Ringing in 2021 - Return to Normal?

Ringing in 2021 we are looking forward to a return to "normal." We are all hoping this includes in-person meetings and workshops, social gatherings, and a positive farm economy. To get to this new normal, CCFB and its members adapted, changed, and showed a lot of grit during 2020. These changes allowed CCFB to accomplish goals in new and exciting ways. 2020 showed us what can be done during challenging times!

As the pandemic took hold in March, N95 masks were in short supply for frontline, healthcare workers. CCFB members and local agribusiness took action, collected N95 masks, and donated them to local healthcare facilities making an impact on the fight to stop the spread of COVID 19.

Spring planting soon got underway, farmers hit the fields, and CCFB decided to help spread some positivity by feeding farmers. Gift cards were purchased from several local restaurants and dropped off to farmers working in the field to show thanks and gratitude for continuing to feed the world.

The pandemic changed our way of life and how we interact with each other. In-person meetings soon changed to virtual meetings and CCFB jumped on board hosting several virtual meetings throughout the summer and fall. Hot button agriculture issues to election issues to up-

dates on local, educational programs were streamed live and recorded for CCFB members. Members participated in live meetings or were able to review the recorded version via our website, www.ccfarmbureau.com.

On a state level, IFB also changed the way it did business as COVID 19 changed our way of life. The Illinois Farm Bureau worked hard to protect the livelihood of its members by obtaining regulatory relief for livestock, producers, transportation, and pesticide training. Staff and volunteers dedicated time to lobbying for state and federal financial assistance from the CARES program. IFB worked with members and agribusiness to keep the food supply chain moving, food banks filled, and members up to date with timely information. Agriculture in the Classroom be-

#CCFBinAction #RiskManagement came a huge resource for students and teachers as virtual school moved into districts throughout the state.

Throughout the pandemic, agriculture charged forward, farmers kept working and tackled planting season, harvest, and an election. Cheers to 2021, more changes, and hopefully a return to "normal."

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It is say THANK YOU to our Champaign Co. Farm.

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#FeedingFarmers who are **#StillFarming** during this crazy Spring! CCFB bought gift cards from local restaurants like The Last Call in Penfield. CCFB staff dropped them off to farmers in the field to show our thanks.



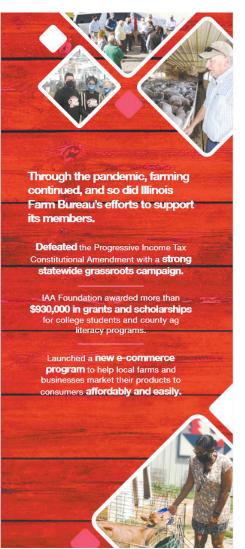
If you missed our discussion with American Farm Bureau Federation Chief Economist

John Newton on the state of agriculture trade, make sure you check it out! Some great info was shared. Remember you can always view all of our virtual meetings at

https://ccfarmbureau.com/news-and-updates/virtual-meetings as well!

CCFB virtual meetings topics ranged from farm safety and the county budget, to the county response to Covid-19. Videos are posted at www.ccfarmbureau.com

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COVID-19 changed life for everyone, including farmers and rural Illinoisans. Here's how Illinois Farm Bureau responded:

Helped ensure agriculture was considered an essential business.

Established **mission critical** steps to respond to impacts on farming and the agriculture sector.

Lobbied for state and federal **financial assistance for farmers** from the
CARES program, resulting in the Payment
Protection Program (PPP), Coronavirus
Food Assistance Program (CFAP) and
Livestock Management Facilities Act
Business Interruption Grant Program.

Worked with local public health officials to keep packing plants open and the protein supply chain moving.

Urged officials to designate greenhouses as essential businesses.

Shared timely information with members through FarmWeek, the RFD Radio Network, FarmWeekNow.com, ilfb.org/covid19, social media, email and more.

Pivoted to a virtual approach in the Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program and hosted nine virtual field days to help farmers stay on the cutting edge of sustainability.

Served as a resource for external news media covering the pandemic, offering sources and responding to food shortage and supply chain coverage.

Responded to additional stress caused by the pandemic by partnering with experts nationwide to advocate and educate on farmer mental health and wellness.

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom became a huge resource for virtual school lesson plans and field trips.

County Farm Bureaus donated over \$75,000

worth of milk and meat to local food
pantries across the state.

Supported youth livestock shows and sponsored live webcasts.

Strengthened bipartisan Congressional relationships to advance Farm Bureau's voice during hearings on trade, Commodity Credit Corporation replenishment and renewable fuel waivers.

January Report



President, Mike Briggs

Welcome to 2021! I know we are all looking forward to a different year. Hopefully we are able to get back to a more "normal" environment as we move forward. Looking back on 2020 the agriculture industry had numerous ups and downs but finished with some good weather for the fall and an increase in commodity prices.

The farm bureau is looking forward to 2021 and the opportunity to continue moving forward with our programming. We have learned a lot during the last year and I feel we are reaching many more people with some of the changes we have made. I appreciate how well our members have worked with us.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays I wish you all a prosperous new year.

Sincerely, Mike Briggs

CCFB Calendar of Events January 2021

January 7 Zoom with Kevin Semlow 8:30 a.m. & Adam Nielsen – IFB

State and National Priorities for IFB

January 11Women's Committee ZOOM9:30 a.m.January 19Governmental Affairs7:30 a.m.January 21Full Board6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meetings are posted at www.ccfarmbureau.com

- Ethanol Update Illinois Corn Growers Association.
- Nitrogen Update with Howard Brown and Emerson Nafziger.
- Listen in as Country Financial Representative Andrew Deedrich discusses Farm Insurance Policies.
- An update on the state of the Parkland College Ag Program with Jenni Fridgen.
- Listen in as we are joined by American Farm Bureau Federation Chief Economist John Newton discussing the state of agriculture trade.
- Follow along with Dean Kidwell for an update with the College of ACES.
- Country Financial Representative Bret Kroencke gives an update on Open Enrollment for Health Insurance.
- Catch up on the latest Governmental Affairs issues.
- Did you miss our Farmland Use update from American Farmland Trust? You can view it here. There is great information on the status of farmland conservation and preservation in the US and more specifically in Illinois and what policy actions AFT is recommending to preserve farmland for future generations.
- CCFB hosted a conversation with Champaign County Sheriff
 Heuerman and County Executive Kloeppel. Topics ranged from
 farm safety and the county budget, to the county response to
 COVID-19.
- David Oppedahl, Sr. Economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, discussed the state of the farm economy in the Midwest. Follow the link to listen in on a deep dive into factors impacting farmland value, cash rent trends, and farm profitability.
- Listen in on the Farm Safety Meeting featuring Amy Rademaker from Carle's Center for Rural Health & Farm Safety and Dave Newcomb from IFSI. Topics range from mental health to the use of fire extinguishers!

Join the Prime Timers!

Prime Timers canceled.

Prime Timers Deliver Cookies

Prime Timers recently donated cookies to Cunningham Children's Home. No homemade items were being accepted this year so Prime Timers purchased chocolate chip cookies, sugar cookies, M & M cookies, and Oreo cookies to donate.

Meetings will tentatively resume in 2021!

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH Submitted By Vicki Goodmann

Buttermilk Cinnamon Bars

This was a favorite of our girls growing up, and I hope everyone enjoys giving it a try!

Ingredients

1 ½ c. sugar

1 well beaten egg

3/4 c. brown sugar

2 c. flour

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 c. soft oleo

1 tsp. baking powder

1/2 c. coconut

1 tsp. vanilla

1/2 c. chopped nuts

1 c. buttermilk or sour milk

Combine the sugars, flour, and oleo as you would for pastry. Mix 2 cups of this with the coconut and nuts. Press lightly in the bottom of a greased 13 X 9 X 2 inch pan. Set aside. Combine the remaining oleo mixture with the remaining ingredients. Spread over the first layer. Bake at 350 degrees for about 38 minutes. Frost with a thin powdered sugar icing while still warm.



Larry Dallas Elected To District 12 Director

Larry Dallas of Tuscola was elected to serve District 12on the Illinois Farm farmers, founded Dallas Brothers Bureau®(IFB) Board of Directors at the organization's 2020 virtual business meeting on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Dallas will serve a two-year term to represent IFB members in Champaign, Douglas, Edgar and Vermilion counties. As Larry takes his seat on the board he says he is ready to address some big issues...

"The financial woes of the state of Illinois will be a big concern." Springfield can't stop spending and will be looking for revenue every-

The corona virus shutdowns showed us vulnerabilities in food production and distribution. Farm Bureau should be involved in figuring out a system of food production that doesn't see the grocery store limiting customers on their milk purchases when dairy farmers are dumping milk.

Environmental issues will remain important. We have to tell our story of efficient and environmentally sound agriculture."

Larry is going to hit the ground running, tackling several agriculture issues, attending meetings, and learning about agriculture issues affecting other parts of the state...

"I am going to represent Illinois Farm Bureau at the AFBF annual meeting in January on the Champaign County resolution regarding field identity flagging, with only about a month on the Board. I am also looking forward to starting a dialogue and fellowship between the District 12 county leaders, to get to know and to learn from each other.

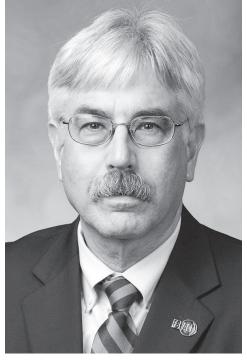
We are in a row crop heavy area. I am excited to learn more about the livestock segment of Illinois agriculture. I am also looking forward to finding out more about the Illinois counties that rely on the river system for moving their crops and the problems with farming near the rivers in the state."

Dallas farms corn, soybeans and hay with his brother and nephew in Douglas and Champaign counties. The two brothers, who are first-generation Farm in 1984.

Dallas currently serves on the Douglas County Farm Bureau board, serving as president since 2011. He was chairman of the Champaign County Farm Bureau Young Farmers from 1984 to 1996.

He is a current member of several membership associations, including Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois Corn Growers Association, American Sovbean Association and National Corn Growers Association.

Over the years, Dallas has held leadership positions with the East Central Farm Bureau Farm Management, Heartland Cooperative Grain Board and the Nabor House Agricultural Cooperative fraternity at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), where he has served as business



Larry Dallas

agent for the past 38 years. He is the current secretary treasurer for the Upper Kaskaskia Watershed group.

Dallas graduated from Tuscola Community High School, later receiving a Bachelor of Science in agricultural economics from UIUC. He is a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Sadorus.

CCFB would also like to extend a big thank you to Steve Fourez from Vermilion County for his service as District 12 Director. Fourez tackled several major agriculture issues as the Illinois Farm Bureau – District 12 Director since 2017.

Maggi's Membership Corner



By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

Happy New Year, Farm Bureau members! The CCFB staff is looking forward to what the new year brings.

For 2021 we are trying our best to provide members like you with relevant and timely programming, even though events may look different than in previous years.

One big event each January is the Champaign County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Instead of gathering in-person, the Board of Directors decided to transition the meeting to a

proxy format last year.

This format means that a voting member (like you) allows another voting member (like our Board's Directors) to vote on their behalf. Thank you to those members who mailed in a paper form or filled one out electronically via the Friday Leader! More information on the Annual Meeting will come in the next CCFB News!

A new meeting happening during January and February is a free agribusiness webinar provided by Illinois Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial. You can sign up for one of four live webinars, which will last about 90 minutes each. Visit ccfarmbureau.com to see the flier.

If you want to see more information on upcoming events, visit our website ccfarmbureau.com or find us on Facebook and Twitter! If you have an idea for a program, contact the CCFB office at 217-352-5235 or ccfb@ccfarmbureau.

The Champaign County Farm Bureau was able to accomplish so much thanks to our members. Best wishes to you and your family in 2021!



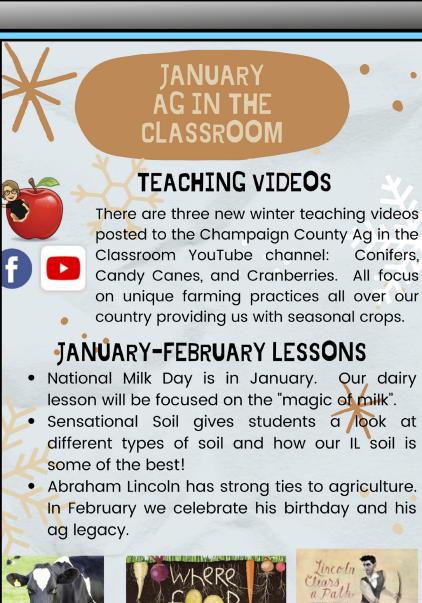












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WINTER AG BAG SUCCESS

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Winter Ag Bags were distributed

to registered teachers from

around the county. In all, 127

teachers from 27 county schools

picked up materials for over 2500

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Agriculture. History. Football.

12:30-1:30 CT

JANUARY 20TH

Join Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom and the Youth and Education Team from the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio to learn about the great history of the game! You will not only learn the importance of the agricultural industry to the Game itself, but the Hall of Fame will take it one step further and show you a historical perspective on each of those items! Sign up here for webinar links to this field trip: http://iaitc.co/fieldtrips. For questions about the Hall of Fame's Youth and Educational Programming, please contact Education@ProFootballHOF.com



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KORY KRAUS, GENERAL MANAGER

FROM THE FIELD

ON-FARM DISCOVERY - 2020

The rules governing input use have changed over the past two decades. No longer is 190 bushels of corn/acre or 60 bushels of soybean/acre an expectation. No longer is optimum yield linked with just N-P-K or soil pH. Consideration of other growth-limiting factors may be needed to reach and sustain higher harvest yield expectations. Will specific micronutrients become an annual part of nutrient applications? When will they need to be applied? What form works best? What is the Return-On-Investment (ROI)? Should a farmer wait for insects or disease to reach an economic threshold before making a fungicide or insecticide application or should there be a preventative approach to pest management? What are the economics of preventative applications? These and more questions



Figure 1. Cover of the 2020 Mi-Field Report published by Illini FS.

can be addressed on your farm in your field evaluating your yield data. It's all about On-Farm Discovery and addressing the current questions that have no definitive answers. Give On-Farm Discovery a try. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist about a trial that addresses your curiosity.

Illini FS On-Farm Discovery makes addressing farmer questions in farmer fields, using farmer data possible. Combining the Illini FS On-Farm Discovery trials and

WHAT'S NEXT:
2019 YIELD TRIAL REPORTS

CONDUCTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
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Figure 2. Cover of the 2019 Mi-Field Report published by GROWMARK. The 2020 Edition will be released sometime in early January, 2021.

several other geographic areas with the GROWMARK Mi-Field Report expands the learning process by observing crop response across several growing environments. The GROWMARK Mi-Field Research Summary combines similar trials from across a three-state geography comparing crop response across growing environments and different farming practices. Whether the five-county area served by Illini FS or the three-state geography covered by GROWMARK, Inc., On-Farm Discovery and Mi-Field Applied Research helps address farmer questions, in farmer fields, utilizing farmer data and technologies.

Illini FS has been working with corn response to sulfur the past two years. Trial work has suggested the possibility of a response in soybeans as well. The sulfur source used in 2020 trials delivered

24 pounds of sulfur along with 21 pounds of nitrogen (21-0-0-24). Since the treatment included both nitrogen and sulfur, the two nutrients must be added at the same

proportion to get the same (or similar) outcome. Future Illini FS On-Farm Discovery Trials will test soybean response to other sulfur sources that do not include supplemental N. In the meantime, if you would like to validate the trials represented in Figure 3, you must use ammonium sulfate as the sulfur source of-choice.

The combination of soil tests and plant tissue analysis brought to life a new way to characterize plant and soil health through Nu-TRACKER Plus. Nu-TRACKER Plus characterizes the soil's nutrient status and plant response

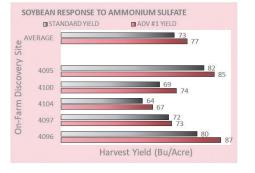


Figure 3. Soybean response to an application of AdvanSixSulf-N (ammonium sulfate) early post-emerge. Visit your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for more information about the rate applied and specific application timing.

at a specific point. Keeping both soil and tissue test collection in a finite area helps minimize random errors that quickly dilute information gained from a composite testing approach. Although limited in geography, the lessons learned make it possible to go beyond the sampling point to field-level considerations. With over 2000 sites tested for plant-available N over the past six years, a level of confidence has been established with the data gathered and reported with Nu-TRACKER Plus. Are there sites that do not follow expectations? Yes. However, most of the mystery outcomes can be explained once investigated. Some sites with high plant-available N pre-tassel

were a mystery until it was uncovered that hired samplers were removing the crop from the test site to make it easier to sample pre-tassel. No plants, no uptake, the reason high plant-available N was detected. Mystery solved.

Soil testing. "What got us to where we are at may not get us to where we need to go." This is a profound statement that describes where we are at with production agriculture. The Illinois Agronomy Handbook was used at the foundational document for several decades, providing agriculture with an agronomically sound approach to crop production. It was based

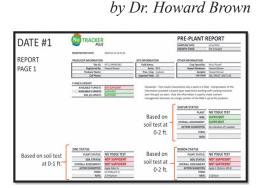


Figure 4. Example of a report generated after the first Nu-TRACKER Plus sampling date. Three sampling dates are included in a standard Nu-TRACKER Plus Testing Program (Pre-plant, V3, and pre-tassel).

upon agriculture of the 1970-80s. However, nearly every aspect of what defined production agriculture has now changed. Expected yields are in the mid 200-bushel range with yields at or slightly below 200 bushel/acre a common disappointment. Soybean yields of 70 bushel/acre are now considered a lower acceptable yield. Corn roots now explore deeper into the upper soil profile with the introduction of transgenic resistance to corn rootworm feeding. Accompanying transgenic resistance was an improvement with nitrogen utilization and drought tolerance, both the result of a more robust, deeper, and protected root system. Our nutrient recommendation system is suspect of being inadequate, since it was initially based upon an acre furrow slice that was defined by the moldboard plow. Tillage continues to evolve generating many more questions than we have answers for. Throw in soil health, water quality, and cover crops and we have a new era of production agriculture. It is the aspiration of Illini FS to meet the challenge of facing new unanswered agronomic questions with innovative products, services and solutions. Visit with your local Illini FS Crop Specialist about our focus on the future of production agriculture, whether Nu-TRACKER Plus, nutrient recommendations based upon harvest removal or robotic soil sampling and how we plan to fill the void.

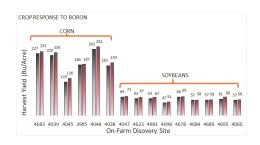


Figure 5. Crop response to boron.

Crop response to supplemental boron fertilizer has been the most exciting On-Farm Discovery trial over the past two years. Our trial efforts have already started for 2021 with several replicated rate trials applied this fall, to be repeated this spring in the same locations. The purpose of making applications in both the fall and spring address our need to understand just how mobile boron can be

in the upper profile. The rate study will help us better define the rate to apply. Boron has the least difference between deficiency and toxicity. More will not be better with this nutrient. Interested in learning more about what we have discovered? Contact your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for more information and to learn how we are developing boron management as a system rather than just an application.

A Letter from Kory Kraus

This past year has proven to be a positive year for Illini FS with strength in our Energy and Agronomy Divisions and a final net income of \$2.8 million (before taxes). As a result, we will be paying a total of \$513,000 patronage to our shareholders, something your cooperative is designed to do, and we are proud to do. We will be paying only on the energy products listed below. Patronage checks should be in the country very soon.

- Dyed tankwagon gallons only at \$0.062/gallon
- Clear tank wagon gallons only at \$0.062/gallon

I am very proud of the Illini FS employees and management staff. Reorganization of the leadership team and the addition of new sales and support staff

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has prepared us for continued profitability and growth. Our recently adopted winning aspiration sums it up the best "To be your trusted business partner delivering winning results through innovative products, services and solutions."

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We have tremendous work ahead of us to rebuild confidence in our shareholders once again. I am committed to the growth and continued success of Illini FS in 2021

Thank you for your business! Kory Kraus

General Manager

and beyond. Let us be "your trusted business partner".



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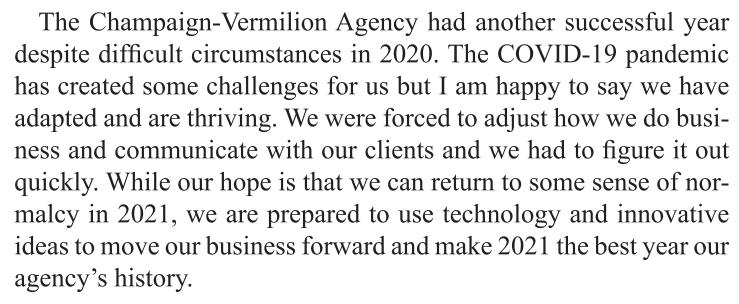
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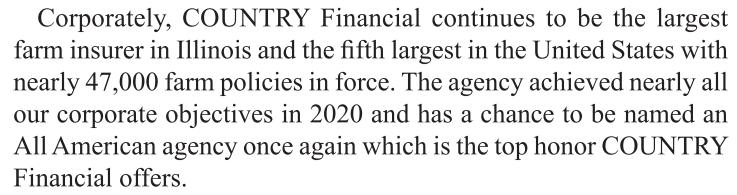


Terry Hill 469-9800



Letter From Nathan Hubbard, Champaign – Vermilion Agency Manager





Finally, on behalf of COUNTRY Financial and our local financial representatives, I would like to thank the Champaign County Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial clients for their continued support. We look forward to serving you now and in the future.

We wish a safe and healthy 2021 for you and your family.

Sincerely, Nathan Hubbard, Agency Manager Champaign-Vermilion Agency



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COUNTRYFinancial.com/AgWebinars offer a growing menu of presentations and supportive information for your 2021 planning. There, you will find a library of recorded in-depth seminars that you can watch from the comfort of your own farm. Topics include:

- Farm Bill Updates
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- COUNTRY Financial Precision Planning & Drone Technology Overview
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In addition to making recorded resources available to assist you, COUNTRY and Illinois Farm Bureau staff will also host four live webinars throughout January and February to provide you updated information and answer viewer questions in real-time. RFD's Rita Frazer will host these 90-120-minute live meetings, and each session will cover crop/farm bill updates (Doug Yoder, COUNTRY Financial), legislative updates (Adam Nielsen, Illinois Farm Bureau) and provide a farm legacy planning overview (Joe Buhrmann, COUNTRY Financial).

When visiting COUNTRYFinancial.com/AgWebinars, you will also find a link to pre-register and attend these live meetings. Choose the meeting date and time that best fits your schedule:

- Tues., Jan. 19 at 8:30 a.m. CST
- Wed., Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. CST
- Tues., Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. CST
- Thurs., Feb. 25 at 12 p.m. CST



While participants may not all be gathered in the same room this year at locations throughout the

state, COUNTRY and Illinois Farm Bureau staff look forward to helping you plan for a successful 2021

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MIDWINTER GRAIN MANAGEMENT A virtual event focused on commodity care and employee safety. **JANUARY 7, 2021** How Temp Fluctuations Affect Stored Grain **Held Virtually** - Methods to Ensure Proper Agration 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. FREE Registration!

Register: grainhandlingsafetycoalition.eventbrite.com

- Solutions to Various Winter Work Hazards

- How to Handle Bad Grain

Remember when we could gather together? CCFB hopes to see all of you again soon! Stay healthy and we miss you!

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Blast from The Past



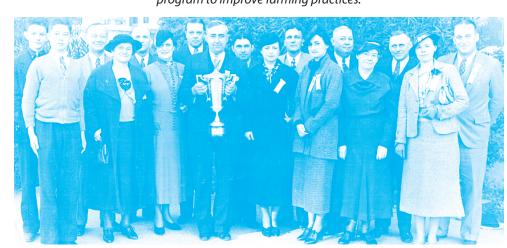
Farm Bureau promoted improving soil with rock phosphate.



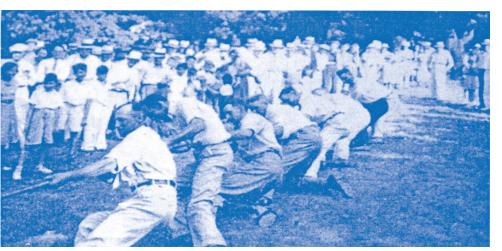
Field demonstrations, Model T Style, were an early part of the Farm Bureau and Extension program to improve farming practices.



Farm Bureau picnic, club calf lineup, 1931.



Harry Reifsteck, president, displays cup received by Champaign County for having the largest membership of any county in the United States, 1936.



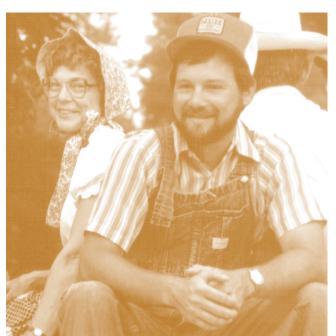
The Homer Unit tug of war team at the 1938 picnic.

Photos courtesy of Champaign **County Farm Bu**reau 100 Years of Leadership and **Progress**

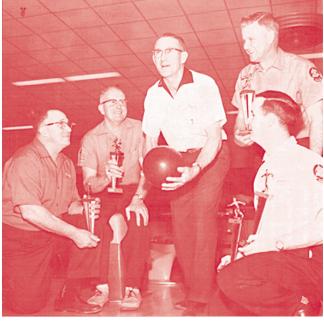
by **Harold D. Guither**



E. E. Golden and Paul Curtis check yields for the "75 - Bushel Club"



Farm Bureau Float, July 4, 1984



Champaign County's State Champion Bowling Team – 1960



Promoting pork as a nutritious food at the county fair.



Farm Bureau Young People's Executive Council 1961-62: (seated) Roy Windler, Lois Wood; (standing) Deanne Lourash, Dan Reifsteck, Marilyn Rayburn.

