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CCFB Leaders Take Agriculture's Voice to Washington

By: Kirk Builta



County Farm Bureau Leaders from around Illinois gathered in DC to meet with elected officials and policy makers. CCFB President Doug Downs and First Vice President Adam Sharp were among the attendees.



(left to right) Illinois Farm Bureau Director of National Legislation Rebecca Barnett, CCFB 1st Vice President Adam Sharp, Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski, and University of Illinois Student Alex Paul sat down for a wide-ranging conversation in Representative Budzinski's office on Capitol Hill

Champaign County Farm Bureau had a seat at the table in Washington, D.C., as CCFB President Doug Downs and First Vice President Adam Sharp participated in the Illinois Farm Bureau's Leaders to Washington trip.

The three-day trip to the nation's capital gives county Farm Bureau leaders an opportunity to take the concerns and priorities of local farmers directly to policymakers while also gaining a firsthand look at the issues being debated in Washington.

Downs and Sharp joined other Illinois Farm Bureau leaders for briefings on the Farm Bill and other national agricultural policy issues before meeting with officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Their schedule included discussions with representatives from the Farm Service Agency, Risk Management Agency and USDA Rural Development.

The group's agenda also included meetings on Capitol Hill with members of Illinois' congressional delegation and their staffs, including U.S. Representatives Nikki Budzinski and Mary Miller, as well as visits with the offices of U.S. Senators Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin. The group also met with Senate Agriculture Committee staff to dive deeper into farmer concerns surrounding the Farm Bill.

For Sharp, the trip reinforced the importance of farmers meeting directly with elected officials and advocating for farms and farm families.

"We had the opportunity to sit in the Senate Agriculture Committee room during the Farm Bill markup, and it was an incredible experience to see our government at work on policy that directly affects me as a farmer," Sharp said. "Just as meaningful was meeting with our representatives and hearing firsthand that Farm Bureau is respected for truly representing its members. It was a great reminder of why it's so important for farmers to have a voice in Washington."

Downs also came away with a new perspective on how agricultural policy is shaped after watching the Senate Agriculture Committee work through the Farm Bill.

"To be sitting just 10 feet from U.S. Senators as they discussed, debated and ultimately advanced the Farm Bill out of committee was an incredible experience," Downs said. "We were able to watch each Senator and their staff make their case for the priorities that mattered to them. You hear about this process all the time, but actually being in the room and seeing it happen gives you a whole new appreciation for how agricultural policy is shaped."

Beyond Capitol Hill, the trip provided a broader look at the policies affecting agriculture. Stops included the Embassy of Canada for a discussion on agriculture and trade, as well as meetings with the White House Office of Public Liaison and the National Security Council.

Another highlight was a visit to the White House grounds and the Eisenhower Executive Office Building for high-level meetings with the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

For CCFB, participation in Leaders to Washington is about more than learning how policy is made. It is about making sure the people making those decisions hear directly from those who live and work in agriculture.

Downs and Sharp's participation helped bring the experiences, challenges and priorities of Champaign County farmers into those conversations — while bringing valuable information and connections back home to CCFB members.

That direct connection between members and policymakers is at the heart of Farm Bureau's grassroots advocacy efforts. **When agriculture has a voice at the table, our members help shape the conversation.**

Interested in attending a future trip to Washington, D.C., or participating in other Illinois Farm Bureau programs? Contact the CCFB office or Manager Kirk Builta to learn more.

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August Report



Doug Downs, CCFB President

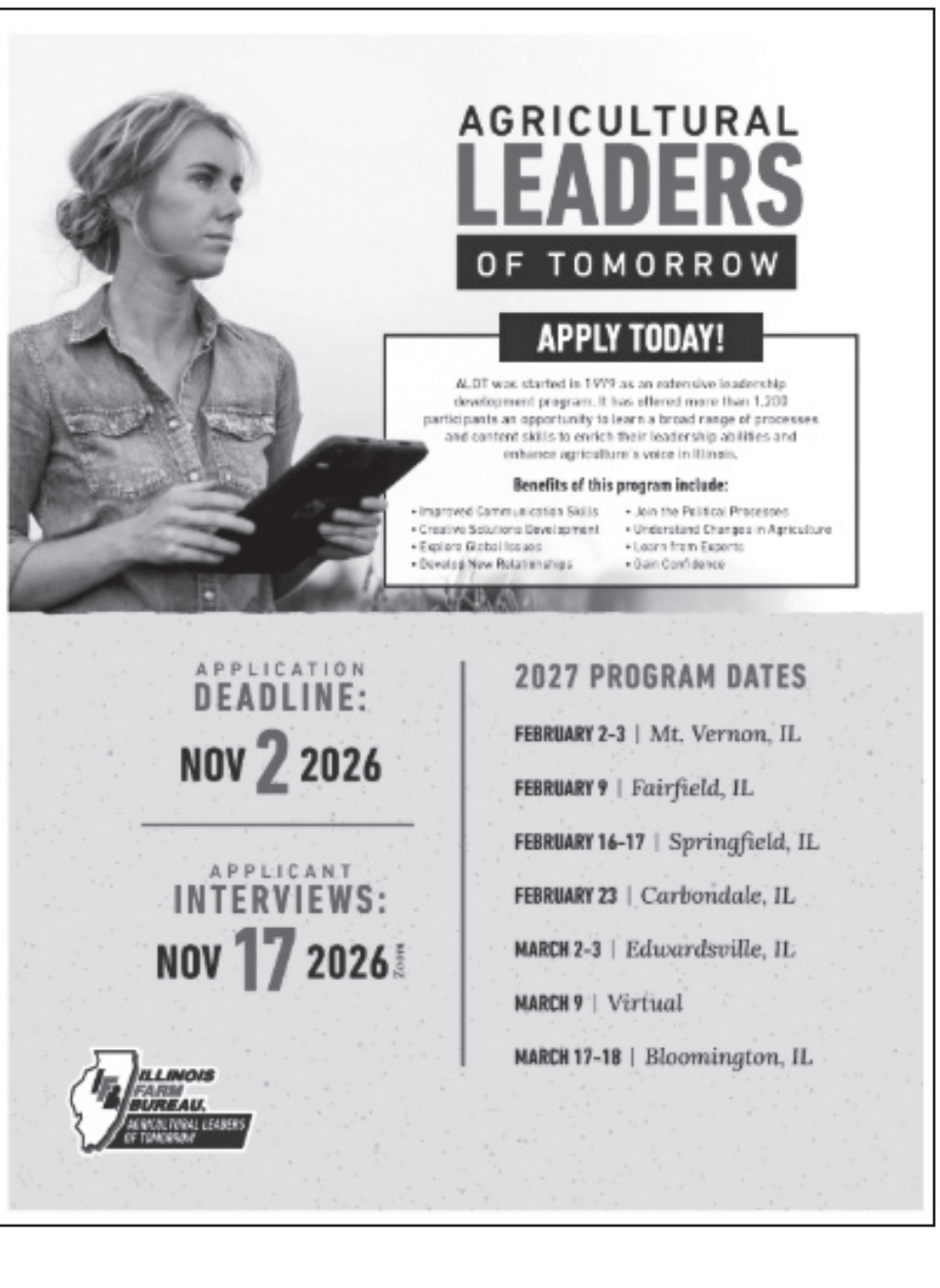
President, Doug Downs

Harvest season is upon us. As I write this, just ahead of harvest, I am on a plane with the vice president of our board, and we are en route to Washington DC. This is one of the 2 annual leaders to Washington trips, but it just so happens that the US senate is taking up their version of the farm bill this week. American Farm Bureau Federation, the major commodity organizations, and many other farm groups are flying in to give one last push to get this thing over the finish line. It's been a long time since we've had anything to work with other than extensions. The current farm program was written in 2018 using numbers that are from 2012. It's thought that there is serious hope that the two parties are close to a bi partisan resolution and are both ready to act. This is long overdue.

So here is where I must edit the monthly letter and scrap the next 2 paragraphs and start over before I send it in because……. events happen. After multiple airline delays, we are on the plane returning from 2 days in the nation's capital. We had a very productive and enlightening time on the hill. We met with all our senator's office staff and our elected members of Congress. While here, we learned that the senate ag committee was going to try and advance the farm bill from the committee on our second day. It had been stalled due to Senator McConnell's absence. A few of us decided we would walk over to the senate building to see if we could just sit in and watch the senate ag committee hearing. Good thing we did. Turns out they had 9 visitor seats available and 5 out of our group got a front row seat. There was a huge media presence as this was Sen. McConnell's first sighting in months. The dynamics of the room and the action were incredible. Even though there was contentious debate, all logical, there seemed to be a strong desire by both sides to pass the bill.

Though there is work on getting passage of a new farm bill right now, staff and leadership at IFB are already working to get a head start on the next farm bill. That work starts day one after getting this one through. Currently tagged as the "farm economy working group" its original title was the "farm bill working group" that was started nearly a year ago. Yours truly is serving on this committee, and it's made up of some very experienced people who have been involved in the crop Insurance industry, specialty farming, as well as a few county farm bureau presidents. Watching how the process works in DC, and how functional or dysfunctional our law makers are, has given me a new perspective on how to deal with the hurdles that will certainly be in place when the next group of farm bureau leaders start working on behalf of our membership. If we get a new farm bill, it won't be perfect. There will need to be massive changes to the next farm bill and if we can give ourselves time to come together, maybe we won't be dealing with the delays and uncertainty that have plagued this process this far.

Doug Downs
CCFB President



Prime Timers Meeting

October 8, 2026 • 10 am

CCFB Auditorium

Featured Guests: *Heaven Bound Gospel Quartet*

Please RSVP by October 5

Fried Chicken Buffet Lunch –

Cost $8 per person

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CCFB Calendar of Events

October 2026

October 8	***Prime Timers***	***10 am***
October 12	***Women's Committee***	***9:30 am***

Women's Committee

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

Calendar of Events

Meeting: October 12 @ 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Renee Fehl, Author of Wheels of Justice: The True Story of a 27-year Battle to Convict My Sister's Killer. October is Domestic Violence Month. Renee is also an attorney. All are welcome.



Join us for a girls night out! Just sit back, eat, drink and socialize while they do all the work!

FARM BUREAU MEMBERS: $40
NON-MEMBERS: $55

WOMEN ROOTED IN AG

GROVESTONE EVENT

November 12th, 2026
6:30 - 8:00PM
2419 Village Green Place
Champaign, IL 61822

RSVP REQUIRED BY

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Announcing Champaign County Farm Bureau's Trips and Tours
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November 20, 2026 – Holiday Cruise – Celebration Belle – Moline, IL

Enjoy a tradition holiday meal and listen to your favorite holiday tunes! Get ready for some holiday cheer with a Christmas Show presented by Aaron & Jade from Bloom. Join them for this fabulous combination of Christmas Spirit, music, and dance!.

Price Per Person: $150.00 *Deadline to Register or Cancel: October 30, 2026*

9 to 5 – Wednesday, February 24, 2027 – Drury Lane Theatre

Based on the hit 1980 movie, this hysterical and empowering musical is the story of three unlikely friends who concoct a plan to get even with their sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot of a boss. With music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, 9 to 5 is a nostalgic joyride that proves there's nothing women can't do.

Price Per Person: $150.00 *Deadline to Register or Cancel: February 5, 2027*

University of Illinois Collegiate Farm Bureau Looks Forward to a New Year



2026-2027 University of Illinois Collegiate Farm Bureau Executive Team (Left to Right) Maya Anderson, Lilly Winans, Avery Pope, Kaylee Gerlach, Blake Twenhafel, Lucas Hanen, Aubrey Wall, Alexis Nall, Cara Carrillon, and Grant North.

The University of Illinois Collegiate Farm Bureau is excited to kick off another year of leadership, service, and involvement in agriculture! Leading the chapter this year is President Blake Twenhafel, Vice President Kaylee Gerlach, Secretary Avery Pope, Treasurer Lilly Winans, Member Services and Programs Coordinator Cara Carrillon, Public Relations Chair Maya Anderson, Governmental Affairs Chair Alexis Nall, and Agricultural Education Literacy Chair Aubrey Wall. Representing the chapter on the Student Leadership Council are Lucas Hanen and Grant North. Together, this team is excited to create opportunities for members to get involved, build connections, and grow as leaders.

Our officer team started the year strong by traveling to the Illinois Farm Bureau Home Office in Bloomington on Friday, September 4, to take part in the 2026 Collegiate Leadership Training. It was a great opportunity for our entire leadership team to spend time together, learn more about our roles, and prepare for the year ahead. We were able to sit down as a team to set goals, share ideas, and make plans for what we hope to accomplish this year. The training left us excited to bring those ideas back to campus and put them into action!

One of our main focuses this year will once again be working toward Illinois Farm Bureau's Harvest for All challenge through volunteer opportunities and service events. Giving back is an important part of our chapter, and we hope to make a positive impact on the surrounding community while encouraging our members to get involved and serve others.

Along with service, we have goals of continuing to grow our chapter and maintain a strong, active membership. We want Collegiate Farm Bureau to be a place where students can meet new people, develop leadership skills, learn more about agriculture, and get involved on campus. We are looking forward to a great year and cannot wait to see what our members accomplish.

Collegiate Farm Bureau is a program of the Illinois Farm Bureau. Available at various Illinois Colleges and Universities. Collegiate Farm Bureau is a great way to connect young members to the County and State Farm Bureau organizations while encouraging involvement and creating community.





The Illinois Soybean Association's 20 Under 40 program recognizes 20 outstanding Illinois farmers under age 40 each year, highlighting their leadership, innovation, and community impact across diverse agricultural sectors. Congratulations to the Champaign County Farm Bureau Members receiving this recognition. L to R: Chandler Janes, Casey Hettinger, Brian Krukewitt, Matthew Herriott



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AG IN THE CLASSROOM 26-27

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Schools in Champaign County received Illinois Ag in the Classroom Calendars, Ag Magazines and other supplies.

NOVEMBER 10TH
Grounded in Ag Breakfast
7:30am



Sarah Kaper
Serving schools in Champaign, Urbana, Rantoul, Mahomet and Private schools.

Julie Adcock
Serving schools in the surrounding areas of Fisher, Gifford, Heritage, Ludlow, Prairieview-Ogden, St. Joseph, Thomasboro, and Tolono.

September Lesson

We kicked off the year with "Wheat Through Time", celebrating America's 250th anniversary by exploring the agricultural impact of George Washington and Norman Borlaug. Students either milled wheat or extracted wheat DNA, while discovering how innovation has shaped our food system.



Pictured are students from Prairieview Ogden 3rd & 4th grade.

Welcome New Interns



We welcome two interns from the U of I this school year. Olivia will be essential in lesson development, while Dane will jump into the classroom as a third educator.



Dane Steber
Olney, IL
Obtaining his Masters of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communication

Olivia Radke
Chrisman, IL
Obtaining her Bachelors of Science in Agriculture Communications and Minor in Food and Agribusiness Management

Flight Night for Ag in the Classroom





What an impressive turnout for AG Literacy! Thank you for supporting our program and congratulations to the raffle ticket winners.

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Champaign County Ag in the Classroom

Longview Bank Invests $25,000 in Champaign County Ag in the Classroom

A significant investment from Longview Bank is helping Champaign County Ag in the Classroom continue bringing agriculture to life for thousands of local students—and creating opportunities for the program to grow.

Longview Bank has made a $25,000 gift to Champaign County Ag in the Classroom and has been named a Champaign County Ag in the Classroom Community Partner in recognition of its support.

Ag in the Classroom provides hands-on agricultural lessons to K-8 students throughout Champaign County. Taught by experienced teachers and aligned with Illinois learning standards, the lessons help students understand where their food comes from, how agriculture impacts their everyday lives, and the many opportunities that exist within the agricultural industry. All programming is provided to schools free of charge.

Last school year, Champaign County Ag in the Classroom reached approximately 29,000 students. "Champaign County Ag in the Classroom does an outstanding job with its program, and Longview Bank is proud to help support those efforts," said Jim Chandler, President of Longview Bank. "Agriculture plays a vital role in the economy, culture, and future of Central Illinois."

Chandler noted that programs like Ag in the Classroom give students meaningful learning experiences they might not otherwise have access to while helping connect classroom lessons to the real-world impact of agriculture. Demand for the program remains strong. This fall alone, educators from 35 schools requested Ag in the Classroom lessons, representing approximately 4,700 students.

"That impact takes people, time, and resources—and Longview Bank's support helps make it possible," said Sarah Kaper, Ag in the Classroom Director. "We are incredibly grateful for their investment in the next generation."

Ag in the Classroom also reaches beyond classroom visits. Teachers have free access to resources including hydroponic grow towers, incubator kits, classroom materials, and an extensive digital catalog of lessons and activities. The program also offers professional development opportunities that help educators find new ways to incorporate agriculture into science, math, literacy, social studies and other areas of their curriculum.

"Agriculture touches every aspect of our lives, and Ag in the Classroom helps students understand its importance in a fun and meaningful way," said David A. Albin, Chairman of the Board of Longview Capital Corporation. "Longview Bank is honored to support and fund a program that encourages learning, enhances curiosity, and builds stronger connections to our agricultural community."

Longview Bank's investment represents both support for the work happening today and an opportunity to build for the future. "We are tremendously grateful for Longview Bank's commitment to Ag in the Classroom and to the young people of Champaign County," said Shanna Hortin, Executive Director of the Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation. "When a local business makes an investment of this magnitude, it allows us to do more than simply fund a program. It helps us continue creating experiences that connect students with agriculture, give teachers resources they can use long after an Ag in the Classroom visit is over, and create opportunities to grow the program and reach even more students. We are proud to welcome Longview Bank as a Champaign County Ag in the Classroom Community Partner."



Pictured L-R: Cam Pepper - Chief Marketing Officer, Longview Capital Corporation; Sarah Kaper - Ag in the Classroom Director; Jim Chandler - President, Longview Bank

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Client Fraud Education

by COUNTRY Financial

With many types of fraud on the rise, it is important for you to recognize signs of a scam. Scammers use several methods to conduct scams such as phone calls, text messages, emails, and ads. These tips may help you avoid being the victim of a scam. Your security is important to us..

Four signs of a scam

1. Scammers pretend to be from an organization you know and may use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID.
2. Scammers claim there is a problem and want you to verify personal information or claim you won a prize and request your credit card information to pay a fee to claim.
3. Scammers create a sense of urgency and pressure you to act before you have time to think.
4. Scammers insist you pay in a specific way such as wiring money, using a payment app or requesting you to put money on a gift card and giving them the numbers on the back of the card.

Common types of fraud and scams

Grandparent scam or Imposter scam

Scammers may call and pretend to be a family member (or another person you know and trust) who is in trouble and urgently needs money.

Romance scam

Romance scammers steal your heart, then your money. Scammers use dating sites and other social media to connect with potential victims, build trust, and then ask for money. Scammers use the power of emotions to convince victims to send money and always have a reason why they need more.

Phishing

Scammers often use shock value to try to scare or trick a person into giving them personal information. By providing information, opening an attachment, or clicking a link, scammers can access your computer and accounts, open new accounts or make purchases.

Fake charities

Scammers will try to extort money using charities that are not legitimate.

Inheritance scam or Sweepstakes prize scam

The victim receives a notice of an unexpected inheritance or a sweepstake prize. Generally, the victim must send money to collect. If it sounds too good to be true, make sure to investigate it before sending any money.

QR code scams

Scammers create counterfeit QR codes that lead to malicious websites or prompt the download of malware.



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Champaign County Farm Bureau Supports Parkland's Student Trip to China

By Mackenzie Tharp











My name is Mackenzie Tharp. I am a Crop Science student at Parkland College with an associate's degree in Global Studies. I am preparing to transfer to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to pursue a bachelor's degree in Agronomy with a minor in Horticulture. I was recommended for this opportunity by my professor, Charlie Mitsdarfer. What began as a recommendation due to my interests, quickly became one of the most impactful educational experiences of my college career. Through Heartland Connect, I had the opportunity to travel to China and witness how agriculture, trade, and culture intersect on a global scale. The United States Heartland China Association (USHCA) is dedicated to strengthening relationships between the 21-state U.S. Heartland region and the People's Republic of China through educational exchanges and professional partnerships. As part of this mission, the Future Ag Leaders Delegation to China, which brought 16 college students from across the Midwest to experience China's agricultural industry. During the program, we had the opportunity to visit several leading institutions, including China Agricultural University, Shanghai Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Henan Academy of Agricultural Sciences, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and Tsinghua University. At each institution, we learned about China's agricultural research, educational programs, and innovations that are shaping the future of Agriculture. These visits also created valuable opportunities for U.S. and China students to build relationships, exchange ideas, and gain a better understanding of one another's cultures and educational experiences. In addition, we also had the opportunity to engage with agricultural researchers, industry professionals, business leaders, and government officials that shared their perspectives on agricultural production, trade, and international cooperation. These experiences gave us a deeper appreciation for the importance of cultural exchange and global collaboration in addressing the challenges and opportunities facing agriculture today. Agriculture has been one of the most significant areas of trade between the United States and China. The United States is a major producer of soybeans, corn, pork, and beef, while China is one of the world's largest consumers of food and agricultural imports. Although trade between the two countries has challenges due to tariffs, market fluctuations, and political tensions, the relationship remains important to farmers, businesses, and consumers in both nations, helping to promote food security, encourage innovation, and create opportunities for farmers to reach international markets. Experiencing China's agricultural industry helped me understand that international trade is about more than the exchange of goods. But it is built on relationships, communication, and mutual understandings. By meeting with Chinese students, researchers, and industry leaders, I saw how educational exchanges like the Future Ag Leaders Delegation can strengthen connections between future agricultural professionals and contribute to long-term cooperation between our countries. As someone pursuing a career in agronomy, this experience reinforced my belief that the future of agriculture depends not only on scientific innovation but also on international collaboration. Building relationships across cultures is just as important as developing new technologies, because global agriculture thrives when knowledge, ideas, and experiences are shared.

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WOMEN'S COMMITTEE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Deborah Burnham

Baked Beans

Ingredients

- 1 lb. of sliced Bacon (cooked)
- 1 1/2 lbs. of Lean Ground Beef (cooked)
- 1 can (1lb 12oz.) Pork & Beans
- 2 cans (15 oz. each) White Navy Beans
- 1 cup of Light Brown Sugar
- 1 cup of BBQ Sauce (I use Bull's Eye)
- 1 envelope of Lipton Dry Onion Soup Mix

Directions

Cook Bacon until crisp. Crumble and set aside. Cook Ground Beef thoroughly.

Combine all ingredients into a large casserole dish and bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

*White Navy Beans are also called Great Northern Beans

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15. Extent and Nature of Circulation			Average No. Copies Each Issue During Preceding 12 Months	No. Copies of Single Issue Published Nearest to filing Date
a. Total Number of Copies (Net press run)				
b. Paid and/or Requested Circulation	(1)	Mailed Outside-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	282	272
	(2)	Mailed In-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on PS Form 3541 (Include paid distribution above nominal rate, advertiser's proof copies, and exchange copies)	1,710	1,637
	(3)	Paid Distribution Outside the Mails Including Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales ,and Other Paid Distribution Ouside USPS		
	(4)	Paid Distribution by Other Classes of Mail Through the USPS (e.g. First-Class Mail)		
c. Total Paid Distribution [Sum of 15b. (1), (2), (3), and (4)] ▶			1,992	1,909
d. Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (By Mail and Outside the Mail)	(1)	Free or Nominal Rate Outside-County Copies Included on PS Form 3541	30	27
	(2)	Free or Nominal In-County Copies Included on PS Form 3541		
	(3)	Free or Nominal Rate Copies Mailed at Other Classes Through the USPS (e.g. First-Class Mail)		
	(4)	Free or Nominal Rate Distribution Outside the Mail (Carriers or other means)		
e. Total Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (Sum of 15d. (1), (2), (3) and (4)) ▶			30	27
f. Total Distribution (Sum of 15c. and 15e.) ▶			2,022	1,936
g. Copies not Distributed (See Instructions to Publishers #4 (page #3))				
h. Total (Sum of 15f. and g.) ▶			2,022	1,936
i. Percent Paid (15c. Divided by 15f. Times 100) ▶			98.52%	98.61%

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16. Electronic copy Circulation		
If present, check box →		
a. Paid Electronic Copies		
b. Total Paid Print Copies (Line 15c) + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 16a) ▶	1,992	1,909
c. Total Print Distribution (Line 15F) + Paid Electronic Copies (Line 16a) ▶	2,022	1,936
d. Percentage Paid (Both Print & Electronic Copies (16b divided bt 16c x 100) ▶	98.52%	98.61%

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17. Publication of Statement of Ownership
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18. Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner	Title	Date
Kirk Builta	Manager	9-3-26

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Women's Committee September Meeting

The CCFB Women's Committee September meeting featured lunch at Monical's Pizza and then took a tour of Kountry Fresh & Koss Family Farms. According to their website Kountry Fresh & Koss Family Farms is a "family operated farm & Aquaponics Greenhouse. We do basically everything you can imagine. Farming, earth moving, tiling, tile repairs, livestock and the list goes on. We grow Lettuce, Herbs and Tilapia in our aquaponic greenhouse."









Illinois State Fair 2026

Grand Champion Poultry Market Pen – Austin Ater, Champaign County 4-H.
Parents: Jennifer Smith
Photo courtesy of Cindy Livestock Photos (Cindy Cagwin-Johnston)









Young Leaders enjoyed a night at The Fringe in Rantoul! Good food, good conversation and a lot of laughs.

