

Sealing an Abandoned Well

Undocumented wells still exist in Illinois. Prior to 1960, wells were not documented meaning public records were not kept for every well dug. We can assume that at one time every homeowner had a shallow well on their property that was used for the water needs at their home. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health “An estimated 400,000 private water wells in Illinois provide drinking water to approximately 1.3 million people. Each year, many of these wells are abandoned when they are replaced with new wells or when homes are connected to community water systems.”

Abandoned wells threaten the safety of others and can contaminate groundwater. Erin Bush with Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) says, “The main importance of well sealing is that an unsealed well can be a direct pathway for surface water to groundwater. This means that any bacteria, extra fertilizer, or other chemicals can very easily enter the groundwater, which is a drinking water source. Also if left unprotected, kids or small animals can find themselves falling into an open well, or equipment could be ruined if the well is accidentally ran over.”

Property owners are liable for damages incurred by wells on their property. Steve Wilson, Illinois State Water Survey and Program Director for PrivateWellClass.org, focuses on the importance of taking care of wells. “There are as many unused wells in the state that need to be sealed, as there are in the state that are currently in use by private well owners. They are both a safety hazard and a threat to our groundwater. I tell landowners with old wells that if someone were to

fall in an old well, whether they were supposed to be there or not, they would be liable. If that old well contaminates a neighbor’s well, they could also be liable. It makes no sense not to seal old, unused wells given the threat they are.” Property owners must follow the legal requirements set forth by the Illinois Water Well Construction Code requiring the owner of a water well, boring or monitoring well to properly seal the well within 30 days after it is abandoned and no longer used to supply water.

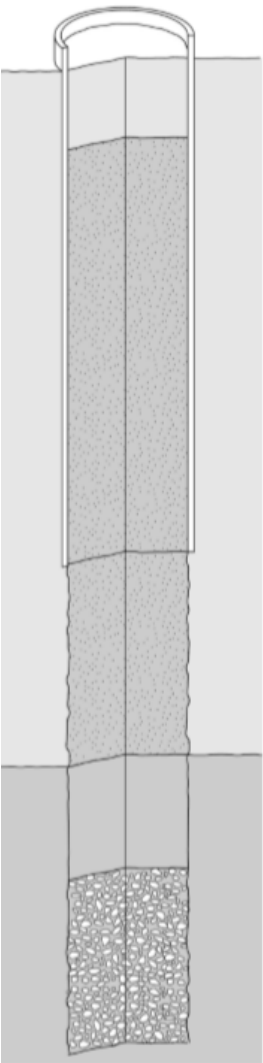
Illinois residents have access to a large number of resources when beginning the process to seal an abandoned well. The first step to take when preparing to seal an abandoned well is to contact the Champaign Urbana Public Health District. As stated on www.c-uphd.org, wells must be “constructed or renovated by an Illinois Department of Public Health-licensed well contractor. Before work can begin on wells in Champaign County, a construction permit must be obtained from our office.”All forms and information to begin the sealing process can be found by contacting CUPHD at 201 W Kenyon Road, Champaign, or calling 217-352-7961.

The cost to seal an abandoned well should not deter a property owner from taking action. The Illinois Department of Agriculture has a cost-sharing program that pays up to 75% cost-sharing on well sealing. This program is administered locally by the Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District (CCSWCD). Property owners interested in cost-sharing need to fill out the appropriate forms from CUPHD, contact CCSWCD, make copies of ALL the receipts from the contractor who sealed the well, and fill out an IL-W9.

If you still use your well and want to learn more about taking care of it or how to protect groundwater you can visit

Sealing a Water Well

Guidelines for all types of wells



- 1 **Submit a sealing plan to the local public health department.**
- 2 **Notify the local public health department at least 48 hours before sealing.**
- 3 **Remove all material from the well (pump, pipe, pump cylinder, electric cable, etc.). Use proper equipment, safety devices, and safety precautions.**
- 4 **Measure the depth and diameter of the well and the static water level.***
- 5 **Remove debris from the well.**
- 6 **Disinfect the well, following the State of Illinois Water Well Code.**
- 7 **Seal the well according to an approved plan.**
- 8 **Complete and submit a sealing report to the local public health department not more than 30 days after the well is sealed.**

*The static water level is the distance from the soil surface to the level of non-pumping water in the well.

PrivateWellClass.org. PrivateWellClass.org is a collaboration between the Illinois State Water Survey, Rural Community Assistance Partnership, and the US Environmental Protection Agency providing educational seminars and webinars to increase knowledge and help extend the life of wells for individual property owners. A ten lesson, self paced class, is available free of charge from PrivateWellClass.org

for anyone interested in learning more about being a well owner and a good steward of their well. If you need an abandoned well sealed on your property NOW is the time to do it. Additional information including videos and links to organizations listed in this article can be found at www.ccfarmbureau.com.

**SOUTHERN
ILLINOIS
PEACHES**
**Orders due
August 3**
*See page 8
for more details*

COVID-19 Office Closure

As of printing, the Champaign County Farm Bureau office is closed to the public. For the health and safety of our members and staff we are following the stay at home order issued by the governor. We will reopen the office when state officials allow us to do so. If you need to pay membership dues, please visit www.myifb.org to either join the CCFB as a new member or to renew your dues. Staff will be checking voicemail and email so if you have a question feel free to reach out to us and we will respond. Also, before you head out to the office or any event listed in this publication please check www.ccfarmbureau.com or call the office at 217-352-5235 for updates.

June Report

President, Mike Briggs



As we close out May I think most people are in a better spot than we were a year ago regarding planting. There are still questions about issues that we need to work through but I think the agriculture community has done a good job of working together.

Things are still not back to normal at the office but we are trying to ensure that information is still available to our members. We are also working with IFB and AFBF to try and stay on top of issues impacting agriculture. Thank you for your continued support of the farm bureau and have a safe summer.

Sincerely,
Mike Briggs

Join the Prime Timers!

Next meeting (tentatively) scheduled
for June 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Please check the website
or call the office for updates.



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

July 9, 2020

Women's Committee

(Tentative)

Schedule of Events

***July 8, 2020 * – CCFB Auditorium**

Participate to Cultivate
(formerly Spring Fling)

***August 5, 2020* – CCFB Auditorium**

**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"**

AgriSafe Nurse Scholar Program

Nurses in rural communities can earn 18 continuing nurse education contact hours through the Agrisafe Nurse Scholar Program! Topics covered include Health & Safety Issues of the Aging Farmer, Respiratory Health in Farmers, Safeguarding Children Who Live & Work on Farms, and many others. Scholarships are available & more information can be viewed by visiting <https://www.agrisafe.org/>

CCFB Calendar of Events

**Due to COVID 19 many meetings have been canceled,
postponed, or may occur via ZOOM Conference Calling.**

**Please contact the office at 217-352-5235 to check the
status of meetings currently listed.**

Staff is checking email & voicemail.

June 2020

June 4	Young Ag Leaders	
June 8	Women's Committee	9:30 a.m.
June 11	Prime Timers	10 a.m.
June 16	Governmental Affairs	7:30 a.m.
June 18	Full Board	6:30 p.m.

Online Directory Provides Enhanced Marketing Opportunities, Added E-Commerce Options For Local Farms And Businesses

As consumer demand for local food access and summer and fall market seasons approach, local supply access is more important than ever. The Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Specialty Growers Association (ISGA), Illinois MarketMaker and several other farm and specialty groups encourage farmers, ranchers, specialty growers, value-added producers, processors and food businesses to utilize FREE online marketing opportunities to enhance and expand their reach in communities across the state.

Prairie Bounty, a directory of over 900 farms, businesses and specialty groups across the state, is available online at specialtygrowers.org/shoplocal. Users can create an account or edit an already established account profile from their website. Illinois Farm Bureau and ISGA most recently partnered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture and 10 of the leading Illinois food and farm organizations to create Buy Fresh Buy Local Illinois, a statewide local food promotional program.

Existing participants of Prairie Bounty now have the opportunity to update their profile to include the Buy Fresh Buy Local Illinois affiliation, Illinois Farmers Markets Association affiliation, and/or the Homegrown by Heroes affiliation to appear on their websites for free as well. Participants manage one profile but can be found on multiple websites for promotion depending on their choice affiliations.

"By combining resources and funding, we're creating a comprehensive food resource for Illinois shoppers and a cohesive local food marketing campaign," said Raghela Scavuzzo, Illinois Farm Bureau associate director of food systems development.

The Prairie Bounty directory contains contact information and locations for farmers of fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy and herbs as well as listings for breweries, wineries, farmers markets and processors throughout Illinois. The directory provides consumers with contact information, products available, method of sale, growing practices and in some cases, an online store.

Visit the Illinois Specialty Growers website at specialtygrowers.org/shop-local for additional instructions on how to register. Contact Raghela Scavuzzo at 309-557-2155 or email at Rscavuzzo@ilfb.org.

My family is looking for a fun, farm experience...Where should we go?

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Fisher FFA Update

By Jennifer Banda, FFA Advisor

We were able to have our plant sale this year due to online ordering and the help of FFA members, Felicity Schaffer and Dylan Zwilling. Our sale was actually better this year than in years past and we sold out within a week of posting the online ordering link. We offered pick-up and delivery options.

We also had Will Shook compete and win the State Proficiency Award in the area of Specialty Animal Production. Also, Felicity Schaffer will compete in the district Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Dylan Zwilling will compete in district Creed Speaking. The contest will be conducted virtually on May 27th and 28th.



Felicity Schaffer is watering plants for the plant sale.



Will Shook is spending time with his animals.

COVID-19 Resources for Illinois Farm Bureau Members

Ag Impact Information

The Illinois Farm Bureau maintains a resource page for members at www.ilfb.org. This page changes daily and provides agriculture updates and COVID-19 information for members. Some of the recent highlights (as of printing) include

- The USDA has released details of the direct payments included in the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). Beginning May 26, the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting applications from agricultural producers who have suffered losses. You can find program details on IFB's USDA page.
- The USDA has created a Coronavirus Food Assistance Program webpage to assist farmers interested in signing up for direct relief or participating in the Food Box Distribution Program in the coming weeks. More details will be announced soon, and posted on IFB's USDA page.
- IDOT's 12% overweight variance on State Routes for emergency supplies for relief had been extended until May 29, 2020. This waiver included those hauling agricultural loads eventually destined to produce food for humans, feed for animals, fuel, fertilizer, or medical supplies/sanitizers. More details are on IFB's Transportation page.
- The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) national emergency declaration has been extended to June 14, 2020. Read more on the Illinois Farm Bureau Transportation page.
- IPPA now offers a customer service hotline for producers to call or text with questions related to pork and the COVID-19 crisis. Learn more on the Illinois Farm Bureau Livestock page.

- The Community Bankers Association of Illinois discusses Small Business Administration financial programs available to help navigate these difficult times. An interview with Jerry Peck is available on www.farmweeknow.com.
- The Small Business Administration has released updated slides for farmers on the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Program. They've also released a new FAQ on the Paycheck Protection Program. Find more on those programs on the Illinois Farm Bureau Federal Stimulus page.
- Also check out daily updates on the impact of COVID-19 on agriculture on RFD radio stations. These updates feature Mark Gebhards, IFB's Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities.

**Breaking COVID 19 news impacting
Illinois Farm Families available at
www.ilfb.org**

Cream of the Crop Contest



Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs has announced the 2020 Cream of the Crop Photo Contest. Young photographers age 8-18 can enter the contest by submitting up to 2 photos by June 24th. Winning photos will be featured in Ag Invest marketing materials & at the 2020 IL State Fair.

To learn more visit <https://illinoistreasurer.gov/>

Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation



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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."

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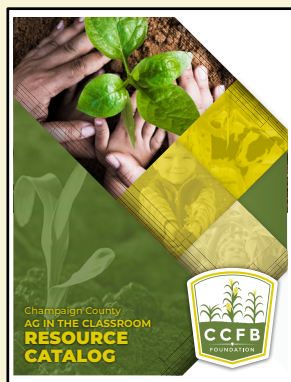
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For more information,
please visit our website at:
<https://ccfbfoundation.com>



Meet our new AITC Intern...Becca Merrill!

As an Agriculture Education Major at the University of Illinois I have been very fortunate to be around Ag in the Classroom programs throughout the state of Illinois. I first got involved with AITC in high school when I became the AITC chair for my home FFA chapter. There I partnered with McLean County Farm Bureau's Ag Literacy Coordinator, Bridget Caldwell. As I attended Joliet Junior College, I interned with District 2 FCAE Program Coordinator Lucas Allen where I continued my involvement with AITC related coursework. Through Sigma Alpha, I was elected as the AITC chair so I worked with the Champaign County AITC Director, Sarah Kaper, to create lessons for the Champaign County classrooms this Spring semester. Unfortunately, that experience was shortened due to school closures. I am looking forward to working with AITC in Champaign County as I get ready for my senior year at the U of I.



COVID WON'T STOP US!

Did you know? This fall Champaign County teachers will have access to a new digital catalog **FULL** of lessons about agriculture and resources they can request...all courtesy of Champaign County Ag in the Classroom! While our current environment has changed our methods of connecting right now and perhaps in the future, our mission has not! We are more dedicated than ever to bring your messages about agriculture to our local students. **Know a teacher? Tell them about this exciting new resource!**



Foundation Honors Longtime Friends with Luther Circle Induction

At the Champaign County Farm Bureau's 2020 Annual Meeting the CCFB Foundation announced the creation of the Luther Circle. An honorary society to recognize longtime friends of the Foundation. Icons in our world, we're excited to forever honor this inaugural class of Luther Circle inductees. Induction into the Luther Circle showcases individuals, groups, or businesses which have shown a strong and continuous commitment to the Foundation and its programming. Inductees have fulfilled the mission and vision of the Foundation and have provided continuous financial or volunteer leadership. Named in honor of the Luther family including the late Mildred Luther and William and Kathryn Luther-Henderson, this designation was bestowed upon an inaugural class of recipients in January of 2020. The inaugural class includes its namesakes, and other CCFB Foundation icons.



Bill & Kathie Henderson and Mildred Luther

Kathie Luther-Henderson and Millie Luther grew up on their family's farm in rural Champaign. Designated as a "centennial farm" their Champaign county agricultural roots run very deep. Longtime members of the Farm Bureau, Mildred, Kathie and Bill have been instrumental to our scholarship program. All three enjoyed judging scholarship applications. Reading hundreds of applications over the years, the trio has supported, and become mentors and friends to countless scholarship recipients.

While their longtime careers at the University of Illinois may not have been directly related to Agriculture, they remember their roots, and the farm that allowed them to go to college. For over 20 years, Bill, Kathie and Millie have provided scholarships to Champaign county students pursuing degrees in agriculture. In a true Farm Bureau family story, the Luther family farm that raised Millie and Kathie and allowed them to attend college, has done the same for dozens of other students. That's the legacy of the Luther family, and our Luther Circle.



Richard Rayburn

As a founding father of the CCFB Foundation, Richard was elected as the Foundation's first president in 1986. Over the past three decades Richard has been a steadfast supporter of the Foundation where he has funded the Richard and Gloria Rayburn Scholarship as well as the Clarence and Alma Rayburn Memorial Scholarship. He and his wife Kay continue to serve as champions of the Champaign Ag In The Classroom program. The inaugural class wouldn't be complete with adding Richard Rayburn to the Luther Circle.



Gary Grace Family

Past Farm Bureau President and longtime Foundation Board member Gary Grace served as president of the Foundation from 1995 - 2000. His leadership was instrumental in a period of major growth for the Foundation's Scholarship Program. Gary's vision for the Foundation was focused on growth and community impact. We're proud to award the Gary Grace Memorial Scholarship each spring, and to induct Gary into the inaugural class of the Luther Circle. On hand in honor of Gary was his wife Sue Grace-Rominger, their son Tim Grace and many members of the Grace Family.



LA Gourmet / Pear Tree Estate

As owners of LA Gourmet and Pear Tree Estate, Annie Murray Easterday and Lauren Murray-Miller have been instrumental in the success of our Harvest Gala for the past 11 years. Not only are we excited to point to their successes as past Foundation Scholars, we are humbled by the way they give back. Their success represents the best of what our Foundation scholarship program seeks to support and encourage. Like the donors who have supported Annie and Lauren's scholarships; they are now leaving their legacy on your Foundation and we're proud to list them among the Luther Circle icons.



Jim Goss

Former Foundation President and longtime Board member Jim Goss was also honored as a Luther Circle inductee. Jim's support of the Foundation is marked by servant leadership. As a past board member and scholarship chair, Jim continues to support the Foundation by connecting new donors and friends to our mission. His history as a board member and Foundation leader continue to influence the growth and direction of the Foundation today. The first class is not complete without adding Jim Goss to the Luther Circle.



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Caught by Surprise: Half of Americans' Financial Security is Worse Since Pandemic Began

New COUNTRY Financial Survey Finds Many Americans Prioritizing Day-to-Day Survival Over Long-Term Financial Goals



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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads across the United States, shuttering businesses and driving millions to file for unemployment, Americans' finances are being hit harder than ever.

According to a [new COUNTRY Financial® survey](#), nearly half (49 percent) of Americans say their level of financial security is worse since the COVID-19 pandemic began. One-third (33 percent) admit they were not financially prepared for a pandemic.

While the pandemic has set many Americans back, it also presents an opportunity to regroup and get on the right financial track.

"If you haven't developed a financial plan, now is the time to kick planning into high gear and assess what your short-term and long-term goals are," said Troy Frerichs, Vice President of Investment Services at COUNTRY Financial. "If you have developed a plan but haven't been good about keeping to your goals, now is the time to re-commit and work on developing better personal financial habits."

Americans Shift Priorities & Rely on Stimulus Checks to Get By

In light of the recent pandemic, many Americans are prioritizing day-to-day survival over long-term financial goals. The survey found that approximately 4 in 10 (45 percent) Americans say their top financial goal since the pandemic hit is to pay day-to-day expenses, followed by saving for an emergency fund (27 percent), saving for retirement (16 percent) and investing in the stock market (5 percent).

Americans' plans for their stimulus checks also reflect these changing priorities, with most who expect a check saying they'll spend it on everyday expenses (38 percent), while others plan to put the funds toward a mortgage or rent (15 percent). Only 22 percent plan to save or invest their stimulus check.

"This is an incredibly difficult time for so many Americans because we have never experienced a pandemic like this before," Frerichs continued. "At a time when we feel like so much is out of our control, we have to focus on what is in our power, which is how much we spend and what we save. Cut spending where you can and concentrate on paying bills on time to avoid a buildup of debt and fees that will have to be paid later."

Ways to Take Your Finances into Your Own Hands

While so much remains uncertain, Americans still have the power to take the following steps to improve their finances during this time:

- **Develop a budget:** The pandemic is forcing many Americans to make hard choices – particularly cutting expenses – so it's more important than ever to use this time of uncertainty to establish a budget and commit to living within your means.
- **Create an emergency fund:** Many Americans struggled to build an emergency fund even before the pandemic, but an emergency fund is now more important than ever. If our current financial situation gets worse before it gets better, Americans need to have money set aside that they can lean back on in a last resort. If you don't currently have an emergency fund, try to set aside as much as you can every month and aim to build enough to cover between three-six months of living expenses.
- **Explore opportunities to lower interest rates:** The pandemic has led to lower interest rates, which may provide a great opportunity for some to get closer to their financial goals, such as paying off debt or lowering a mortgage payment. Connect with a financial representative and lenders to explore all of your options; just be sure to read the fine print and take any associated costs into consideration before making any decisions.
- **Evaluate your long-term goals:** While many of us are just thinking about how to get by right now, it's important to look beyond the pandemic as well. Talk with your financial representative about where you stand with your long-term goals and review your strategy for achieving them.

The challenges brought on by the pandemic mean Americans need to be more disciplined than ever when committing to these steps. A financial representative can help by identifying the opportunities available to you during the pandemic, putting a plan into place for reaching your short-term and long-term goals, and suggesting strategies to help you stick to that plan.

To learn more, visit the [COVID-19 information page](#) on the COUNTRY Financial website.



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From The Field

by Dr. Howard Brown

The corn plant’s reliance on the newly formed permanent root system is a time when differences in the soil environmental conditions can be expressed in plant color and growth. The transition from the seed and primary root to the permanent root system occurs at the V3 stage of growth (three leaves with collars). The above ground plant’s demand for nutrients may exceed the newly formed root system’s ability to supply, causing a temporary deficiency. Tillage practices, traffic patterns, and differences in nutrient availability are the most common differences that are observed. Once the permanent root system expands and can supply the plant with needed nutrition differences in plant color usually fade away and the field turns a dark green color. If color differences remain for an extended period-of-time or there appears to be a significant difference in plant growth (height and leaf stage), a further investigation into the cause is needed.

Differences in soil supply of plant-available N (PAN) will be very apparent as the plant’s begins to rely on the recently developed permanent root system (Growth Stage: V3). Areas of concentrated residues from the fall harvest (behind combine), traffic compaction, and areas that remained saturated for extended periods (leaching/denitrification) are just some of the reasons for differences in plant color and growth. Warming soils and sunny days will allow expansion of the new permanent root system, overcoming micro-environmental differences and the return to normal plant color and growth. How uniform the corn stand will be at tassel emergence will depend upon the length of time there were differences in growth. Plants two leaf stages or more behind in growth may end up under the canopy of neighboring plants resulting in their limited contribution to harvest yield.

Sulfur deficiency symptoms are commonly mistaken as a nitrogen deficiency. Carefully assess light green corn before making the decision to apply additional nitrogen (Figure 1). A closer evaluation may lead to the use of ammonium sulfate (21-0-0-24) broadcast over-the-top post-emerge. Ammonium Sulfate provides both nitrogen as well as sulfur and can be applied post-emerge. An application rate of 15 to 20 pounds of sulfur is a common recommendation. Ammonium Thiosulfate (ATS) is also an option as a Y-Drop application. Ammonium Thiosulfate is not suggested as a post-emerge broadcast application. It can cause significant leaf burn if applied to plant tissues. Ammonium Thiosulfate may also be injected with UAN. However, injected applications between rows may limit or slow visual crop response due to positional unavailability (roots need to intercept band of application).



Severe sulfur deficiency in corn. North Carolina State University Extension, Sulfur Deficiency Symptoms in Emerging Corn (Updated 2018).

Many local soybean fields may appear to be a light-colored green. The lack of plant-available N in the upper 2 feet (N-TRACKER Plus finding), along with the cold early Spring temperatures slowing mineralization, have limited the amount of residual N available to jumpstart early growth of soybeans. Soybean plants rely on soil residual N until about 2 weeks after emergence. It takes that length of time for development of soil rhizobia nodules that begin to fix atmospheric N and provide it to the plant. Soybeans should return to a normal green color once soybean nodules start to fix atmospheric N.

It is all about impression and messaging. Production agriculture provides the packaged energy, grain, that helps feed the World. “I want to leave the land in better condition than when I received it”, a common statement made by many landowners. We need to continue our effort to let the urban public know about our marriage of a sustainable agriculture, one that partners enterprise profitability with environmental

stewardship. “Focusing on M.O.M.” is a message that embraces such a partnership. What comes to mind when making such a statement? Loving, selfless, caring, and nurturing are common responses when asked. It warms the heart to think about MOM. We want the urban public to think of the family farm and production agriculture the same way. “It’s all about M.O.M., **Minimizing** environmental impact by **Optimizing** harvest yield, and **Maximizing** input utilization. What better way to represent production agriculture in East-Central Illinois.



The secret to making M.O.M. a sustainable approach to nutrient stewardship is the improvement of farm income. If all N fertilizer applied is utilized by the plant, there would be no gaseous loss into the atmosphere or leaching losses into our water resources. With nitrogen (N) earning a position of the second greatest input cost to corn production, and a primary focus when it comes to water quality, it is easy to understand why a focus on N can have both economic and environmental benefits. Don’t overlook N-TRACKER Plus as a tool to start our journey to a new way of making or modifying our current nutrient management strategy. The tool has been improved and revised over the past six years. Visit www.n-tracker.com to learn more about the origin of N-TRACKER and how to participate or learn more.

N-TRACKER is a valuable tool. Don’t believe it? Try it. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to sign-up for a site now and evaluate soil/plant nutrient relationships between Growth Stages V3 and VT (Tassel emergence). The cost of checking the status of nitrogen and other essential nutrients is only \$125/site/sampling date. With two sampling dates remaining for this year’s program, \$250 will provide you a snapshot of nutrient supply and availability at a point. We are learning by characterizing a point in the field rather than aggregating variability with random sampling from within the field.

Illini FS Propane update:

We are all living in uncertain times and that is no different when it comes to propane.

A large portion of propane comes from the refining process of crude oil. With the decrease in gasoline and diesel consumption, refineries are running at reduced production. So far this spring propane production has slowed the normal build of propane reserves overall in the United States including the Midwest.

In response at Illini FS, we have made some changes as to when we send out our contracts for Fall and Winter usage. We have also sent all 3 of our contracting options at the same time so customers can evaluate and decide which option is best for them.

Currently propane pricing is very close to what it was last year. It is our priority to make sure we have a dependable supply of product when our customers need it.

Many of you will remember times when propane demand spiked. We are trying to allow customers to lock in the security that protects them from those potential spikes.

If you would like more information on how we could be your preferred provider of propane please give us a call at 217-384-8300 and ask for the phone number of the salesperson in your area.

*David Rich
Illini FS Propane Marketing Manager*



Maggi Maxstadt

You may have heard me mention myIFB.org a few times during the last few months. Why visit? This website is a membership destination and such a great resource for members!

June is National Dairy Month

- Interesting facts:**
- Milk has 9 essential nutrients for human health: calcium, potassium, phosphorus, protein, niacin, vitamin A, vitamin B 12, riboflavin and vitamin D.
 - Dairy farmers and workers follow several steps to assure the sanitary collection of milk from dairy cows. Human hands never touch the milk as it travels from cow to consumer.
 - The average cow produces 90 glasses of milk each day, or about 200,000 glasses of milk during its lifetime.
 - Despite its creamy texture, milk is actually 85-95% water. The rest of its volume comes from a vitamins, proteins, carbohydrates and fat.
 - There are approximately 340-350 udder squirts in a gallon of milk.
 - To absorb the same amount of calcium as you get from one cup of milk, you would have to eat either 10 cups of raw spinach, six servings of pinto beans or three cups of cooked broccoli in one sitting.
 - Reduced Fat and Low Fat Milk (also know as 2% or 1% milk) have the same amount of calcium, protein, vitamins and minerals as whole milk, just less fat and fewer calories.
 - Dollar for dollar, dairy is one of the most economical sources of nutrition in the grocery store. At around \$0.25 cents for a glass, milk is America’s No. 1 food source of calcium, potassium and vitamin D – three nutrients that people fall short on the most.



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The business of the CCFB continues during the stay at home order. CCFB staff and committee chairs meet via ZOOM to work towards re-opening and how committees will function moving forward.

Maggi’s Membership Corner

By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

MyIFB

Member Log In

Username / Email

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Log In

Forgot your Password?

Already a member?

Create an Account

Don't have a membership?

Join IFB Now

To create an account, members will need their Farm Bureau Member # found on their membership card and a valid email.

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Welcome, Member

This site makes it easy to interact with us when and where it is convenient for you. From here you can:

- Manage contact and profile information
- Pay for dues

Member Number	010-
County of Membership	Champaign
Member Class	M Member
Member Status	Active
Paid Thru	07/31/2020

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- Access our membership benefit platform with over 302,000 benefits, including car rental, Choice Hotels and Wyndham Hotel Group. http://ifb.abenthy.com
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- Ford
- John Deere - Green Fleet Rewards
- Case

Champaign County Benefits
https://ccfarmbureau.com/file/307/Champaign_Membership_Brochure_P_NO_bleeds.pdf

Here is the homepage for myIFB.org. Members can access many aspects of their membership including printing a new membership card and the Champaign County Farm Bureau website.

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Name	Maggi Maxstadt
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Under My Profile, members can add their email to receive weekly updates from the Champaign County Farm Bureau and update their phone number(s).

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Payments

Dues Information

Paid Thru	July 31, 2020
Amount Owed	\$0.00

+ Enter Payment

Payment History

In the Payments Tab, members can pay their dues and donations via credit/debit card online. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover are accepted.

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2020 CCFB Trips

We are still taking reservations for September and October Trips!

Call 217-352-5235

September 16, 2020 (Wednesday)

The Ark, Myers Dinner Theatre–Hillsboro, IN

This exciting new musical is sure to delight and inspire audiences of all ages as they enter the theatre transformed into an ark only to discover they are the animals and this is not only Noah's adventure, it's theirs. A fresh take on a familiar tale, it's the story of how one family learns to brave life's rough waters by sticking together. The music for the show will have you dancing in the "isles". The Ark proves that, just like the waters, the depth of human emotion knows no bounds.

Price per person: \$85.00 (gratuity included)

Deadline to register, be paid in full or cancel: August 21, 2020



October 14, 2020 (Wednesday)

Is there Life After Fifty, The Barn III–Goodfield, IL

This new comedy flirts with a topical theme: the aging of the Baby Boomer generation. Three couples who all raised their kids on the same street have found a way to keep in touch after they move to new cities. Each year, on Labor Day weekend, the friends vacation together. This year, the ladies have planned a little surprise: a healthy, all-natural weekend at a trendy health resort, complete with organic food and exercise. The men, who really come for the beer and snacks, are not pleased when they find



out. Tensions escalate into an all-out battle of the sexes, and the cabin is divided, literally, into the men against the women. They battle over health food, exercise, pizza, The Godfather, rock and roll, hot tubs, hot flashes, tummy tucks and their refusal to become middle-aged!

Price per person: \$92.00

Deadline to register, be paid in full or cancel: September 14, 2020

Please note the deadlines posted for each trip: Any cancellation, for any reason, must be made on or before the deadline posted for each individual trip to guarantee any refund. We ask that all day trips are paid for in full when you register.*** Gratuity not included in the price unless indicated***Please feel free to share this information with friends, neighbors and family. We would love to add them to our list of travel friends. Thank you and we look forward to traveling with you.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Lemon Cake - Elizabeth Rothermel



This recipe was from my mother's best friend, Hazel Craver, who got it when she wintered in Arizona. This is one of the favorites of our family for birthday celebrations. It's so easy and quick to make.

Lemon Cake

- 1 pkg. Lemon Cake mix
- 1 pkg. instant lemon pudding
- ½ c. oil (I use canola)
- 1 c. water
- 4 eggs

Beat all together and bake at 350 degrees in a 9 X 13 pan for 35 minutes or more. While cake is hot punch full of holes with fork then pour the following mixture over the cake.

- 2 c. powdered sugar
- 1/3 c. lemon juice
- 2 T. water
- 2 T. melted butter

Mix all very well.

Serve with Cool Whip & enjoy!



Southern Illinois Peaches

Orders and payment ***must be received by the CCFB office*** by August 3!
Peaches are from Rendleman Orchard in southern Illinois.

Rendleman LOCAL peaches
Cling Free @ \$35.00

QTY
____ 25 lbs.

Price
\$ _____

Non-Members @ \$40.00

____ 25 lbs.

\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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BY AUGUST 3!!

We will only be accepting orders by mail or by phone with a credit card

Please pay in full at time of order.

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COVID-19

SECURE YOUR FARM AGAINST COVID-19

We know stress is high this time of year. As COVID-19 continues to weigh heavy on everyone's mind, now is the time to assess the risks to you, your farm, and anyone who lives and works on your farm. Be aware of the need to limit exposure and person-to-person interactions.

Making a plan for your farm can help you take some control over this unprecedented situation. We're here to support you. For more information and resources, visit www.ilfb.org/covid19.

Follow these steps to ensure you and your farm remain healthy and safe:

- ☐ Take steps now to develop a farm plan for the virus.
 - ☐ Communicate plan on a regular basis with all who live and work on your farm.
- ☐ Consider who is coming to your farm—employees and visitors—and think about logging or tracking that information, which could help in the event of a positive case in your area.
- ☐ Screen and distance workers arriving to ensure health and safety.
- ☐ Identify a drop-off location for regular deliveries away from on-farm high traffic areas and housing.
 - ☐ Drop-boxes are recommended to be placed near the road, before on-farm entry.
 - ☐ If drop-boxes are not feasible, it is recommended you designate a drop-off location on-site.
 - ☐ Provide the location and all procedures needed at the drop-off point, and create signage to identify drop-off points.
- ☐ Set up handwashing and sanitation stations in accessible places, and provide guidance for handwashing and handling materials, as well as safety and cleaning practices.
- ☐ Sanitize shared equipment and frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, and tools. Wipe down surfaces with sanitizing wipes when transferring operation from one person to another, including steering wheels, arm rests, knobs and buttons in tractors, trucks and other vehicles or equipment.
- ☐ Require all sick employees to stay at home.

We know times are tough. If you are or someone you know is struggling with daily stress, anxiety, depression, addiction or other mental health challenges, you are not alone. For resources and information, visit www.ilfb.org/mentalhealthwellness.

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