

The Friday Leader

News from the Champaign County Farm Bureau

News for the Week Ending Friday, July 10th, 2015

This Week's Hot Topics

- RIVER UPDATE - CME Group on Thursday lifted Illinois River terminal 'force majeure' for corn and soybean futures deliveries.
- AVIAN FLU - Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa says he's disappointed that the Obama administration has turned down Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad's request for a presidential disaster declaration to help the state's poultry producers recover from losses due to highly pathogenic avian influenza.
- CALORIES ON MENUS - The [Food and Drug Administration](#) is giving restaurants and other food purveyors an additional year to comply with new rules that require calorie counts on menus. The new deadline is December 2016.

- **WHO'S WELL OFF** - On a global scale, the vast majority of Americans are either upper-middle income or high income. And many Americans who are classified as "poor" by the U.S. government would be middle income globally, according to a new [Pew Research Center](#) analysis.
- **FARM PROFITABILITY** – According to [USDA's Economic Research Service](#), 79% to 86% of retirement, off-farm occupation, and low-sales farms are in the "red zone", indicating a very low return to farming. The share of farms in the red zone drops rapidly for the remaining family farm types, those with moderate sales and higher.
- **NO ANTIBIOTICS** – Meatingplace.com reports Perdue Farms announced it is now raising more than half of its chickens without antibiotics of any kind and will launch six new national television ads featuring Jim Perdue discussing the company's progress on reducing antibiotic use in poultry.
- **BIG DAIRY** - Chinese and Russian investors are collaborating to build a 100,000-cow dairy - the largest in the world - in northeast China to supply milk and cheese to the Russian market. That's more than three times larger than Fair Oaks Dairy in Indiana.

- CARDBOARD CHECKOFF - [Manufacturers of building products](#), paper and cardboard are trying to recast consumers' negative perceptions about their industries by establishing a program similar to agricultural checkoffs.
- MIDDLE CLASS – Pew Research says only 16% of the world's population was living on \$20 or more daily, a little above the U.S. poverty line. By global standards, that constitutes an upper-middle or high-income existence.
- EL NINO – The National Weather Service says there's a greater than 90% chance that El Niño will continue through Northern Hemisphere winter 2015-16, and around an 80% chance it will last into early spring 2016.

Mark Your Calendar!

JULY 11, 2015 (ALL DAY EVENT)

Foundation Pull 4 Agriculture

Olde Barn Sporting Clays
26628 State Highway 133
Oakland, IL 61943

JULY 13, 2015 *FROM 09:00AM TO 12:00PM*

Women's Committee

CCFB
801 N Country Fair Dr
Champaign, IL 61821

July 14, 2015 7:30a.m.

Legislative Meeting**

JULY 20, 2015 AT 05:00PM

CDL Course Registration Deadline – Call the office with questions and to
register!!

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801 N Country Fair Dr
Champaign, IL 61821

Great Opportunity!!!

Today in History

- 1890 Wyoming became the 44th state
- 1962 Telstar, the world's first communications satellite, is launched into orbit.
- 1978 World News Tonight premieres on ABC
- 1999 The U.S. women's soccer team win the World Cup

The Grain Handling Safety Coalition is interested in finding out what types of safety training people want, need, and would attend.

Please take a few minutes to share your opinion by completing this brief (5 minute) survey - (click on this link) [GHSC Survey](#) before August 1, 2015.

You can also copy and paste <http://goo.gl/forms/gSwXAppPgb> into your browser's url to reach the survey.

All answers are anonymous. This survey is part of a research project and distributed in cooperation with the sender. The Grain Handling Safety Coalition nor the independent third party evaluator has access to any personal information or email addresses and they will NOT be contacting survey participants.

The Grain Handling Safety Coalition (GHSC) formed after the July 28, 2010 grain bin incident in Mt. Carroll, IL which killed 2 young workers and left another trapped for several hours. The GHSC is a group of volunteers with connections to the grain industry representing commercial elevators, producers (farmers), educators, rural health, insurers, manufacturers and other agribusinesses. The GHSC works in cooperation with others to develop and deliver educational resources and training programs on grain safety issues

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www.grainsafety.org.

Thank you for your time and sharing your opinion!

Sincerely,

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*“Champaign County Farm Bureau will strive to assist families in agriculture
by recognizing and responding to issues of concern while strengthening
partnerships and improving farm family life for this and future generations.”*