CDL- Questions & Answers

As harvest rolls along CCFB members often ask questions and we turn to the experts to get answers. This month CCFB reached out to Rodney Knittel, IFB's Assistant Director of Transportation & Infrastructure, to get answers to the question...Who needs a CDL?

CDL or No CDL?

Do I need a CDL?

'Do I need a CDL?' is the most asked question I receive from members with trucks. In Illinois, it is not a simple Yes or No. Operators must either have a CDL or the equivalent Non CDL to drive motor vehicles, such as a semi/trailer or tandem. The reality is, even a pickup truck and trailer with a combined weight of 26,001 pounds or more triggers the requirement to have more than an Illinois Class D license.

To get the Non CDL, with the J51 restriction, the vehicle must be farm plated and meet the following requirements to qualify for the farm plate and exemption:

- The driver must be the farmer, family member, or employee of the farmer;
- Hauling only for the farm; not for hire;
- Not required to be placarded.
- Your range may also be limited in vehicles of 26,001 pounds or more.



• If you drive outside the state, you are limited to 150 miles from your place of business.

Do not get too excited: the Non CDL is the same written and skill test as the CDL.

Benefit of CDL vs Non CDL will change Feb. 7, 2022

Currently there is limited benefit to the Non CDL Class A or B with a J51 restriction in Illinois, over the CDL. However, when the entry level driver training (ELDT) requirement comes into effect on February 7, 2022, the Non CDL will have a huge benefit. To obtain the Non CDL with the J51 restriction, the driver will not be required to do the entry level training. The Non CDL should also take less time to obtain. Since a commercial learner's permit is not required, the driver should be able to take

the skills test at the next available testing slot after passing the written exam. To obtain a CDL you must wait 14 days. The negative to the Non CDL is that the driver will only be able to drive Illinois farm plated vehicles. A driver can drive a Covered Farm Vehicle (CFV) with a CDL and would still be able to take advantage of the other CFV exemptions, such as medical card and drug and alcohol testing requirements.

Further information can be found in the Illinois Farm Bureau Rules for the Road handbook at www.ilfb.org > Resource Tab.

For a live look at the answer to this question watch the virtual meeting at www.ccfarmbureau.

Need more answers? Contact Rodney Knittel at **rknittel@ifb.org** or call **309-557-3662**.



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along with their spouse, for a special breakfast program that you will not want to miss. We have a trio of featured speakers, each for a short presentation, including Jed Mackey, Army veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Paul Lewis, Marine Corp hostage during the Iranian crisis and Garrett Anderson of the Chez Veterans Center at the U of IL. In

addition, Farm Bureau representatives

of other service branches will share a special recollection of their service. We will also highlight patriotic music under the direction of Jan Fisher. Our intent is to provide a sincere salute to those who have served our country. Please join us on November 8th.

Monday, November 8 at 8 a.m. Reservations due November 4 Call Brenda at 217-352-5235



All veterans will receive this cap.

November Report



Paul Hunsinaer, CCFB Preside

President, Paul Hunsinger

We have reached November and hopefully everyone is getting close to or is done with harvest. I know in some areas of the county we have seen some amazing high yield numbers!

Back in July I talked some about the "Waters of the United States" and how the Biden Administration wants to revamp those rule makings. The USEPA is looking for real life experiences from how the Waters of the United States impacted people across the country. IFB and AFBF are collecting stories that they can use for this purpose. If you have a story contact our office and we can put you in touch with the correct people from IFB so you can share your story.

I hope everyone stays safe and has a good Thanksgiving with family and friends!

Sincerely, Paul Hunsinger

Prime Timers Meeting

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
by November 8

Call the CCFB Office 217-352-5235

Meeting Date: November 11 at 10 a.m.
Program -Kevin Lighty, WCIA Meteorologist
Entertainment -Dyke Corson & Friend
Meal cost: \$8 per person

Important changes

• FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET IS BACK.

• No walk-ins.

• Call to reserve your spot.

CCFB Calendar of Events November 2021

November 8 Women's Committee 8 a.m. Veteran's Day Recognition

November 11 Prime Timers 10 a.m.
November 16 Governmental Affairs 7:30 a.m.
November 18 Full Board 6:30 p.m.

NEW CCFB Virtual Meetings are posted at www.ccfarmbureau.com

- Listen in as Karen Stallman discusses the Farm Family Initiative and how it helps farm families throughout Illinois.
- Trent Ford, Climatologist Featuring a weather report with Illinois' Climatologist
- Transportation issues during harvest with IFB's Rodney Knittel
- Catch the latest about Nutrient Management with Dr. Howard Brown from Illini FS
- Listen in as Nathan Hubbard, Country Financial Champaign-Vermilion Agency Manager, discusses the importance of insurance for young families.
- Follow Sarah Kaper, CCFB Foundation Ag in the Classroom Director, as she provides an update for Ag in the Classroom.
- Jim Goss, County Board member from District 1 visited with the Farm Bureau on the budget process and how things are proceeding with next year's County budget. Additionally, he spoke on the current situation with the jail, use of ARPA funds and redistricting.
- Director of State Legislation for Illinois Farm Bureau, Kevin Semlow walked through the recently passed Energy bill including Farm Bureau's opposition to that bill. Touching on ethics reform, redistricting, and a veto session. As an added bonus he mentioned how changes to the 2022 primary date may impact the spring session.
- What you need to know about Social Security with COUNTRY Financial



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Maggi's Membership Corner

By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

How is it November already, Farm Bureau members? These last few months especially, the time has been flying by.

This month, all of our committee meetings start back up after some time off in October. Prime Timer's is continuing their meetings with a change to the menu! Fried chicken is back. Check out the upper corner of page two for more details about the program and how to RSVP.

Each quarter throughout the year,

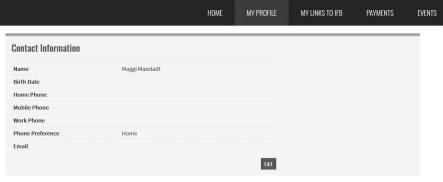
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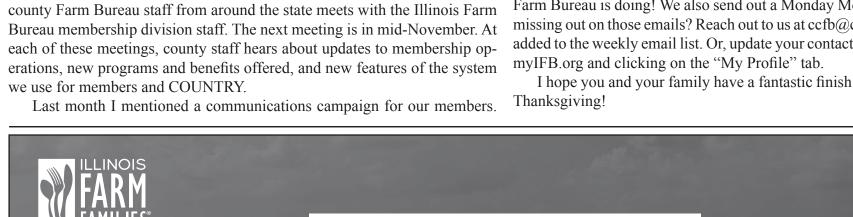
BREATHING EASIER

WITH BIOFUELS

This newsletter is just one of the ways for us to keep you updated on what the Farm Bureau is doing! We also send out a Monday Morning Update. Are you missing out on those emails? Reach out to us at ccfb@ccfarmbureau.com to be added to the weekly email list. Or, update your contact information by visiting

I hope you and your family have a fantastic finish to harvest and a Happy





Coal, oil and natural gas are limited resources that increase air pollution and contribute to climate change.

Air quality researchers have linked these emissions to increased respiratory diseases and other health problems.

Biofuels have a smaller environmental footprint and are a renewable resource made from corn and soybeans.

Ethanol alone can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 40% compared to regular gas, greatly improving air quality.1

RENEWABLE ENERGY, GROWN RIGHT HERE IN ILLINOIS

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the transportation sector accounts for 29% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions - which is primarily powered by gasoline.2 Currently, these fossil fuels are driving up CO2 emissions, contributing to climate change and human health issues. In the future, we may run out of these fossil fuel resources altogether.

The good news is, Illinois farm families are growing biofuels, a renewable fuel solution. Biodiesel is made from soybeans

and ethanol is made from corn. Illinois farmers grow more soybeans than any other state and are second in the nation for corn production. By increasing the use of biofuels, we can decrease the amount of harmful emissions from gasoline to protect our health and our climate.

While farmers are doing their part growing these biofuels in their fields, drivers can do their part at the pump:

• All vehicles that are a model year 2001 or newer can fuel up with a blend of 15% (E15, also called Unleaded 88).

- Flex-fuel vehicles can use a blend of up to 85% ethanol (E85).
- Diesel-fueled vehicles can opt for biodiesel when available.

What drivers gain in a cleaner fuel, they also gain in cost savings, as ethanol is typically a few cents cheaper per gallon. With a higher-octane number than gasoline, ethanol also provides increased power and performance.3



ELLIOTT UPHOFF

As a millennial farmer, Elliott thinks a lot about sustainability and his impact on the environment. With a degree in plant and soil sciences from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, he's able to see farming from a different angle. It's about more than just planting crops - a successful farmer must also take into consideration the soil beneath the growing crop and the air around it. That's why he has adopted smart farming practices and fuels up his semi-truck with biodiesel, a cleaner, locally grown fuel option.

FOR MORE, VISIT WATCHUSGROW.ORG

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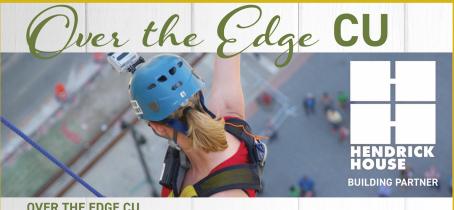
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OVER THE EDGE CU

Over the Edge CU is our newest fundraising event that is going to grab everyone's attention! Over 90 participants, who reach their donation goals, will have the opportunity to rappel 13 stories down Hendrick House next to the UI campus...and all of Champaign-Urbana will be watching! This event is open to the general public for participation and observation, and will include a street party, touch-a-tractor, DJ and more.

OVER THE EDGE CHAMPAIGN URBANA | FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022 Hendrick House - Urbana, Illinois







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KORY KRAUS, GENERAL MANAGER

FROM THE FIELD

Nitrogen loss and fungal pathogens are primary reasons for corn harvest yield disappointments in 2021. Nitrogen loss in the latter part of June was estimated from *Nu*-

TRACKER Plus sites between 30 and 100 pounds of N, not accounting for the loss of any mineralized N. The wet/dry



cycles of June-July provided an ideal environment for fungal pathogen development. The storm fronts that delivered the late-June rains also carried with them spores of Southern Rust. Each season will challenge producers with a new set of environmental conditions. The best we can do is a hedge against the potential risks by utilizing input management. Input management will provide the best opportunity to **Maximize** input utilization and **O**ptimize harvest yield while **M**inimizing environmental impact. It is truly "All About M.O.M."

The season for fall-applied anhydrous ammonia is here. The length of the 2021 application season will be determined by November weather. Reasons for considering fall anhydrous ammonia applications are much different this fall. Many producers are re-thinking a fall application to get some of the N applied if there are continued logistics and supply issues this spring. Recommended fall N management practices should be dusted off and followed. The calendar date is appropriate, and the soil temperature forecast suggests that soil temperatures will decline. The only considerations left are making sure a nitrification inhibitor, such as N-Serve or Centuro, is used and checking for soil sealing above the knife trench.

Potential for Nitrogen Loss. Regardless of when fall or early Spring N is applied, there will be a risk for N loss before plant utilization in 2022. It is all about how that risk is managed. Create an N Management Plan. Below is an example of a plan with three different times of application:

Fall or Early Spring Application: Knife or inject 50% N in the fall or early spring to hedge against an early dry period (drought). Nitrogen moves into the plant primarily by mass flow (with water). Injected N can be moved to the plant roots with subsurface soil water when the surface soil is dry. Only 50% of the crop's N budget is at risk of loss if soils are saturated or are leached before planting.

Pre-Plant Application: Apply 25% before planting time. The amount applied will be dependent upon the volume needed to apply for the weed control program. An application of 15 gallons of U.A.N. 32% will provide53 pounds of N, enough to help provide young corn seedlings start-up N.

Post-Emerge Applications: Apply 25% after the crop emerges. All N Management Plans need to consider how N can be applied to the young crop in situations when spring or early summer N loss occurs, like what happened in June 2021. There are a few options to apply N pre-tassel (Y-Drop?). Still, management practices can be considered to minimize the impact, such as using nitrification inhibitors with post-emerge N or applying anhydrous ammonia post-emerge.

How long does it take for ammonium-N to change to nitrate-N? Applied anhydrous ammonia takes approximately 2-3 weeks in warm, moist soil for nitrification to occur. The amount of time needed is extended with cooler soils and even further with a nitrification inhibitor. Nitrification inhibitors slow the activity of nitrifying bacteria, allowing the plant-available N to remain in a stable ammonium-N form (resists movement in soil due to ionic charge) for an extended period.

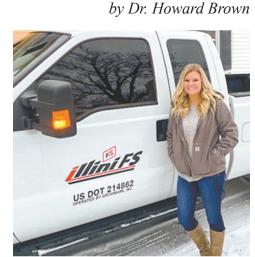
What will increase the risk of N loss? A warm November or early December may be enough to start the nitrification process. Once ammonium-N is converted to nitrate-N, it is vulnerable to soil water movement (leaching). Loss by denitrification (saturated soil) is less concern during the winter months with frozen soil. Microbes responsible for denitrification are not very active when soils are cold.

What comes first, tillage or application? Consider making anhydrous ammonia applications before primary tillage (subsoiling or deep chiseling). The risk of disturbing the zone of application (activity of nitrification inhibitor) is less than the risk of an uneven application and possible leakage due to a rough, shattered soil profile. Many primary tillage implements are designed to lift and drop with minimal soil stirring.

Illini F.S. welcomes Emily Wise to our Dewey location. Emily joined the Illini F.S. Team January of 2021 and was working out of our Leverett facility with Chad Barnes. Her new assignment is to work with Kurt Clapper delivering winning results

through innovative products, services and solutions. Emily looks forward to meeting producers as we enter the planning stages for the 2022 crop. Have a question about *NuTRACKER Plus*, Nutrients by Removal, Components of Sustainable High Yield, or *On-Farm Discovery?* Please give Emily an opportunity to share the value to your farming enterprise.

On-Farm Discovery just makes sense. New products, practices and technologies for production agriculture appear to be on hyper-drive, while little unbiased



Emily Wise

information demonstrating the return-on-investment of such investments is limited. High dollar management decisions are being made upon testimonials or third-party research funded by the product manufacturer. Does this make all such sources unreliable? No. However, it makes it nearly impossible to separate marketing from objective information. In an era of high input prices, there is little room for products that do not provide a consistent return-on-investment, the primary reason Illini FS continues to promote the program *On-Farm Discovery*. *On-Farm Discovery* is based upon farmer questions and is brought to life in farmer fields, using farmer data to validate crop response.

On-Farm Discovery is different from answer plots or research farms. On-Farm Discovery trails are placed within local fields where there is no recent history of production ag research, avoiding the risk of unintended crop response to treatments past. Illini FS will be publishing our 2021 On-Farm Discovery Trails Summary Report sometime in early December. Ask your local Illini FS Crop Specialist for a copy of the report or to share what we have learned in 2021. This year's report will include a section on what we learned from NuTRACKER Plus as well as the outcome of our Components of High Yielding Corn program. Don't miss the message our work delivers.

A new vision for production agriculture. "What got us to where we are at will not get us to where we need to go" is a phrase commonly used to describe how things change over time. It is time to rethink how we make our crop input decisions. Recommendations commonly used today are based upon growing conditions and practices somewhere during the 1960s-70s. Whether a soil sampling depth of seven inches (plow layer), ideal planting populations of less than 26,000, target yields of 160 bushels of corn and 50 bushels of soybeans, or a focus on N-P-K as the path to higher yields, the schematic for higher yields is changing. We are in an era of deeper-rooted corn plants, a benefit of transgenic rootworm resistance that allows roots to explore and extract nutrients well beyond the acre-furrow-slice. We are exploring plant populations well beyond 32,000 plants per acre and experimenting with narrow rows and equidistant spacing. Harvest yields less than 200-bushel corn and 60-bushel soybeans are now a disappointment. It is the right time to start the move to new strategies.

There are many new questions that need to be explored. It's time to focus on nutrient recommendations base upon crop removal (harvest yield), not a soil test. It is time to start identifying management zones within a field upon which input decisions of the future will be based, not a 2 ½ acre grid. It is time to focus on plant demand for nutrients, such as sulfur, zinc and boron, not just N, P and K. It is time to re-imagine what we have learned.

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innovative products, services and solutions. We don't have all the answers, but we know many ag professionals that do. We know how to search for the answers to questions that remain unanswered. Give us the

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opportunity to help you chart your way into a new decade of production agriculture. Visit with your local Illini F.S. Crop Specialist to learn more about a new approach. An approach that is grounded in both economic and environmental sustainability of the farming enterprise. Don't believe it? Give us a chance to show you. Give your crop specialist a call or give me a call (217-649-3527) and let's visit. Change can be good, especially when it is focused on M.O.M. :-)



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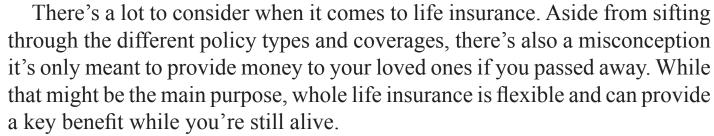
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Life (Insurance) Can Be **Full of Surprises**

by Christy McFarland countryfinancial.com



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Farmers Know More, Do **More About Soil Health**

My kids quickly mastered the abbreviations N, P and K during study sessions on the periodic table for middle school science. I couldn't explain why K stood for potassium other than phosphorous already used the letter P. Regardless, the kids memorized the elements knowing they impacted their lives as much as course grade.

Every fall, our farm samples the soil in our fields for levels of nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P), potassium (K), organic matter, pH, sulfur and various micro-nutrients. We review the collected data to identify deficiencies that need treatment. Like humans, the soil needs certain nutrients for its best health and performance. Where doctors order blood tests, farmers order soil tests for a health assessment that helps determine nutrient availability to crops and the soil's ability to support swift crop emergence and quality root development.

Armed with the know-how and technology, today's farmers can do more than ever to improve soil health. While N, P and K remain the industry standard macro-nutrients of the soil, we're now reviewing more components of the periodic table than previous generations. Micro-nutrients like boron (B), manganese (Mn), zinc (Zn) and copper (Cu) have their place in soil performance. We also assess organic matter, soil tilth and porosity and determine ways to improve them.

Minimal to no mechanical tillage reduces soil disturbance. Water management structures in fields prevent topsoil erosion. Cover



crops serve as a groundcover to hold soil in place, keep the soil active, store nutrients, retain moisture and improve the soil structure between cash crops. Like routine human exercise, we're learning the soil's health improves with year-round activity.

This fall, we're using an additional tool on the combine to level and break up crop residue, making the residual plant material smaller for microorganisms to decompose. The primary goals: More organic matter and nutrients for the soil. Crushed stalks also prove gentler on tires.

After harvest, we order soil tests with site-specific coordinates using global-positioning technology. Our agronomist then writes prescriptions for machines to variably apply the rate needed across specific areas of a field, making the most efficient, productive and environmentally conscious use of elements from the periodic table.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and cover crops and raise beef cattle and backyard chickens.



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2021-22 Winter Workshops **Monthly Business Development Series** October to February



Shop Local, Live Local is an Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) program that connects local food and farm businesses with Illinois communities. We're offering technical assistance and market opportunities for farms and businesses through our new series of monthly webinars, which runs October 2021 to February 2022. Most of these workshops will be delivered online. All trainings times shown are CST.

Take advantage of these unique sessions and register today at www.ilfb.org/LiveLocal.







FSMA Produce Safety Rule Certification Training

Space is limited to 30 attendees

November 4-5

Registration closes Sunday, October 17!



Find Your Right Fit: E-Commerce Platform Comparison - 4 Workshops Available

- WEEK 1 November 2: Food Hub / Aggregator
- WEEK 2 November 16: Wholesale
- WEEK 3 November 30: CSA / Subscription
- WEEK 4 December 14: Direct-to-Consumer

Cost: There is no fee for these workshops





Illinois Certified Farmers Market Manager Course

Beginning November 8 Cost: Illinois Farmers Market Association Member (ILFMA) \$250 / Non-Member \$350



Farmers Market Master Series

Beginning November 2021

Cost: ILFMA Members \$10 each webinar or \$35 per series of 4 webinars / Non-Member \$40 each webinar or \$100 per series



Julia Shanks Food Consulting QuickBooks Intensive Workshop

Beginning November 9

Cost: IFB Member \$15 | Non-Member \$50 Class is limited to 25 participants.

Fall Combine Rides

The Champaign County Farm Bureau recently invited several local lawmakers to spend time on the farm. Farmers opened up their combine doors to lawmakers and dedicated time getting to know them and educating them about the ins and outs of harvest.



CCFB Past President Chris Murray (middle) hosted combine rides for Samantha Carter (left) and Beth Vanichtheeranont (right).



Kyle Patterson (left) enjoyed a combine ride-along with Kevin Hunsinger (right).



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a voting member of the Champaign County Farm Bureau, a corporation organized under the law of Illinois, does hereby appoint and constitute Benjamin Rice of Sidney, Illinois, or failing him, Jason Watson of Villa Grove, Illinois, their true and lawful attorney to attend the annual meeting of the members of the Champaign County Farm Bureau to be held in the Champaign County Farm Bureau Building, Champaign, Illinois on the 20th day of January, 2022 and any and all adjustments thereof, and to vote for this member as its proxy and representative, the one vote which the member would be entitled to cast if actually present, upon any and all things competent to said member, as may in their judgement be necessary or advantageous for all interests of this corporation.

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October Prime Timers hosted Kaci Dunnum from Eastern Illinois Foodbank (pictured above) and entertainment was provided by Logan Kirby.

Champaign County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 110th Annual Meeting of the Champaign County Farm Bureau is called for Thursday, January 20th, 2022 at the Champaign County Farm Bureau, 801 N. Country Fair Dr, Champaign, IL.

The business meeting will begin at 6 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of any business which may be properly presented.

Directors from the following townships will be elected:

Compromise – Ludlow – Newcomb – Philo – Raymond – Sadorus
 St. Joseph – Scott – Somer

Minutes of the 2021 CCFB Annual Meeting will be printed in the December edition of the CCFB newsletter.