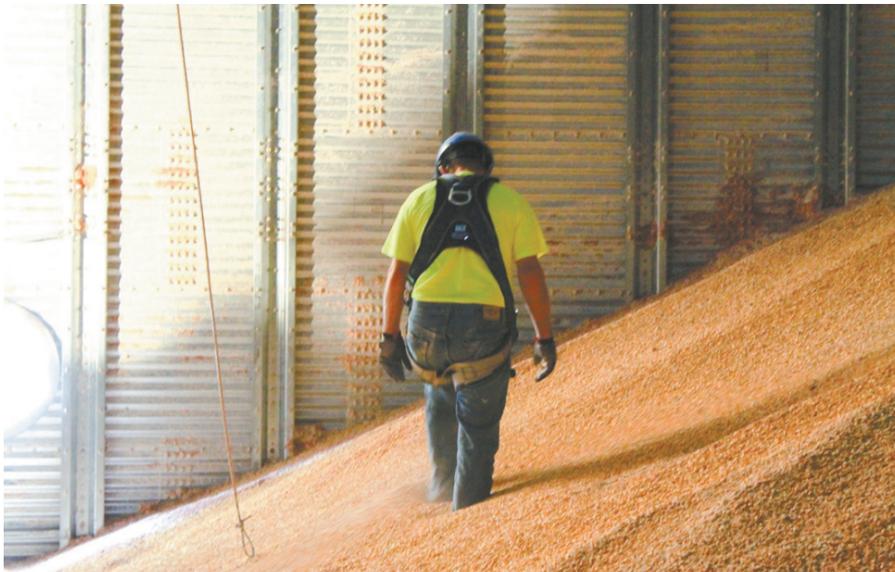


“Grain Bin Business”

submitted by Amy Rademaker, Carle Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety



Before the grass turns green and planters start to roll in the field, many bushels of grain have yet to be moved from farm storage to the elevator. This work carries great risk, especially after the wet 2019 harvest. Already in the first seven weeks of 2020, there has been one grain bin entrapment rescue and three fatalities in Illinois. Most farmers know grain bins can be extremely dangerous, but it can be easy to forget the safety basics. Also, the risk is greater if someone who is inexperienced is working in them or children are playing in or near them.

Between 2010 and 2019, Illinois had 26 reported entrapment. Nationwide during that time, the average fatality rate was 33%. While entrapments continue to lead as the most common incident, it is important to note that entanglements and falls tie

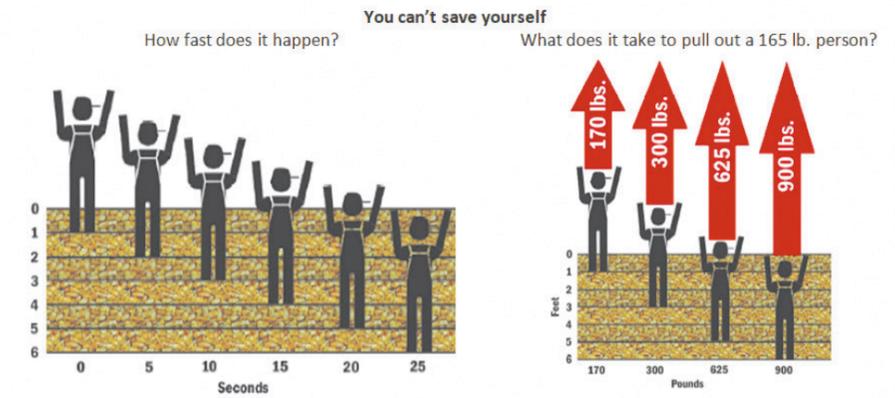
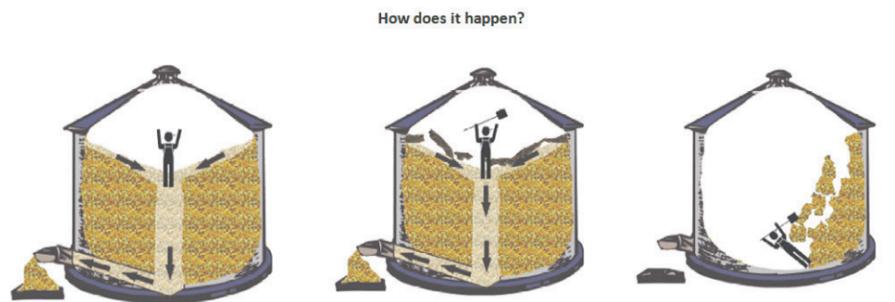
as the second type of incidents.

People can become caught or trapped in grain in three ways: the collapse of bridged grain, the collapse of a vertical wall of grain and entrapment in flowing grain. Moving or flowing grain is involved in all three. People who work with grain – loading it, unloading it, and moving it from bin to bin – need to know about the hazards of flowing grain and how to prevent grain entrapment.

Here are a few tips to help keep you safe.

Tips:

- Label grain bins to warn of entrapment hazards.
- Lock entrances to grain-handling areas to keep bystanders and children out.
- Install ladders inside bins.



Note: This is for a small auger. Newer bins are much quicker.

- Do not enter grain bins being loaded or unloaded. Flowing grain can trap and suffocate you in seconds.
- If it is necessary to enter a bin, shut off and lock out power before entering. Use a safety harness and safety lifeline. Have a “buddy” outside the bin constantly monitoring the situation.
- Wear respirators when working in and around grain-handling areas. Large amounts of dust and molds could be present and are extremely dangerous. Note: A one-strap dust mask is not sufficient. Replace the mask when it’s black.

Only use respirators that:

- have two straps N95
- fit your face tightly, without gaps around the nose, cheeks and chin

CONSERVATION SERIES FOR LANDOWNERS & FARM OPERATORS

2 DAY SERIES

Series will consist of two classroom sessions and one on-farm session. Topics covered will be the practices used to align with the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

March 3 Farm Bureau/Extension Office in Champaign 7:30-9:30 am

- Conservation management practices
 - Cover crops
 - Crop rotation
 - Nutrient management
- How to read soil test results and watch for changes after conservation
- Including conservation in landowner/operator conversations
- Cost-share opportunities for conservation

March 10 Parkland College & Farm Visit 5:00-7:00 pm

- Visit Parkland’s cover crop plots
- Engage in farmer to farmer conversations
- Enjoy a meal for the whole family

*meal will be served at each day session

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March 1-7, 2020

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March Report

President, Mike Briggs



It's hard to believe that it's already March. It seems like we just turned the calendar and now we are only a month from planters in the field. Hopefully everyone has been able to work around the weather and is close to being ready for another planting season. It has been a busy winter at the farm bureau and we have had a number of successful events thanks to you. Things will slow down a little during planting season but be on the look-out for more events during the summer.

Our board recently met to do some long range planning. With the help of Illinois Farm Bureau we were able to work on a plan for the next three to five years. Our goal is to keep our membership informed on current issues and help farmers be successful in the years to come.

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

March 9

9:30 a.m. - General Meeting @ CCFB Auditorium

Speaker: David Griffet

Griff Consulting & Safety presents "Personal & Home Safety Info"

April 8

10am to 1:30pm - Spring Fling @CCFB Auditorium

Informative, fun, food and prizes

Cost \$5 per attendee

(advance registration required, see article in this newsletter)

April 13

6:00pm @ CCFB Auditorium

Sandwich supper served, speaker follows – advance registration required

Jim Roberts, Director of Environmental Health at Champaign-Urbana Public Health District
"Everything You Have Wanted to Know About Inspections of Food Service Establishments in Champaign-Urbana and Champaign County"

See article in this newsletter for more information

Join the Prime Timers!

March 12 starting at 10 a.m.

Speaker: Julia Rietz,
Champaign County State's Attorney

Entertainment: String Attached



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

April 9, 2020

May 14, 2020



February Prime Timers enjoyed hearing "All About Lincoln" from speaker Chris Cody and listened to the musical styling's of Logan Kirby.

CCFB Calendar of Events

March 2020

March 2	Spring Market Outlook Panel	6:30 p.m.
March 5	Young Ag Leaders	6 p.m.
March 8	Euchre @ CCFB	2 - 4 p.m.
March 9	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
March 10	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
March 12	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
March 13	Health Fair	7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
March 19	Full Board	6:30 p.m.

April 2020

April 2	Young Ag Leaders	6 p.m.
April 8	Spring Fling	10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
April 9	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
April 13	Women's Committee CUPHD speaker	6 p.m.
April 14	Governmental Affairs	7:30 a.m.
April 14	Premier Ladies Marketing	9:30 a.m.
April 16	Full Board	6:30 p.m.

"Everything you have wanted to know about inspections of food service establishments in Champaign-Urbana and Champaign County"

Jim Roberts, Director of Environmental Health, Champaign County and Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

Monday, April 13th – 6pm – Farm Bureau Auditorium

Inspections have been a part of the food safety regulatory program since the start of the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District in 1937 and the start of the Champaign County Public Health Department (CCPHD) in 1998. Inspections are used to determine compliance with the current food rules and regulations to help protect the public's health.

The Environmental Health Division works to assess, correct, control and prevent harmful factors in the environment through education, regulation and inspection.

Learn how these inspections make a difference for our community when dining in restaurants and other venues. Questions are welcome from audience members.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED by April 9th, PHONE THE FARM BUREAU OFFICE AT 352-5235 to place your reservation.

This Women's Committee sponsored event will include a sandwich supper beginning at 6pm with the speaker following at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

2020 off to a busy start for Heritage FFA

In the first two months of 2020, the event calendar for Heritage FFA has been completely booked. January started off strong with Public Speaking and Job Interview Leadership Development Events at Monticello High School. Three members attended the contest including: senior Jada Davis, junior Malani Smithenry, and freshman Paige George. All three represented Heritage well. Jada will be competing at the District contest in April, as she came out on top in the Varsity Extemporaneous Contest. February kicked off in full swing

with the annual strawberry fundraiser. Along with that the planning for FFA Week started coming together as well. The officers spent early mornings before school and their lunch periods brainstorming and organizing events and activities to make this FFA Week the best one yet for Heritage. FFA Week kicked off with "America Monday" as students were encouraged to show their patriotism by sporting red, white, and blue. During Monday's First Hour, the FFA officers went classroom to classroom delivering free breakfast to all students and

teachers. Tuesday, students showed off their competitive spirit in the first round of Ag Olympics and showing off their favorite tractor brands. For Wednesday, FFA asked everyone to sport their Heritage wear. "Thank a Farmer Thursday" kicked off early in the morning with the Farmer Appreciation Breakfast. Students continued to show their thanks to local farmers throughout the day as they sported their best country and farm wear. All four classes fought hard during the final round of Ag Olympics during homeroom. FFA Week came to a close

with "FFA Friday." Students were asked to wear blue and gold or FFA Official Dress to show their support of vocational education. The entire FFA chapter was privileged to have Friday lunch courtesy of the local Bunge elevator.

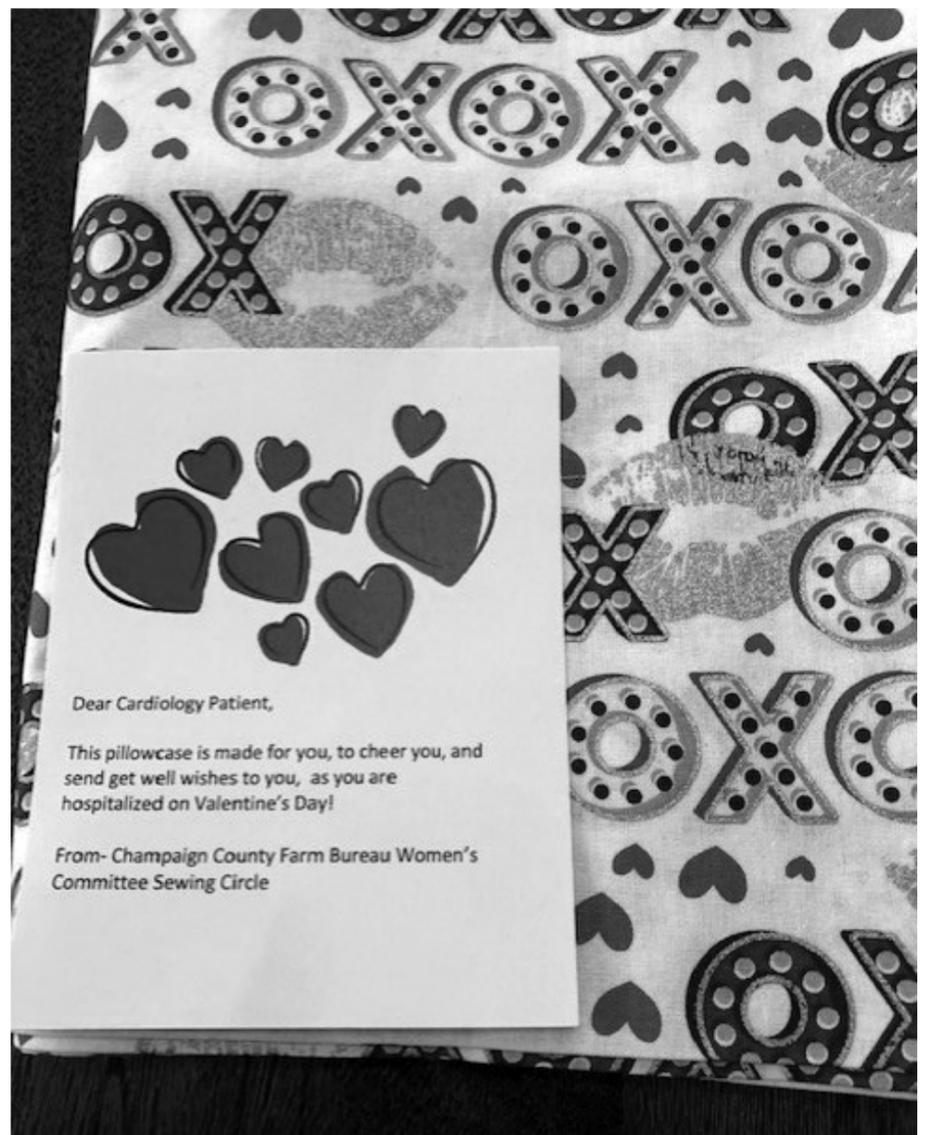
As winter becomes a thing of the past and spring moves in, Heritage FFA has plenty to look forward to. The spring has Envirothon, Ag in the Classroom, Ag Day, and of course the end of the year banquet. All these events already...and 2020 has just begun!

Women's Committee OSF Sewing Circle

The Women's Committee Sewing Circle created 16 Valentine themed pillowcases for cardiology patients, recognizing that it is no fun to be ill on a holiday. The card enclosed with each case wished them a speedy recovery. The gifts were given to OSF, and gratefully received by their staff. Pictured receiving the pillowcases are: Leanne Wichus, OSF Business Development Specialist; Jamie Dunn, Critical Case manager; Cindy Magsamen, Business Development Specialist; Elizabeth Royse, Critical Care

RN; Hayden Hinton, Critical Care RN and Brittany Dahlstrom, Manager of Cardiac Telemetry. Cindy Magsamen is the daughter-in-law of the late Celestine "Sally" Magsamen, a long-time, and much missed, contributing member of the Women's Committee.

The Women's Committee sewing circle will have another sewing day on Monday, March 23, 2020 @9AM at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. Lunch will be ordered. Bring your sewing supplies, snacks to share, and your own personal beverage for lunch.



Women's Committee members made pillowcases for cardiology patients to be distributed on Valentine's Day.

2020 Women's Committee SPRING FLING!

Wednesday, April 8th - doors open 9:30, program starts 10am

Inviting all Farm Bureau Women and their Guests...come spend time with us on Wednesday, April 8th - Farm Bureau Auditorium

The program begins with Anna Dilger, Associate Professor, Animal Sciences College of ACES, University of Illinois "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Meat, but Were Afraid to Ask"

Following will be entertainment provided by Happy Keenager Kitchen Band.

A delicious luncheon with dessert will be provided by the Women's Committee members.

Fred Declomyn, Master Naturalist and retired Professor of Entomology will close the program following lunch. His insect expertise will be shared when he presents: "Bugs: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly".

Pre-Registration is now open--\$5 to attend!

Please call Farm Bureau office at 217-352-5235

Registration deadline: April 3rd.

Come embrace Spring with other women in agriculture and enjoy the time spent!

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- are appropriate for the task
 - are approved by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
 - Wear approved hearing protection when working around noisy equipment, aeration fans, dryers, etc.
 - Be very cautious of grain that may have gone out of condition. Crusted grain may have cavities beneath the surface that can collapse, leading to entrapment and suffocation.
 - Keep bystanders and children away from grain bins and grain-handling equipment.
- Ask yourself these questions before you start handling grain:
- Are ladders in good condition?
 - Are the rungs on the ladder or steps clear of ice, and am I wearing the appropriate shoes for the best traction?

- Have you locked the power with a padlock and key?
- Is electrical equipment safe?
- Are overhead power lines nearby?
- Are guards and shields in place?

These are just a few suggestions to keep you and your family safe from grain bin incidents. Think Safe, Be Safe.

The Carle Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety offers more information at carle.org/farmsafety. Or, you can email farmsafety@carle.com or call (217) 902-5206.

Additional Information:

Grain Handling Safety Coalition: includes information on training, use of a lifeline as well as information about youth around grain. Visit: grain-safety.org

Source: Purdue University Agricultural Confined Spaces yearly injury and fatality summary report

Images courtesy of Pennsylvania State Agricultural Safety and Health

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March is "Grounded in Ag" Month... ...and *You're Invited!*

We hope you'll join us at one of these events as we celebrate and support the tremendous outreach our Ag in the Classroom program provides. Help us continue our mission of reaching 1,500+ students per month with a positive and truthful agricultural message!



WE BELIEVE

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE

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FLIGHT NIGHT FOR AGRICULTURE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
5:00 – 8:00 PM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
RIGGS BEER COMPANY



Bring your donation....and come enjoy a beer, appetizers, live music and fun with friends!

LET'S PACK THE HOUSE FOR AG!



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Grounded In Ag!

Friday - March 27th - 7:30am-9:30am
Short program at 8:15am.

BREAKFAST WITH MRS. KAPER



Bring your donation and come meet Sarah Kaper, Director of Ag in the Classroom! Learn about her mission and hear all about her adventures while traveling Champaign County teaching students about agriculture.

**Can't make an event? Drop off or mail your donation to:
CCFB Foundation - 801 N. Country Fair Drive-SuiteA - Champaign, IL 61821**



**KORY KRAUS,
GENERAL MANAGER**

FROM THE FIELD

by Dr. Howard Brown

IT ALL STARTED WITH TRYING TO PROVE THE NITROGEN WAS NOT LOST. The concept of N-TRACKER was first conceived in 2009 when farmers in Southern Illinois were told they needed to re-apply nitrogen for their crop following a wet 2-week period. They had applied anhydrous ammonia within seven days of the rains and were ready to re-apply N once the soil dried (close to 3 weeks later). What is known as the Late-Spring Nitrate Test was used to help us find plant-available N in the upper soil profile (Figure 1). The method used identified the injection band based upon concentration of ammonium-N and estimated there was still plenty of plant-available N in the upper soil profile at the site tested, giving farmers some comfort that their N was not lost. The testing method established was used on four fields. Some farmers applied supplemental N strips to check the response to addition N. No yield differences were detected. If farmers could use a test to estimate the amount of plant-available N at a point-in-time with some confidence, why not use the test to detect the behavior of plant-available N at a point over time.

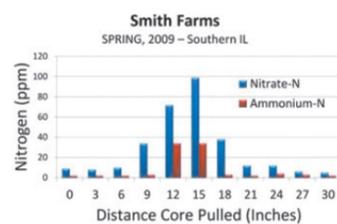


Figure 1. Nitrate (blue) and ammonium (red) nitrogen detected at 0-1 inches. Samples collected perpendicular to the direction anhydrous ammonia was applied. Nitrogen was applied first week of April. Tests were collected the last week of April. Soil were saturated for two weeks following application.

value. Together, the tests start to tell a story about nutrient availability and uptake. One last modification was made to N-TRACKER Plus in 2019. A small area of corn (6 feet x 6 feet) is removed adjacent to the sampling site at V4. The bare soil is used at VT to determine the amount of N in the soil representing what was applied with additional Plant-Available N released (mineralization) from soil organic matter.

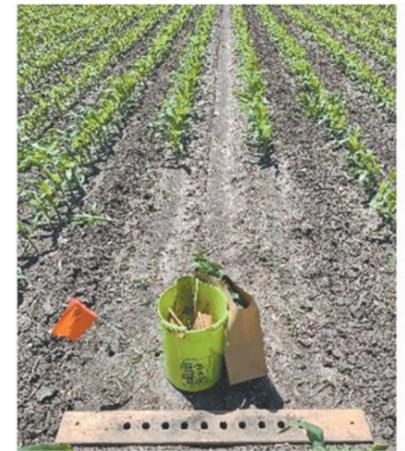


Figure 4. Example of area cleared of corn plants in preparation for the VT sampling date.

Have we learned anything? You bet!

1. 2013 Left-over N, not fall-applied caused concern
2. N detected fall of 2017 – 2019 still there in Spring
3. Regardless of the year, 60%+ of N detected in January was nitrate-N
4. 90%+ of N in May nitrate-N (excluding post-emerge N)
5. N loss Spring 2018 occurred mid-late June
6. N loss fall 2018 to Spring 2019 (Mineralized N)
7. It makes for a long day when collecting samples from 14 sites.
8. Manganese concentration is not a problem in area soils.
9. S, Zn, and B concentrations commonly low whether at 7", 0-1 or 1-2 feet.
10. There are no indicators that would suggest possible deficiencies of boron and zinc other than utilizing N-TRACKER Plus as a nutrient assessment tool.



Figure 5. Robotic soil sampler. Rogo Ag, LLC (www.rogoag.com)

Nothing more telling than to track nutrients in the soil and to relate the concentration to what is found in the plant at a specific point in the field. We are learning in-field nutrient relationships and behavior over time, something that is lost when we look at multiple grid samples and then use computer-generated sample relationships to determine recommendations. What other doors has N-TRACKER Plus opened? It is time to consider moving to nutrient removal-based recommendations rather than from soil testing. It is time to let the machines do

the sampling. A big shout-out to Rogo Ag, LLC, a company that has opened a new area of exploration for Illini FS and will someday help me cut back on my purchases of Bengay and Advil from the sore muscles after a few long days of sampling! I'm excited for 2020 to see what else we can learn. These are discussions for future newsletter articles.

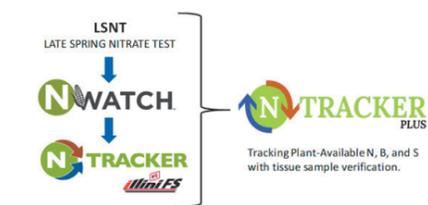


Figure 2. Evolution of N-TRACKER

This was the birth of what was once called N-WATCH, which after a few additional enhancements, has now evolved into N-TRACKER Plus at Illini FS (Figure 2).

Since N-TRACKER samples were already collected (0-1 ft. and 1-2 ft.) and at the lab why not analyze the soils for all the nutrients and see what it can tell us. With nutrient information characterizing the upper two feet, we decided to collect an additional sample to see how nutrient concentration at the traditional sampling depth related to 0-1 feet and 1-2 feet. It is well understood that roots will collect nutrients beyond a traditional 7-inch testing depth. Another idea surfaced when the addition test and sampling date were included. Why not track other anionic nutrients in the soil, like nitrate, to track their behavior as well. Nearly all nutrients that exist as an anion (negative charge) in the soil move with soil water and can be subject to leaching. As a result, boron (borate-B) and sulfur (sulfate-S) tests were added to every sample collected. In 2019 we added the most recent update to the nitrogen management tool. We collect soil samples at V4 and VT to evaluate the status of nutrients during the growing season and we verify the plant's nutrient status at both sampling dates with plant tissue analysis. Combining both soil and tissue sampling at a point in the field provides a way to characterize the soil's nutrient status in relation to plant demand. Alone soil or plant tissue analysis has limited

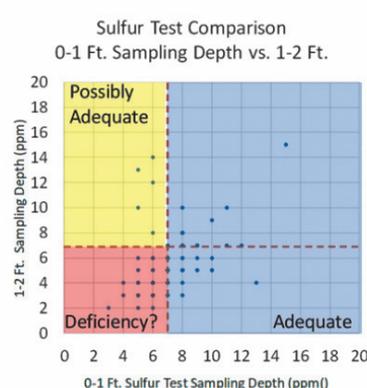


Figure 3. Relationship between sulfur concentration at 0-1 ft (horizontal axis) and 1-2 ft. (vertical). Red-dashed lines represent the critical test level established for 7-inch sampling depth.



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Learn how to put out a small fire in four simple steps.

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How to use a fire extinguisher

No one wants to think about a fire starting in their home, but it's important to know how (and when) to use a fire extinguisher in case the unthinkable happens. We spoke with Bloomington, IL Fire Department Public Education Officer, Stuart Blade, to learn some firefighting basics.

When should you try to extinguish the fire yourself?

Remember the three A's: Activate, assist and attempt. You should only attempt to put out a fire on your own after completing the first two steps.

1. **Activate:** Depending on whether you're at home or a place of business, call 911 or pull the fire alarm.
2. **Assist:** As long as you're not putting yourself at risk, help anyone in immediate danger exit the building.
3. **Attempt:** After completing the first two A's, you may choose to attempt to extinguish the fire. It's important to identify an exit before attempting to put out the fire in case you need to get out quickly.

How to use a fire extinguisher in four simple steps

When using a fire extinguisher, remember to PASS (Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep).

1. **Pull** the pin
2. **Aim** the hose at the base of the fire about six to eight feet away
3. **Squeeze** the lever
4. **Sweep** the flame using a side to side motion until the fire is out

Be sure to keep an eye on the area in case it re-ignites. To put out a grease fire, cover the fire with a lid or cookie sheet to cut off the oxygen source. You should never use an extinguisher on a grease fire because it could spread the flames making it much worse.

Never fight a fire on your own if:

- The fire is spreading at a fast pace
- The fire is past the "early stages"
- There is too much smoke

For these instances, it's important to evacuate and let the fire department handle it.

When do fire extinguishers expire?

Depending on the type, fire extinguishers can last anywhere between 5 and 15 years. If you're not sure when yours expires – or didn't know to check the date on the box before recycling it – it's probably best to replace it after at least 10 years to be safe.

Non-rechargeable fire extinguishers are only good for one use. So, if you use it – even once – you'll need to replace it.

Where should I take my expired extinguisher?

You should always empty a fire extinguisher completely before throwing it away. If you don't have a good way to get rid of the fire extinguisher's contents (it can get messy!), take expired extinguisher to your local fire department.

Questions?

If you still have fire extinguisher-related questions, call your local fire department's non-emergency number and they'll be happy to help!



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Register NOW!

The Marvelous Wonderettes

April 29, 2020 (Wednesday)

The Marvelous Wonderettes,
Myers Dinner Theatre—
Hillsboro, IN

This Off-Broadway smash hit takes us to the 1958 Springfield High School Prom where we meet the Wonderettes. As we learn about their lives and loves, we are treated to the girls performing classic 50's & 60's hits such as "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Stupid Cupid," "Lipstick on Your Collar," "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me," "It's My Party," and over 20 additional hits! You have never had this much fun at prom, and you will never forget this must-take musical trip down memory lane.

This trip takes you to Hillsboro, IN, which is approximately 60 miles east of Champaign, IL. The Myers Dinner Theatre is a 45-seat theatre and includes 8-themed restrooms that are fun to see in person. A homemade meal is included in your visit and you can check out B & H General Store to pick up a souvenir.

Price per person: \$85.00 (gratuinity included)

Deadline to register, be paid in full or cancel: March 23, 2020



Maggi's Membership Corner

By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

Thank you for your Champaign County Farm Bureau Membership! We strive to benefit our members in as many ways as possible. The CCFB offers more than discounts, trips, committees, and in-office services. We host educational events and meetings about topics for the benefit of all of our members.

Some examples from February include the FarmTek Risk Management series about legal issues farmers face, farm succession planning, and a spring market outlook panel, a Mental Health First Aid class through Carle, and a Conservation Series for landowners and farm operators. You still have the opportunity to take advantage of the Conservation Series. The last meeting will be on March 10th from 5-7pm at Parkland College. A family BBQ is being held and the Parkland cover crop plots will be available to be toured.

Our newest opportunity for members? A health fair open to both CCFB members and the public. We are excited to partner with OSF Healthcare to provide this health fair in the CCFB Auditorium on Friday, March 13th.

OSF is offering a variety of screenings, health coaching, and information. Screenings offered will include fasting total cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure, and body mass index. Health coaching is available to discuss your results. When you aren't being screened, you can explore information on conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and mental health.

Attendees will also have a chance

to sign up to win a Fitbit, wireless headphones with a water bottle, or an OSF Healthcare 'fun-filled' basket!

Please visit or call the CCFB office at 352-5235 to sign up for a 15-minute time slot. The cost for the screenings will be \$30 for CCFB members and \$50 for non-members. We do ask that you pay when you register. Registration for the Health Fair will close on March 6th.

If you would like more information on this event or any others, contact the office at 217-352-5235 or by email ccfb@ccfarmbureau.com. We hope to see you there!



Maggi Maxstadt



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Healthy Community: Health Fair and Screenings

Date: March 13, 2020

Time: 7:30am – 11:30am

Location: Champaign County Farm Bureau Auditorium

Please call 217-352-5235 to register. Payment is due at time of registration (either credit/debit or check). RSVP deadline is March 6th!

- Fasting (8-10hrs) total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides and Blood Sugar
 - \$30.00 for members
 - \$50.00 for non-members
- You will receive your screening results right away along with a personal Health Risk Assessment
- **Attendees will have a chance to win a Fitbit, nice water bottle plus wireless headphones in addition to an OSF HealthCare 'fun-filled' basket!**
- Come learn more about heart disease, stroke, diabetes and other health conditions.



Champaign County Farm Bureau's 108th Annual Meeting

Champaign County Farm Bureau held its 108th Annual Meeting on January 27th at Pear Tree Estate. The evening began with a Marketing Meeting followed up with dinner and a business meeting. Sophia Hortin, Illinois FFA President 2018-19, was the featured speaker.



Mike Briggs presents the Deputy of the Year Award to Champaign County Sheriff's Deputy, Investigator Brad Wakefield.



CCFB President Mike Briggs addressing the crowd



The Marketing Meeting kicked off the evening's events.



CCFB President Mike Briggs presents Mitch Heap, retiring CCFB Board member, with a token of appreciation for his work and commitment to the farm bureau.



Dr. Robert Aherin (pictured middle), professor emeritus and past agricultural safety program leader for the University of Illinois, was recognized as the Urban Ag Leader of the Year.



CCFB President Mike Briggs (left) with CCFB Volunteer of the Year Lin Warfel (right)

Additional photos of the evening can be found at www.ccfarmbureau.com

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by - Sandra Chestnut

"This is one of our favorite family recipes!"

PIZZA CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pkg. pepperoni slices
- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 medium Onion, chopped fine
- 1/3 cup oleo, melted
- 6-8 oz. thin spaghetti, cooked & drained
- 1 cup grated Swiss cheese
- 1 pkg. Mozzarella cheese
- 2 large cans tomato sauce
- 1 can mushrooms, drained
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1/2 tsp. basil

DIRECTIONS

Brown hamburger and onion. Preheat oven 350 degrees. Place oleo in 11 X 7-inch or 13 X 9-inch baking dish and set in oven to melt (You can also microwave this step). Toss cooked spaghetti in oleo. Cover spaghetti with 1 can of tomato sauce, layer rest of the ingredients, ending with tomato sauce and cheese on top. Bake 20-25 minutes

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