

# November Election Is Right Around The Corner

## November 8, 2022

The clock is ticking and Election Day, November 8th, is coming up quick. Champaign County voters will be casting their votes for the next governor and on a proposed amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution. County board seats are up for grabs. Cunningham Township, Condit Township, and the Mahomet-Seymour School District voters will see referendums listed on their ballots as well. These races are just a small sample of what you may see on your ballot. Voter choices can be overwhelming as you fill out the ballot. Taking a few minutes to plan in advance can cut down on indecision on Election Day.

The Champaign County Clerk’s website offers information specific to each registered voter. Visiting [www.champaigncountyclerk.com](http://www.champaigncountyclerk.com) allows voters to check individual registration status, update voter information, request a mail in ballot, find polling places, learn about elected officials, and view voting districts.

Early voting began on September 29th and will run through November 7th. Early voting allows voters to receive ballots by mail or visit temporary election sites prior to the November 8th election. All early voting

centers are available to any voter; a complete list of early voting centers can be found on the County Clerk’s website. In other words, regardless of your address, you can vote early at any of the early voter sites listed on the clerk’s website.

Educated voters make a difference in elections. Reviewing your sample ballot can help you make the best decision when completing your ballot. Sample ballots are identical to your actual ballot. Voters in Champaign County have access to their individualized sample ballot by completing a series of steps on the county clerk’s website which includes a search with the last four digits of your social security number and your driver’s license/state id number. Redistricting has taken effect and many voters now reside in different districts for races like county board, the state legislature, and the U.S. House of Representatives. Please take time to view your sample ballot and make educated choices for all of the races on the ballot.

Voting in the United States is a privilege that each cycle gets taken for granted by thousands of registered voters. Let’s make sure you perform your civic duty and vote in this election!

VOTE EARLY

EARLY VOTING HAPPENING NOW  
SEPTEMBER 29-NOVEMBER 7

### Dates & Events

General Election: 2022 Dates to Know

Date	Description
August 10	First day for vote by mail applications
September 29	Early voting begins, vote by mail ballots mailed
October 12	Grace period registration and voting begins
October 23	Last day for online voter registration
November 3	Last day for VBM applications by mail
November 7	Last day of early voting
November 8	General Election Day

### Election Judges Are In High Demand, Both Democrat And Republican!

*Election judges ensure that voting locations run smoothly and voters are given access to voting booths. Applying to become a judge begins with an online application through the county clerk’s office. Judges must meet a list of requirements which includes a four-hour training and test. Don’t delay if you have interest in becoming an election judge.*

# Friend of Agriculture Awards



Friend of Agriculture Award featured left to right: Illinois State Senator Scott Bennett and CCFB Board Member Mark Hortin.

Champaign County Farm Bureau presented five state legislators on behalf of Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) ACTIVATOR with “Friend of Agriculture” awards. IFB ACTIVATOR is Illinois Farm Bureau’s political action committee. ACTIVATOR helps elect candidates who work for Farm Bureau’s interests in Washington and Springfield. AC-



Friend of Agriculture Award featured left to right: CCFB Board Member Mark Hortin, IL State Senator Chapin Rose, and CCFB Board Member Benjamin Rice.

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Illinois State Senator Chapin Rose (51st District), Illinois State Senator Scott Bennett (52nd District), Illinois State Representative Brad Halbrook (102nd District), Illinois State



Friend of Agriculture Award featured left to right: State Representative Mike Marron and CCFB Board Member Mark Hortin.

Representative Mike Marron (104th District), and Illinois State Representative Dan Caulkins (101st District) continue to work on behalf of Illinois farmers, show support for on-farm issues, and advocate for the farm community.

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# October Report



Paul Hunsinger, CCFB President

## President, Paul Hunsinger

Harvest is here and there are a lot of combines and tractors out running. Hopefully harvest is running smooth for everyone so far. From talking with farmers around the county I've heard a big range of yields so far due to some areas of the county being so dry this summer. Even though the crop may not be quite what we all expected, harvest is still my favorite time of year. Getting to work with family to bring the crop in is always a fun time.

As we continue through harvest, I hope everyone stays safe while they're in the fields, filling bins, driving machinery down the roads or driving and meeting those big machines coming down the road. Take your time and be extra careful so that we can all make it home after a long days work.

Sincerely,  
Paul Hunsinger

## CCFB Calendar of Events October 2022

October 10 Women's Committee 9:30 a.m.  
October 13 Prime Timers 10 a.m.

\*\*\*Most committees DO NOT meet in October due to harvest\*\*\*

## More Friend of Agriculture Awards



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## Rural Road Safety during harvest season

1. Remain Alert
2. Watch for Slow-Moving Vehicles
3. Be Patient
4. Slow Down
5. Maintain a Safe Following Distance
6. Pass With Caution
7. Share the Road Safely

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## Prime Timers Meeting RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by October 10 Call the CCFB Office 217-352-5235

Meeting Date: October 13, 2022

Program: Dustin Heuerman, Champaign County Sheriff

Entertainment: Dan Ryan Express

Meal cost: \$8 per person

### Important Information

### • FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

- No walk-ins
- Call to reserve your spot

## Women's Committee

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

### Calendar of Events

Monday, October 10th –General Meeting  
Featured Speakers, Vicky Welser, Retired Senior Volunteer Program providing information on programs available for seniors in Champaign County and volunteer opportunities.

## September 1st Women's Committee Event Cancelled

## Restaurant & Well Inspection CANCELLED – RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2023

Details will be released closer to the 2023 date.

The Women's Committee apologizes for the cancellation of this very important and interesting presentation. However, we have rescheduled for April, 2023, and more details will follow as the date nears.

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

Sarah Michaels, Director of Environmental Health, Champaign County and Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

And

### "What you should know about Private Water Wells and Well Water Testing"

Jeff Blackford, Program Coordinator, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District





# 2022 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU TRIPS AND TOURS

Time is running out to join CCFB members as they travel to shows across the Midwest! Trips fill up fast so call 217-352-5235 today.

November 2, 2022 (Wednesday Matinee)

**Doublewide Texas, Myers  
Dinner Theatre – Hillsboro, IN**

Price per person: \$89.00 – Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: October 3, 2022



December 14, 2022 (Wednesday Matinee)

**White Christmas – Myers Dinner  
Theatre – Hillsboro, IN**

Price per person: \$95.00 – Gratuity included in price

Deadline to register or cancel reservations is: November 7, 2022



## Maggi's Membership Corner

By Maggi Maxstadt, CCFB Membership & Outreach Coordinator

Welcome to fall, Farm Bureau members! I talked in August about how busy of a month it was set to be. Between catch up from August and how incredibly fast September went, I've been catching up on correspondence and projects.

August is the busiest time of my year as CCFB looks to make membership quota. Like I told you that month, our "quota" number is determined by Illinois Farm Bureau. We hit both numbers on the dot for the year end on August 31st. I know there are big changes to the quota program for the 2023 membership year, which won't

impact me.

Throughout the next few months, our members are getting ready for harvest, the holidays, Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Chicago, and the CCFB annual meeting towards the end of January.

A question Brenda and I have been receiving a LOT is about plat books. The newest ones will be out in February 2023. They used to be published every two years, but are now coming out every three. We have a limited supply of the 2020 plat book in our office for those that need to buy a copy ASAP. The price for members

is \$27.50.

If you're missing out on our weekly emails or didn't receive a text when your membership was paid, please reach out to the office or visit your membership page at myIFB.org to update your contact information.

On behalf of the Farm Bureau staff, I wanted to say THANK YOU to those members who were able to join us at the numerous events and meetings we held throughout the summer. From Burger Bash's to the Toolshed meetings, and our Membership Appreciation Picnic to meals "On the Road" in Champaign County, we appreciate



YOU, our members! Be safe during harvest time, and we'll talk to you in November!

## 'Til Death Do Us Part

### Farmers share profound commitment to the land

Grandpa expressed concern about three things when he left the hospital: Getting home to the farm. Making sure the yard was mowed. And checking that the crops were planted.

He died on May 21 in a makeshift bedroom in the farmhouse living room on the farm where he had raised crops, hogs, cattle and a family. The grass had been mowed, and we finished planting corn and soybeans 48 hours before his death.

This fall, we harvest the first crop without our "S-1," his call sign on our two-way radios. Rather, our family and employees remember him across the terraces at Ostrows, the timber-lined fields of the Hurlbutt farm, and the rich and flat black soils of the Billtown 80 field. We sense him in the calm, pre-dawn air as early as 4:30 a.m., when he witnessed the earth wake around him. And we see him in our pastures, where his cows' genetics live on in our farm's herd today.

I cannot adequately express the powerful connection farmers have to the land – to take care of it until death do them part. The land intertwined with each of Grandpa's dying wishes. And while his body shut down, we determinedly fulfilled one wish while planting the same fields he had cared for during his career the previous half century.

Throughout Grandpa's lifetime, he witnessed some of the most incredible advancements in agriculture. U.S. farm production tripled with innovations in animal and crop genetics, chemicals and equipment that reduced environmental impact while improving productivity. As a youngster, Grandpa's family used horses to plow, plant and cultivate. By age 80, he operated a 500-horsepower tractor hands-free, guided by satellites. Until 85, Grandpa and I worked together during fall harvest, operating grain auger carts that took turns collecting grain from the combines and then filling the grain trucks. After school, the kids called dibs for a ride in the tractor with "Gramps" to enjoy both his company and the red licorice that Granny packed in his lunch box.

The week of Grandpa's death, my brother and I stopped to see him one morning before heading to the field. We talked about crops, cattle, the weather and my new roles with equipment operation on the farm. I choked to silence



when his hands clenched mine at my departure. His palm, fingers and knuckles were as thick, stout and strong as any working hand could come.

"One thing I never got to do was ride with you in the tractor," he said.

He rides in my heart.

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, backyard chickens and farm kids.

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## Fall Lesson Topics

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# Flight Night for Agriculture

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## Grounded in Ag Begins in October

Help us keep agriculture front and center in Champaign County classrooms! Our Ag in the Classroom program impacts 1500+ students per month through hands-on, memorable classroom lessons about where our food, fiber, and fuel come from.

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## Farmer Health in Agriculture

by Chris Coplan @countryfinancial.com

A recent survey sponsored by **The American Farm Bureau Federation** shows that 82% of farmers and farmworkers shared that mental health is important to them, with topics such as farm finances, business issues and fear of losing the farm impacting their mental health. This **National Farm Safety and Health Week**, COUNTRY Financial® and the Illinois Farm Bureau are urging farmers and their families to shift safety into high gear.

Farm families experience frequent stress as they participate in operations that are active 24/7. As family farms are handed down to new generations, younger farmers have likely not experienced layered stresses and should seek assistance in coping.

“This year is the perfect storm with added economic and environmental pressures,” says Luke Raymond, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor with OSF Healthcare in Peoria, IL. “I’d encourage all farmers to find someone they trust to have regular conversations with. Mental Health issues are hard for many farmers to talk about or even get access to services in rural areas. That is why many health institutions, like OSF, are adding digital platforms, monitored by a live person, where farmers can log on in privacy and reach out for help.”

Raymond recommends that families review a checklist of signs and symptoms that may indicate mental health needs, such as one provided by the **Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center**.

“Most farms in Illinois are family-owned and operated,” adds Eric Vanasdale, Loss Control Supervisor for COUNTRY Financial. “Family members and friends can help step up and be the eyes and ears that can step in and provide a needed intervention to keep everyone safe, especially in busier times such as harvest.”

Here are some steps farm families can take to help a farmer remain safe this harvest season:

1. Listen attentively and without judgement. Try to understand where they are coming from.
2. Share your concerns about his/her behavior, mood, appearance, etc. Ask questions about changes you observe.
3. Encourage them to reach out to an expert such as a professional counselor.



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## From The Field

*by Dr. Howard Brown*

**THE OUTCOME OF THE 2022 HARVEST** will be as diverse as the differences in growing environments experienced. During critical growth periods, areas of hot, dry weather will exhibit smaller-than-desired ears. Fields that received little rain throughout summer will have poor stalk integrity. Areas that received rain following the hot, dry weather during pollination will have green plants with drying grain caused by a limited ear and healthy plant. Plant tissues (leaves and sheaths) may have a reddish tint, a sign of accumulated sugars that could not be stored in the grain (no room). Evaluate what can be changed in 2022 to improve nutrient management and reduce plant stress. Visit your local Illini F.S. Crop Specialist about what we learned and how we can help reduce risks in 2023.

### GUIDELINES FOR SOIL SAMPLING

1. Collect soil samples a season before the information will be used to make nutrient recommendations. If nutrients are to be applied following harvest, pull samples in the Spring. If nutrients are to be applied in the Spring of the year, collect samples in the fall.
2. Collect soil samples at the same time of year and following the same crop. Consistency with timing and previous crop increases the value of watching the trend of test levels, increasing or decreasing over time.
3. Be consistent with sampling depth and location. Minimizing as many differences as possible will increase the value of soil testing. The goal is to measure change over time due to cropping practices, not location, depth, previous crop, or timing of sample collection.
4. Use the same soil testing lab if possible. Although soil testing procedures have been standardized, minor differences at the lab level can result in differences in test outcomes. Use the same lab over time to avoid these differences.

### SOIL TESTING CONSIDERATIONS

1. Use robotic sampling to increase the accuracy and precision of sample collection. The best results are achieved when sampling depth and location are not significant variables. Going back to the exact location minimizes unique variation. Collecting samples at a consistent depth reduces the influence of stratification on the test outcome. Illini F.S. uses Rogo Ag (<https://rogoag.com/>) to robotically collect soil samples.
2. Move to a 12-inch sampling depth. Over the past two decades, genetic contributions have ushered in a new corn root system capable of exploring more of the soil profile. The adoption of conservation practices allows roots to explore deeper into the soil profile. Why 12 inches? Research quantifying Plant-Available Nitrogen (P.A.N.) collects samples to a 12-inch depth. Why not bring together a sampling depth to accommodate N, the primary input cost in corn production and one of the primary impairments of surface water. Keep in mind current nutrient recommendations are calibrated at a 7-inch depth. **Nutrient applications will be recommended more often due to the additional five inches of lower soil profile.**
3. NuTRACKER Plus is a way to learn about the dynamics of plant-available N and other nutrients over time. Expecting consistent yields above 225 bushels per acre will require attention to nutrients beyond P, K, and soil pH. Try the new management tool with a test site in 2023.
4. Shift to an eight-year sample cycle. Utilize soil tests to determine direction change, whether up or down. If soil pH is a concern, collect samples from lower pH areas after four years to monitor the need for lime applications. Reallocate saved input costs to explore other ways to improve nutrient management system decisions. Try NuTRACKER Plus. Give it a try.



**BUILD A 2023 NITROGEN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.** Each growing season will be different from the past. Late-applied N in 2021 would have added bushels to harvest yield in many fields due to N losses in late June 2021. Post-applied N in 2022 is likely close to where it was applied, since there was no water to move it into the plant or move it from the site of application.



Plan an N Management System that will hedge against environmental risk. Utilize the 4Rs of nutrient management by considering the source, rate, timing, and placement. An example of a system approach is utilizing fall-applied or early Spring anhydrous ammonia with stabilizer at or below 50% of the total 2023 N budget. Nitrogen is injected closer to subsurface soil water, which will be utilized by plants when the soil surface is dry. Carry herbicides with U.A.N. and apply 25% of the N budget as a broadcast starter, providing readily available N to the seedlings and offsetting immobilization of soil N that may occur with residue incorporation. Consider leaving 25% of N for a post-emerge application. The last pass allows corrective action if N loss is suspected due to weather conditions or is detected utilizing NuTRACKER Plus. Note: If the timing between the pre-and post-emerge application is close, consider making the N Management System a two-pass with the remaining 50% applied with

herbicides pre-plant.

### MAKE PLANS FOR CROP INPUTS AND CONFIRM PRODUCTS AND SUPPLY.

Make time to sit down with your ag retailer and discuss potential issues surrounding product availability. A great Nutrient Management Plan has no value if products are unavailable when needed. Make fall applications of P and K sooner rather than later. While most warehouses are full, any logistical or supply issues will likely surface toward the end of the application season.

There is no agronomic reason to delay a planned fall P and K application unless it is related to an anticipated significant rain event within a day or two after a scheduled application. The soil will fix a significant amount of applied nutrients (rendered insoluble) within a week or two following an application.

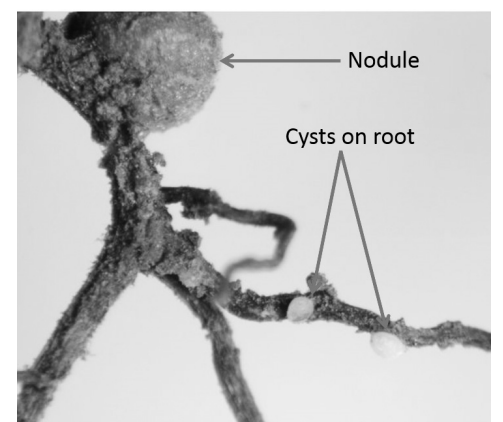
**PLAN TO TEST NEW PRODUCTS AND PRACTICES** this Fall with On-Farm Discovery, your questions, your fields, and your data. Does applying sulfur, boron, or zinc add to my farm profitability? Will there be a yield response to an application of manganese on corn? There is no better way to uncover the answer to these and other questions than to test for a crop response utilizing your farming practices and field environments you have built over time. The future of input management will be managing environments within the field. What improves yield in one area may not do the same in another. Now is the time to build management zones based on harvest yield.

**NUTRIENTS BY REMOVAL IS THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** that will sustain high yields. What the crop removes from the soil varies across the field, with little correlation with soil tests. While soil testing will remain a part of the nutrient management system, it will primarily determine whether the plant-available nutrient trend is higher or lower over time. If 300 bushels are harvested from a specific field area, nutrients should be applied to offset the removal. Learn how to utilize harvest yield data to make nutrient applications. Visit your local Illini F.S. Crop Specialist to learn how we are growing this approach to nutrient management.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CROP NUTRIENT REMOVAL** in your fields? Illini F.S. offers a program that estimates nutrient removal based on positionally collected grain samples and records harvest yield. Illini F.S. will provide the kits that make it easy to participate. The cost of the management tool is \$30 per site. Consider checking for removal in various areas based on yield and topography. Preliminary work in 2022 suggests removal rates are below current removal estimates for most nutrients. What does that mean? I don't know, but I am excited to explore the new question. Give it a try. Ask your Illini F.S. Crop Specialist for harvest kits. Is the test only for corn? No. We need to explore removing all our primary crops if we plan to improve nutrient management by **Maximizing** utilization, **Optimizing** profitability, and **Minimizing** loss. It is "All About M.O.M."

**IT IS TIME TO TRY COVER CROPS.** Illini F.S. has committed to seeding over 3,500 acres of cereal rye ahead of the 2023 soybean crop. The 40-foot DB 7600 HD Great Plains Drill is calibrated, and the operators and tender drivers are selected. Illini F.S. is exploring how to evaluate the profitability of cover crops directly from soil improvements and economic return and indirectly from participation in carbon credit trading opportunities. We plan to document our journey with the drill and to seed over the next few weeks. Visit [www.thinkstewardship.com](http://www.thinkstewardship.com) for updates and videos that feature our journey.

**SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE.** Access field for Soybean Cyst Nematode Populations following soybean harvest. Populations of the pest should be at a peak, making it easier to identify the problem. Areas identified with high cyst counts following soybeans will provide a great testing ground for cyst-fighting technologies the next time soybeans are planted. Visit your local Illini F.S. Crop Specialist about Soybean Cyst Nematode testing and the products available to manage the pest.



**WE ARE GROWING THE LIST OF NUTRIENTS** to consider for the 2023 corn crop. Nu-TRACKER Plus has identified the potential need for supplemental manganese. Both soil and tissue samples collected from multiple sites in 2022 suggest the need for a supplemental application. On-Farm Discovery efforts will focus on testing for crop response across a wider area. Do you want to learn more about crop response to manganese in your fields? Contact your local Illini F.S. Crop Specialist to participate in our 2023 On-Farm Discovery Trials.

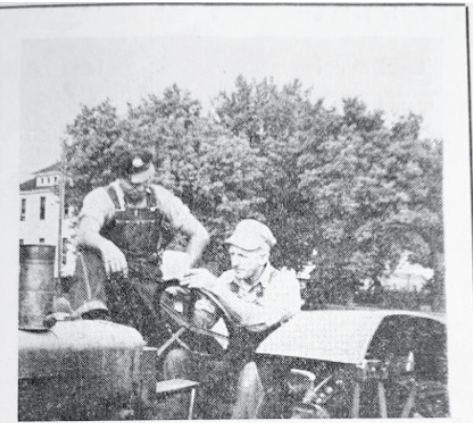
**HARVEST TIME IS A TIME TO THINK ABOUT SAFETY.** Practice safe operation of farm equipment. Have a Safety meeting with those harvesting the crop with you. Define the ground rules to ensure safety. Schedule breaks throughout the day to stay alert. Stay aware of those around you, especially young children or people unfamiliar with farm equipment. Have a safe harvest season.



A Look Back...100 Volumes of CCFB History

Looking back this month we will visit 1940, 1973, and 2006 reflecting on the events, photos, and articles that made headlines in Champaign County.

October 1940 – A photo highlighting John Eichelberger was displayed on the front page of this issue. John can be seen sitting on his tractor to help promote special spring discounts available through the Service Company.



John Eichelberger, Rantoul, Illinois, takes advantage of the Service Company's spring discount on motor oil, grease and fly spray. He placed an order for 115 gallons of oil; 100 lbs. grease and 15 gallons Fly Spray with Eldon Foster, Fisher, truck salesman. Farmers this time of year are taking advantage of the special spring discounts now in affect. You should see your truck salesman promptly for you to take advantage of this price protection and saving.

October 1973 – A photo featuring the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, left, chats with Harold B. Steele, center, IAA President, and Lyle E. Grace, right, of Urbana, IAA Director, during the cabinet officer’s visit with the IAA Board of Directors September 19. Secretary Butz visited the Farm Bureau leaders in Bloomington following his appearance at the anniversary observance of

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CCFB News also featured a monthly column titled “ladies’ chat-ter.” Just like in the current newsletter a tried and true recipe was shared for members to try and enjoy. In this issue Mary Nelson shared one of her favorite recipes for **HOMEMADE ICE CREAM (Makes 1 gallon)**

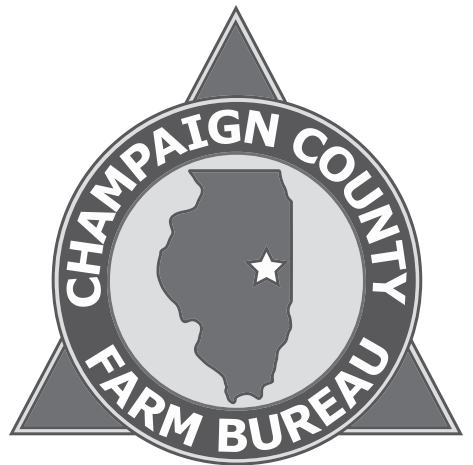
- Custard:
- 1 quart milk
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup sifted cake flour
- 2 eggs
- Pinch of salt

Heat milk in double boiler or heavy pan. Beat eggs until light. Add sugar gradually, beating until mixture thickens. Add flour and salt. Mix thoroughly. Stir a small portion of the hot milk into egg mixture. Return all of egg mixture to hot milk and cook until thick and custard like, stirring constantly.

- ADD:
- 1 quart milk
- 1 pint of whipping cream
- 3 Junket tablets (dissolved in 1 T. Cold water)
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Pour into can and freeze using ice-salt mixture in proportion recommend for freezer.

October 2006 – CCFB members Chris Hausman and Joe Burke participated in the AITC Bike Ride to raise funds for Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom. Cyclists traveled the Chicagoland area stopping at area schools to teach them about the importance of agriculture.



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# Drainage Meeting

Champaign County Farm Bureau hosted a very well attended Drainage District meeting at the end of August. Attendees

listened to speakers cover several topics including the roles and responsibilities of a commissioner; assessment and levy

process; cleaning up landowner roles, accuracy of landowner roles; absentee landowners and tips for working with them; Open Meetings Act; overall drainage law, a history lesson; drainage debasements; impact of utility projects on drainage.



## Women's Committee Ag Day At The Orchard



The CCFB Women's Committee had a wonderful day, Saturday, September 17th, hosting an agriculture education event at Curtis Orchard! Over 140 children and their families participated in the event and enjoyed learning about the importance of agriculture. Hands on activities provided by Sarah Kaper, Ag in the Classroom Director included: apple testing, seed identification, butter making, the pumpkin life cycle, and making apple pie in a cup. Posters were displayed showing how Agriculture plays a role in Football and Baseball, as well. The children enjoyed learning and many positive comments were received from family members. Each family took home an Activity Book filled with ag facts and information.

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

*Submitted by Karen Reitmeier*

### Pumpkin Bars

- 4 eggs
- 1 2/3 C. sugar
- 1 C. oil
- 16 oz. can pumpkin
- 2 C. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda

### FROSTING:

- 3 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 C. butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 C. powdered sugar

Beat eggs, sugar and oil until fluffy. Add rest of ingredients together. Pour in ungreased 15x10x1" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool pumpkin bars and frost.

This recipe appears in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Flatville, 1990 congregational cookbook. The recipe was submitted by Pat Flessner. This is a very easy recipe and whenever I bring it someplace, I always receive compliments on the bars.

### Apple Pie in a Cup

Serves 6-8

What You Will Need:

- Graham Cracker Crumbs
- 1 can (21oz) Apple Pie Filling
- 1 can Whipped Cream
- Cinnamon (optional)
- Small Cups

Activity Instructions:

1. Place a tablespoon of graham cracker crumbs in each small cup.
2. Add a spoonful of apple pie filling to each cup.
3. Top with whipped cream and cinnamon.
4. Serve immediately.

### Did you Know...

- Apples are 84% water.
- It takes about 15 years for a tree grown from a seed to produce an apple.
- Americans eat an average of 16 pounds of apples each year.
- The GoldRush apple is Illinois' State Fruit.

To learn more about Apples, check out the Apple Ag Mag by Illinois Ag in the Classroom.

### Ask Yourself...

- What color are the pumpkins that you see?
- How do the pumpkins smell?
- What does the pumpkin feel like?
- Do pumpkins make any sounds?
- Could we eat this pumpkin?

### Pumpkin Life Cycle

To learn more about Pumpkins, check out the Pumpkin Ag Mag by Illinois Ag in the Classroom.