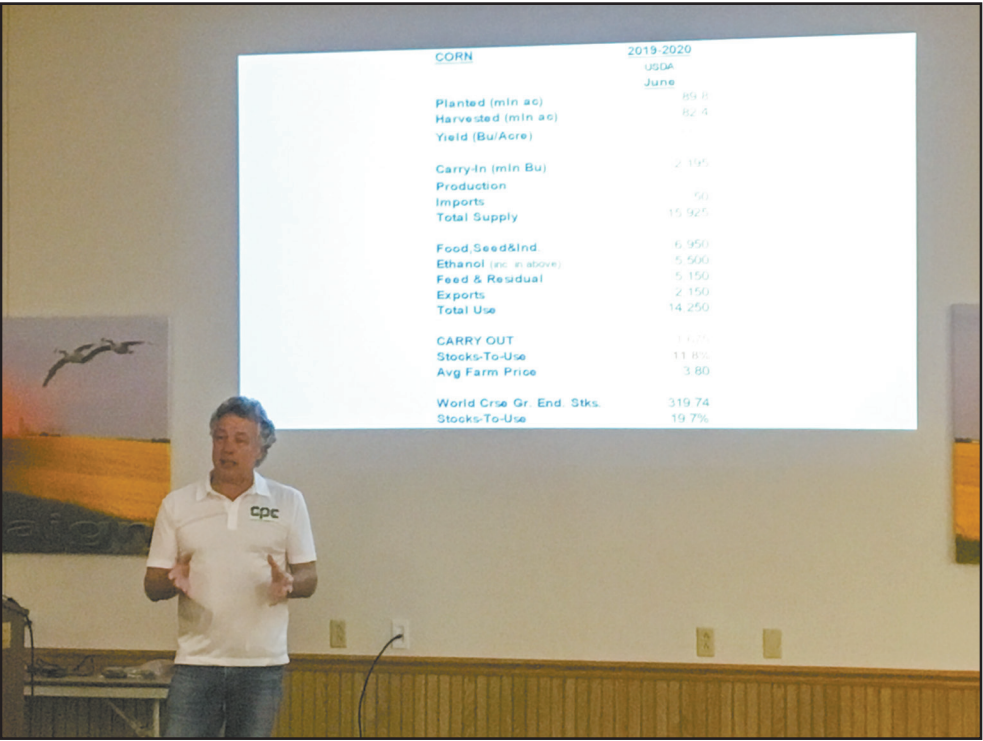
2:30 PM Sidney Dairy Barn Drive-Thru
Ice Cream will be served
403 W. Main
Sidney, IL 61877



The most recent Marketing Club Meeting featured guest speakers Brian Neukomm and Clayton Pope.



Brian Neukomm from Illini FS provided a propane update.



Clayton Pope from Clayton Pope Marketing gave participants a marketing outlook.

FarmTek took place at Parkland College and covered UAV's-basics, legal usage, & implementation on your farm.



Patrick McConkey, Illini FS, Precision Farming Specialist



Cole Patrick, COUNTRY Financial, Sr. Crop Claim Rep



Mandy Briggs, Parkland College, Flight Instructor

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU IS HOSTING 2019 TAX YEAR - ARE YOU PREPARED?

6:30 P.M. - SUPPER

7:00 TO 7:30 P.M. Brief review of tax changes from 2017 What changed?

- *Brackets
- *Standard deductions
- *Equipment like kind exchanges
- Impacts on giving
- *Individuals
- *Charitable organizations

7:30 TO 8:15 P.M. Learn more about options to address the changes and impacts

- *Grain gifting
- *Life insurance
- *Annuity distributions
- *Retirement distributions
- *Land/trusts
- *Stocks
- *Gifting to family members

Wednesday August 14, 2019

Expert Panel Speakers

- *FBFM
- *COUNTRY Financial
- *Bartell Powell

Don't delay while there is still time to make an impact on your bottom line!



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Women's Committee Recipe of the Month

This month's recipe was submitted by Women's Committee member Kay Place. This Fruit Crisp recipe is one of Kay's "family favorite" recipes. Lorraine Mohr originally submitted this to a Farm Bureau publication in 1978 and also shared it with her neighbor. The neighbor who fell in love with this recipe happened to be Kay's mother in law. Kay says, "My

mother in law was a very good cook and I received this recipe from her. It is a no fail recipe that I use again and again. I think it is best with peaches and berries. Making a pan of fruit crisp is easier than making a pie!" Kay does have a secret tip: Add a couple tablespoons of tapioca to thicken the fruit!



Recipe of the Month FRUIT CRISP

By Lorraine Mohr

When was my first recipe in the Farm Bureau News? 'Twas in July of '78 - And what did I choose? How many would know if I didn't say? Why worry! Take a look; you can try it today!

Choose any fruit in season: rhubarb, red cherries, blueberries, peaches, or apples.

Into a well-greased 9" x 12" pan, put one quart of fruit either raw or cooked; just be sure it has been sweetened. Spread the crumb topping over the fruit, bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees in the oven.

Topping

Mix together until crumbly: 1 cup of all-purpose flour 1 cup granulated sugar 1 egg (unbeaten) 1 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons margarine
Crisp is especially tasty with vanilla ice cream or cool whip. It also will keep well if frozen!

Beat the Heat Water. Shade. Rest.