



# Champaign County Farm Bureau News

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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.”

## Global Markets Impact Champaign County Farmers

### NAFTA & Illinois Agriculture

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) is the most important trade agreement for Illinois farmers.

#### NAFTA

- U.S. ag and food exports to Canada and Mexico have more than quadrupled
- Created 5-6 million American jobs
- 2 in every 10 acres on Illinois farms are planted to feed Canada and Mexico

#### Major Illinois Exports to NAFTA Partners

CORN

SOYBEANS

ETHANOL

DDGs (distillers dried grains and solubles)

BEEF

PORK

PROCESSED FOODS/SNACKS

Agricultural exports and global markets are essential to farm income and the economic well-being of Illinois. Throughout his campaign, President Trump spoke favorably about trade, but nearly always criticized free trade agreements responsible for bringing greater fairness to agricultural and other trade. He promised to bring a completely different approach to trade deals with our world partners.

Tamara Nelsen, Illinois Farm Bureau Senior Director of Commodities, recently sat down with the Champaign County Farm Bureau and talked about the importance of trade to American agriculture and the outlook for expanded trade under the current administration.

The most basic question is, how important is trade to the U.S. agriculture sector? Below are

some fundamental facts on trade:

- Every U.S. farmer produces enough food to feed 155 people.
- 96% of the world’s population lives outside the U.S.
- U.S. agriculture’s productivity has been increasing at a much higher rate than our domestic demand, so agriculture must export to make money.
- U.S. agriculture is 2 ½ times more reliant on trade than other U.S. industries.

In 2016, the Illinois Farm Bureau made a major push in support of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), members stepped up and heeded the call for action requests. TPP was a free trade deal painstakingly negotiated over the past 15 years by multiple administrations. Comprised of a dozen countries including the U.S., the TPP was awaiting ratification when President Trump took office in January 2017. Immediately upon assuming the Presidency, President Trump signed orders for the U.S. to withdraw from TPP.

**What are American farmers losing out of with the TPP withdrawal?**

- The TPP covered 40% of the world’s economy and 200 million consumers
- The TPP promised to bump ag exports by \$10 billion over 15 years.

- When the U.S. exited the TPP, the 11 remaining partners started rapidly seeking other trade opportunities.
  - Those 11 remaining countries are now involved in 27 separate trade agreements with each other, China, and the EU: 7 of the most important of those were set in motion or concluded in the 5 months since U.S. withdrawal.
    - EU-Japan agreement gives EU hog farmers a \$2/pound advantage over U.S. farmers
    - The EU is pursuing separate agreements with Vietnam, Malaysia, and Mexico.
    - Recent improvements in the 2015 Australia-Japan agreement gives Australia beef a 19% advantage over U.S. beef.
    - U.S. pork faces 50% tariffs into Japan, Australian pork faces only 27.5% tariffs.
    - Led by Japan, the remaining TPP partners have met two times and have a third meeting planned: they are moving ahead rapidly without the U.S.
    - Canada could gain \$412 million in beef sales per year and \$111 million in pork sales per year by 2035 over the U.S. farmer.
- As if withdrawal of the U.S. from TPP wasn’t bad enough, the Trump Administration recently tried to withdraw from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). NAFTA is a trade deal that came into effect in 1994, eliminating barriers to trade and investment between the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. Fortunately, facing strong pressure from U.S. farm groups and other industries, the President backed off withdrawal and agreed to “renegotiate” or modernize NAFTA.
- What’s the background on NAFTA and why is it so important?**
- NAFTA reduced ag and other tariffs between the U.S, Canada, and Mexico.

- Over the 25 years of NAFTA, ag exports quadrupled.
  - Canada and Mexico are 2 of Illinois top 3 ag markets.
  - 2 of every 10 acres of Illinois production is exported to feed Canada and Mexico.
  - Corn, beans, ethanol, DDGs, beef, and pork are the largest ag exports to NAFTA partners.
  - Competitive advantages from NAFTA include proximity, joint security, migrant workers, different economies that balance each other out in bad and good times.
- The Trump Administration’s stated goal is to NAFTA renegotiated by the end of 2017. Towards that end, Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. met in mid-August. Having this deal wrapped up by the end of 2017/early 2018 would be considered lightning speed in the world of international negotiations. Mexico is slated to hold a presidential election in July and the United States will be holding mid-term elections next fall. Leaders would like to have the “new” NAFTA signed, sealed, and delivered prior to the campaigns and elections, but that is unlikely.
- What will NAFTA negotiations look like?** The plan is to hold seven rounds of talks at three-week intervals. The Trump administration’s goals are: cutting the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico, encouraging greater labor market integration, improving market access for U.S. ag and manufactured goods, and eliminating unfair trade practices. In NAFTA renegotiation, IFB and AFBF seek:
- Reduction in redundant regulatory cost
  - Expediting border movements and hastening the dispute resolution process

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Canada and Mexico as Export Markets				
Commodity	Canada (U.S.)	Mexico (U.S.)	Canada (IL)	Mexico (IL)
Corn	#9	#1	#9	#2
DDGs	#7	#2	#6	#2
Soybean products (beans, meal, and oil)	#3 for soy meal #10 for soy oil	#1 for soy meal and soy oil #2 for whole soybeans	#6 soy meal and soy oil	#2 soy meal and soy oil
Pork and pork products	#3	#2	#5	#4
Beef and beef products	#3	#2	#7	#6
Ethanol	#1	#8	#1	#5



# Tag Out For Safety

**What is Tag Out?**  
Tag Out protects a worker by warning others not to turn on equipment while working inside a grain bin, around augers, or servicing machinery. Tag out is a minimal safety procedure for farmers who are not subject to OSHA regulations. The best practice is to both Lock Out and Tag Out equipment. Those subject to OSHA regulations must follow the complete lockout/tagout (LOTO) standard. To view video go to: [grainsafety.org/resources-2/videos/](http://grainsafety.org/resources-2/videos/)

**How does it work?**  
All energy sources are disconnected and tagged in the off position. Each person involved in the work activity tags out the power so they have control of the energy source. No one else can remove the tag. The tag warns others to prevent them from accidentally turning on the equipment or machine.

**EXAMPLES:**  
**#1** Glen entered the grain bin with the unloading equipment running to break the corn loose. When the clog cleared, the corn quickly began to flow, pulling Glen downward until he was completely under the grain. He suffocated and died.  
**#2** John was by himself cleaning out a grain bin in preparation for fall harvest. John stepped into a sump and fell. Not seeing John, another employee turned on the bottom unloading auger to unload the piles John had swept up. John had his left foot amputated and has not been able to return to work since the incident.

**1. How could these fatality and injury incidents have been avoided?** A warning could have been posted by Tagging out all unloading equipment prior to entering bins.  
**2. What hazards can be associated with failure to Tag Out?** Flowing grain in a bin; augers or other machinery that can entangle a worker; electrical shock; gravitational force or being crushed or injured by a release of hydraulics or other energy such as a coil or spring.

**Tag Out!**

- Identify the equipment/machinery that needs to be shut down and ALL its energy sources.
  - Electrical, mechanical, gravitational, thermal, hydraulic, pneumatic, and chemical.
- Determine if there are any stored energy sources:
  - Capacitors, springs; elevated components; rotating flywheels; hydraulic systems; air, gas, steam, water pressure; piles that can shift; etc.
  - Methods of dissipating or restraining: Grounding, repositioning, bleeding, blocking etc.
- Properly shut down & Tag Out equipment and machines (pull the key when necessary):
  - Notify all other employees about the shutdown.
  - Shut off the energy sources.
  - Apply tags to the energy sources to warn others not to start machine/equipment.
  - After the work is completed notify employees the equipment will be restarted.
  - Remove the tags & begin start up procedures.

**When do you need to perform Tag Out?**

- Before entry into a grain bin.
- Before repairs, maintenance or service on equipment.
- Before any work that requires a person to place any part of their body in the point of operation.

# August Recap

## President, Chris Murray

August provided many opportunities as we prepare for an upcoming harvest. The month started with our CPR/AED training at the Farm Bureau office, which was a grant funded program provided by the Illinois Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial. Later that week we had Toolshed meetings across the county on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark Gebhards, Illinois Farm Bureau Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities, covered state budget impacts and reform options, 2018 Farm Bill and promoted the importance of FB ACT. A huge thanks to Derek Harms, Paul Berbaum and Darrel Rice for hosting this year’s meetings. Also in August, the Foundation hosted their annual golf outing, raising money for scholarships. At the District 12 meeting in August, the Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President candidates introduced themselves to those in attendance. The Vice President candidates are Dale Hadden, Brian Duncan and Scott Halpen. It was a busy time in August, but through these events and programs we gained more through learning and networking. I wish everyone a safe and successful harvest.

Sincerely,  
Chris Murray

## Trying to Figure Out the Markets? What Percentage of New Crop Should I be Selling?

# Champaign County Farm Bureau Marketing Club

## Invites you to:

### **\*\*USDA Crop Production Report**

### **Released that Morning\*\***

# WILL Radio - AM 580

# Fall Outlook Meeting

# Tuesday, September 12th

# 7:00PM

## Champaign County Farm Bureau Auditorium

Join us on September 12th at the Champaign County Farm Bureau Auditorium at 7:00 PM to hear from a panel of marketing analysts and hear more about the USDA Crop Production Report being released that morning.

## Marketing Panel

### Curt Kimmel, Bates Commodities

### Bill Mayer, Strategic Farm Marketing

### Chip Nellinger, Blue Reef Agri-Marketing

# Vein & Vascular CENTER

## CHRISTIE CLINIC

**October 3, 2017, 10:00 - Noon**  
Christie Clinic’s Vascular Surgeon Dr. Jennifer Ash will give an educational talk about Arterial and Venous Disease followed by a Q&A session.

**Are you at Risk?**  
**Have you smoked more than 100 cigarettes in your life?**  
**Family History of Heart Disease? Stroke? Diabetes?**  
**Come find out why your legs hurt.**

If you would like to attend this informational meeting and get some of your questions answered, please call the Farm Bureau office 352-5235 to reserve your spot for this FREE meeting.

## “Check Your Calendar!”

# September 2017

11	Women’s Committee	9:30 AM
12	WILL FALL OUTLOOK	7 PM
14	Prime Timers	10 AM
14	Full Board Meeting	7 PM
16	Women’s Committee at Curtis Orchard	
23	Equine Committee Vet Med Tour	1 PM
27	Eckert’s Orchard Deadline	

## October

3	Christie Clinic Health Program	10 AM
12	Prime Timers	10 AM

*Note: Most Committees do NOT meet in October - Have a SAFE harvest season!!!*



# Mahomet-Seymour FFA Update



School is back in session, which means that the Mahomet-Seymour Ag Supply Store & Greenhouse is up and running for the year. The students at Mahomet-Seymour High School who enroll in Agriculture Business class have a unique opportunity to achieve a scholarship and career-ready skills while investing in their future. Students engage in a variety of economic subjects such as marketing, global trade, business management, microeconomics, taxes, and business law. After gaining these real world skill-sets in the classroom, students team up as store directors to manage a viable business--The Mahomet-Seymour Ag Supply Store and Greenhouse. The store recently partnered with PrairieLand feeds in Savoy to offer not only the business's product lines, but also gain valuable learning experiences and opportunities. All proceeds from this store go to educational resources and student scholarships. This year's team of directors who are all in the Ag Business class at Mahomet-Seymour high school are excited to learn real-life management skills by running the Ag Supply Store. Follow us on Facebook to learn more about the store- just search for Mahomet Seymour Ag Supply Store.

## CONSUMER CONNECTION TIPS & TOOLS TO HELP YOU SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF AGRICULTURE

Striking up a conversation with your neighbor at the grocery store about agriculture and you realize you have different opinions about food and farming? Don't fear the person, but the misinformation. No need to get defensive, it's just a conversation....consumers just want to know about their food.

Linda Olson, Illinois Farm Families, suggests when talking to consumers farmers/producers realize "the most important thing is that we are building relationships so that consumers build trust in farmers and their farming practices. We do that through conversations. And just as we build friendships by finding common ground or values, we try to find out what common values we (farmers or those in agriculture) have with consumers. They can be the whole gamut.... we're parents, we're grandparents, we like to run, we like to eat healthy, we like to EAT! We want our kids to eat healthy, we belong to the same church, our kids go to the same school, we are concerned about the environment, etc. And it's through conversations that we find out how we are alike, then we build on that."

Consumer Connection tip # 1: Statistics show that consumers today are 5-7 generations removed from the farm. Consumers don't have a direct connection to the farm – but all of us in the food industry – including farmers - were late to the conversations that were happening about food and more importantly, sharing what farmers do on their farms and the choices they make.

Look in the October Newsletter for the next Consumer Connection tip to better communicate with our family, friends and neighbors.

## Processed Foods Exports from Illinois

Illinois food processing industry is one of the largest in the nation.

Illinois **exports \$1.8 billion** in consumer oriented agricultural products each year, supporting **13,500 jobs**.

### Jobs

In 2016, Illinois agri-food exports to Canada and Mexico supported **34,785 jobs**.

In 2016, Illinois feed grains exports alone to Canada and Mexico supported **more than 5,000 jobs**.

A recent letter sent out by Illinois Farm Bureau President, Richard Guebert, Jr., points out that Illinois Farm Bureau policy supports "improved market access and reduced trade barriers through support of bilateral, regional, and multi-lateral free trade agreement." More specifically, the Illinois Farm Bureau is supporting "key focus areas for NAFTA modernization for Illinois agriculture would include updating the:

- Regulatory approval process for products of biotechnology,
- Rules, standards, and systems for animal health, disease, and traceability,
- Efficiency and effectiveness for handling trade remedies for specific product disputes, and
- Process of customs and border processes to better facilitate our integrated market.

"President Guebert also points out that "Il-

linois agriculture depends upon a growing international economy that provides opportunities for farmers and ranchers to sell their products. Modernization of NAFTA will expand market opportunities for Illinois and for U.S. agriculture."

Creating new markets to sell agriculture products, keeping an eye on low commodity prices, and staying involved in the local legislative process is vital to the success of agriculture. Champaign County Farm Bureau hosts several meetings every month on several different aspects of agriculture to keep you informed and up to date on the changing face of agriculture. If you want to learn more or get involved please visit [www.ccfarmbureau.com](http://www.ccfarmbureau.com) event page for dates and times.

## Pork and Beef Notes

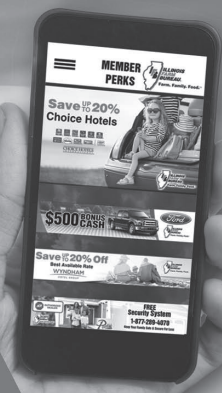
Combined, Mexico and Canada account for **40% of U.S. pork export volume** and **30% of U.S. beef export volume**.

Pork exports to Canada and Mexico **add \$18.30** to the value of every U.S. hog

Beef exports to Canada and Mexico **add \$71.65** to the value of every U.S. steer



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## Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation Receives \$9,900 Monsanto Fund grant for Ag Discovery



Employees from the Monsanto, Thomasboro Research Station recommended Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation to receive a \$9,900 grant from the Monsanto Fund's 2017 site grant initiative. Funds from the grant will be used to build Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation's pilot program, Ag Discovery.

## Foundation Golf Outing Brings Ag Community Together

Lake of the Woods Golf Club hosted the Foundation's 2017 Golf Outing where over 60 golfers enjoyed an August day of fellowship and fun in support of the future of agriculture. In addition to 18 holes of golf, participants took part in various games throughout the course. Golfers were able to enter a chipping contest, hole in one contest and a putting contest where golfers could qualify to putt for a \$5,000 prize. The putting contest, sponsored by COUNTRY Financial, was the day's highlight as contest finalists Troy Easterday and Ashley Pinnell each attempted to sink a 50

foot putt. Although Ashley and Troy came up just a bit short, we appreciate their support and hope to see them back on the course at our 2018 event. The Birkey's Farm Store team of Brian McCoy, Kyle Struck, Greg Stierwalt and Jamie Fairbanks swung their way into the day's top spot winning the 2017 CCFB Foundation Golf Outing. The CCFB Foundation Board of Directors and staff wish to thank all the golfers, sponsors, and volunteers who made this year's event a huge success. Proceeds from the day's activities go directly to supporting Earth Partners agricultural literacy activities and scholarship programs around Champaign County.

"Ag Discovery aims for youth to explore agriculture through science. Local youth from Champaign Unit 4 and Unity High School will develop skills and knowledge in agriculture science career exploration through hands-on activities led by college students, field trips to University of Illinois – College of Aces, and the 4-H Build Your Future curriculum," said Myla Munro, Earth Partners Coordinator at Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation. "Educating the agricultural leaders of the future is an important mission

that Monsanto is honored to promote," said Stacy Acton, Agronomic Research Specialist at Monsanto Thomasboro Site. "We're proud to support Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation with this Monsanto Fund grant." This year, the Monsanto Fund awarded more than \$1.4 million to nonprofit organizations through its site grant initiative to help address essential needs in rural communities. Nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$7.5 million through this program over the last five years.

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# Energy Facts

- GROWMARK procures, markets, and distributes refined and renewable fuels, lubricants and greases, propane, and related energy products through its network of cooperatives and distributors.
- Annual volume for the Energy Division exceeds 2.1 billion gallons of gasoline, distillates, and propane and 6 million gallons of lubricants. These products and lubricants are marketed by FS member cooperatives in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin and to member cooperatives and non-member customers in 24 states East of the Rocky Mountains.
- GROWMARK continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to the promotion of renewable fuels made from Midwestern corn and soybeans. Approximately 80 percent of gasoline marketed by FS member cooperatives and subsidiaries contains a 10 percent ethanol blend.
- GROWMARK is recognized as the premier marketer of biodiesel throughout the Midwest. In 2008 the National Biodiesel Board awarded GROWMARK the “Eye on Biodiesel – Impact” award for the System’s contribution to the overall success of biodiesel.
- Several years of record sales have made the GROWMARK System the fourth largest propane marketer in the United States.
- The GROWMARK System has more than 230 FAST STOP branded convenience stores and unattended fueling sites that stretch across the Midwest from Michigan to Oklahoma.
- The Energy Division hosts an electronic payment system providing credit card, debit, and ACH payment processing for nearly 600 member cooperatives and third party FAST STOP marketer locations with a total volume of \$450 million annually.
- GROWMARK owns a lubricant production facility and two lubricant distribution centers in its core geographical area. Lubricant and grease products are sold in 20 states and in the province of Ontario, Canada.

# Field Notes

By: Dr. Howard Brown

**Stalk rots in area corn field may be common** and a challenge to field-drying corn. Stress from grain fill and the lack of water has caused pre-mature plant death, providing an opportunity for several soil pathogens to have an early start digesting the dead or dying plant tissues of the roots and lower stalk. Now would be a good time to take a walk through the field and pinch the lower stalk to test integrity. If several stalks easily collapse consider the field for an early harvest. Even though compromised stalks may remain standing, heavy rains or winds can quickly change field harvestability.

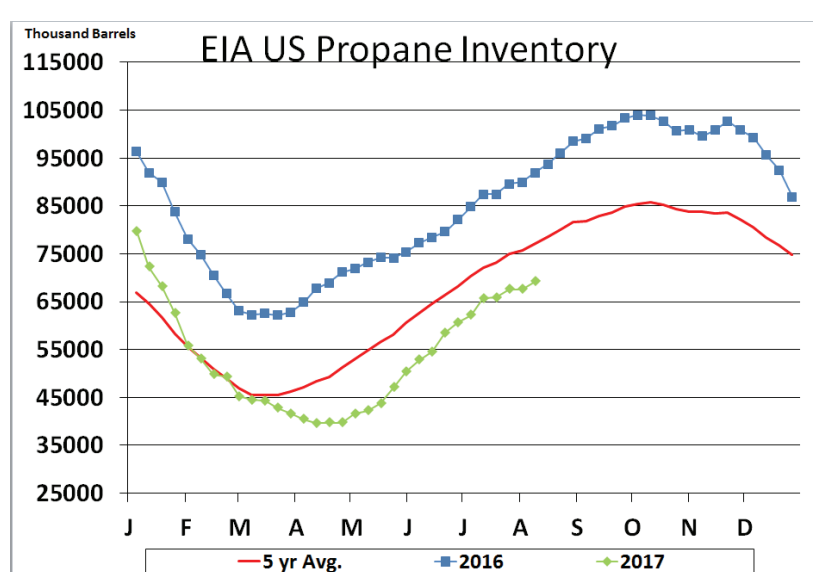
**Consider mapping crop response** in fields with significantly large areas of wilted or nearly dead plants. Determine the primary cause of the affected area. Invite your local Illini FS Crop Specialist to help with the investigation. Although there is little that can be done to improve harvest yield in 2017, management changes may help improve harvest yield in the 2018 cropping year and beyond. Defining an “Area of Interest” provides a reason to utilize site-specific technologies in an effort to

resolve issues on a within-field basis. **Now is a good time to check fields for soybean cyst nematode populations.** Carefully dig up plant roots and look for small, uniform white specks, resembling grains of sugar. The white or crème-colored objects are likely immature nematode cysts (still living). As soybean maturity approaches, the female cyst nematode matures and dies. The chitin in her outer body hardens and turns a dark brown, usually falling away from the root making it impossible to assess the extent of a population (similar color to the soil). Once cyst nematodes are mature collecting soil samples (within the row) and having them washed to make a cyst count is about the only way to identify a potential problem. Visit with your local FS Crop Specialist about what to look for or where to send samples to be washed and evaluated. There will be new tools available in 2018 to help minimize yield loss due to soybean cyst nematode infestations. A field with an area infested with soybean cyst nematode would provide a test for the new treatment(s).

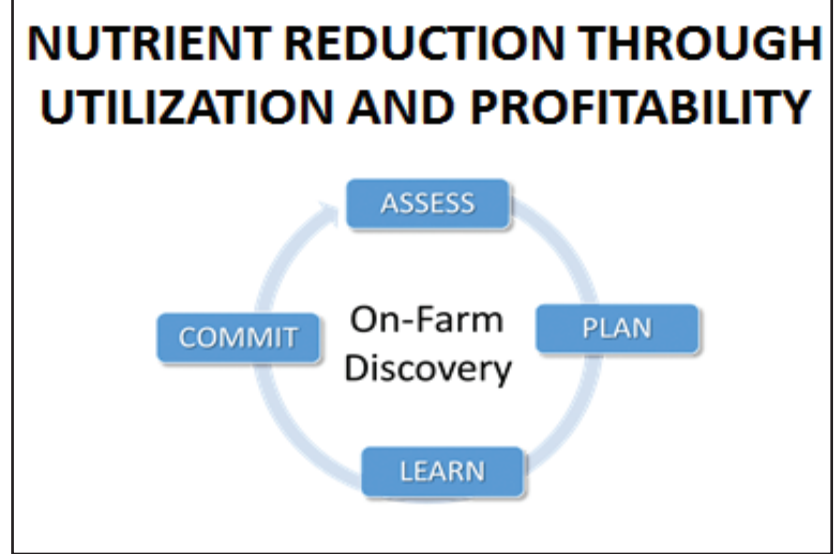
## Nutrient Management Pilot Program Results and Moving Forward



On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Howard Brown provided a program to give farmers results based on the Illini FS pilot program he set up with 5 area farmers. Each site had three sampling dates, estimated Plant-Available N (ppm x4), nitrate and ammonium-N were both tracked, rainfall information was collected and every site had graphed N applications. Overall, results from N-TRACKER sites suggested little to no additional N other than the sites that were scheduled to receive supplemental N as part of their N management system. No samples were collected beyond early June due to plant uptake which would make interpretation of the results difficult (some N already in the plant). For the 2017 – 2018 Crop Year, Dr. Brown set it up in three parts: Focus on “ASSESS”, Focus on “PLAN”, and Continue to improve sampling technique.



The propane market has captivated the trade’s attention since spring as supplies slipped below the 5 year average and have not been able to penetrate this level throughout 2017. The most recent weekly report finally showed a build in propane supplied of 3 million barrels, which brings stocks to 72.2 million barrels. However, in comparison stocks this same time last year were at 96.1 million barrels. Certainly the direction of propane prices is going to be determined primarily on two facts. First, how much demand are we going to see from the agriculture sector this fall from corn drying? Current expectations are that drying demand will be limited, but this can always change. The second and biggest factor will be winter weather conditions throughout the United States. If temperatures would be extremely cold this winter it has the potential to put extreme pressure on the propane market considering stocks are already low in comparison to past history, which could result in strength in the propane market. We will have to wait and see what Mother in Nature has in store for us.







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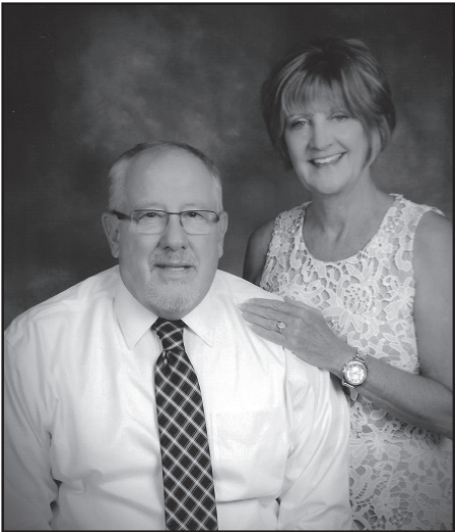
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# SPOTLIGHT

COUNTRY Financial Agent

## John May



John May is an Urbana, IL, native and an Illinois State University Alumni that has been serving the needs of COUNTRY Financial clients for 39 years. John’s career has been spent doing what he loves to do the most – helping people. A typical office day for John runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Located at 1402 S. Neil St. in Champaign, John serves clients from Champaign, Urbana, and surrounding communities.

John began a teaching career right after college graduation. He served as a vocational agriculture teacher in Arcola, IL and Joy, IL prior to jumping into the insurance business. The first 9.5 years of John’s COUNTRY Financial career was in Sherrard, IL, located in Mercer County. The opportunity to move back to Champaign County allowed John to become an important fixture in his hometown.

Dedicated to helping people, John says it is important for customers to regularly meet with their COUNTRY Financial Representative because “the smallest change in lifestyle can affect your insurance. It is vital to have good communication and knowledge of what clients have and do not have. Clients should periodically review coverages.” Not a COUNTRY Financial client? John invites you to meet with him, “we would like to review your auto and home policies to ensure you have the correct coverage. My number one goal is putting clients first.”

John and his wife have been married for 43 years and are the proud parents of 4 children and grandparents to 12 grandchildren. John is very active with Holy Cross Catholic Church and helped establish the preschool program at Holy Cross a few years ago. John was a swimmer in high school and college and still enjoys the sport of swimming. John also has a passion for aviation.



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Walking into the office on South Neil St. you may also see the welcoming smile of Beth Alvis. Beth is new to John’s office as a Production Assistant, but has 2.5 years of experience with COUNTRY Financial. Beth is originally from Tennessee (you might notice a little accent) making Champaign County home for the past 27 years. Beth and her husband, Jim, live in Mahomet. Beth likes card making and scrap booking. She has a passion for dogs. Beth is a volunteer for Midwest Boston Terrier Rescue & Mobile Mutts Version 2, helping 250-300 dogs during her time with both organizations. As a volunteer, Beth houses dogs overnight and also drives them to various other rescue locations.

Whether you need some advice, want to review a policy, or are looking for some new coverage John and Beth are here to help you!



# Fall Fun Trip

## Eckert's Orchard & Weingarten Winery

### October 18 - 1-day trip to Eckert's Orchard & Weingarten Winery

You will start your visit at Eckert's Orchard with lunch in their Country Restaurant which will be served family style and include fried chicken, sides and pie for dessert. You then can spend the afternoon picking apples and visiting the gift shop. After an afternoon of apple picking, you will visit Weingarten Winery. Winery visitors will sample wine and walk around the grounds or just sit back and relax while viewing the fall foliage. On the way home the bus will make one last stop in Effingham at Niemerg's Steak House.

**Cost per person: \$105 per person**

**Deadline: September 27, 2017**

**Trip includes: transportation, lunch, dinner and wine tasting (5-samples)**

### Eckert's Orchard

Eckert's tout their retail operations as starting "as a humble roadside farm stand, opened by Alvin O. Eckert in 1910 on the Turkey Hill Farm in Belleville, and have transformed into state-of-the-art facilities, including the Country Restaurant—a dining destination for down-home cooking in the St. Louis metropolitan area—and the Country Store and Garden Center, which carry seasonally fresh produce and plants, home-baked bakery treats, fresh meats and deli creations, gourmet cheeses, specialty foods and unique gift items." Eckert's Orchard has become a top attraction in Illinois, hosting school groups and private tours. Customers can choose to experience picking their own fruit and can also take part in one of the many events happening at the orchard.

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### Weingarten Winery

The second leg of this one day trip will have you visiting the beautiful Weingarten Winery. Weingarten Winery is owned and operated by family members Shannon and Jeff Gastreich and Kevin Bollman (natives of Belleville and the surrounding area). According to the Weingarten website, "An original concrete stave silo serves as our centerpiece while an antique cattle feeding area has been converted to outdoor seating. A beautiful pond, walking trail, and even a 200 year old cemetery invite you to explore."

**Weingarten Winery has six signature wines:**

\* Kugar - a light-bodied dry red

\*Couzin Frankie - a semi-dry white

\* Vergnügen and Spotted Chihuahua - both semi-sweet whites

## September 14 starting at 10 a.m.

**Speaker:** Dave Leake from the Staerkel

Planetarium - **Follow up of Eclipse**

**Entertainment:** Marvin Lee

- **Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month**

- **Cost is \$8 to attend**

- **Call 352-5235 ahead of each meeting to reserve your spot**

**Mark your calendar - Don't miss a single Prime Timer date!**

Prime Timers 2017:

October 12

November 9

December 14



Ken Roellig,  
Prime Timers Chairman

\* BelleVegas - a sweet blush

\*Twister - a semi-sweet blueberry wine

### Niemerg's Steak House

The final stop for this CCFB trip. Niemerg's is the place to stop for great food and a relaxing atmosphere. Effingham has been home Niemerg's Steakhouse since September 1, 1978. Locally owned and independent, Niemerg's has served over twenty four million customers over the last 39 years. Enjoy made from scratch food items and save room for a delicious piece of homemade pie!



## National Farm Safety and Health Week September 17 – 23, 2017

Each year since 1944, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety & Health Week. This recognition has been an annual promotion initiated by the National Safety Council and over the years, the development and dissemination of National Farm Safety & Health Week materials has shifted to the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety. NECAS is the agricultural partner for NSC and has been serving the agricultural family and business community since 1997.

The 2017 theme for National Farm Safety & Health Week is "Putting Farm Safety into Practice" Go to our web site, [www.necasag.org](http://www.necasag.org) for information and public service announcements. This year's theme is one that hits home

and reminds us that it is everyone's responsibility for safety both on the farm and the rural roadways of America. The new data for the Department of Labor shows the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 570 fatalities, which equals 22.8 deaths per 100,000 workers. When combining all labor sectors the death rate was 3.4%

As we recognize National Farm Safety & Health Week this September, please join us in promoting safe and healthy practices on our farms and ranches across the U.S. and in our neighboring countries as producers enter the harvest season.

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**All you have to do is  
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FARM BUREAU  
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at time of purchase  
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### **BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

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# August Recap



The 2017 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders Quiz Bowl competition took place at the Illinois Building during Ag Day at the Illinois State Fair. Champaign County Farm Bureau Young Ag Leaders had a team participate. (left to right): Kyle Hammel, Luke Zwilling and Daniel Herriott



Jon and Julia Boland watch as Wilma Buhr sets up the AED, taking turns following AED instruction at the AED/CPR training.

Lois Wood, (left) and Luke Zwilling (right) are demonstrating correct AED pad placement at the AED/CPR training on August 5th. This program was held by the Young Ag Leaders and was grant funded by Illinois Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial.

## Equine Garage Sale 9/23/17

**8am -2pm.**

Multiple horse owners selling Western & English Show Clothes, Rollem Oat Crimper, trail riding equipment, bits & working tack, blankets, boots, jeans and much more.

**Cash preferred.**

**Located at:**

**5007 E. Airport Rd. Urbana, IL**

just minutes from town.



Rachel Torbert, Illinois Farm Bureau, came to the drainage meeting in August to share media interviewing tips with drainage commissioners and other meeting attendees.



Ashley Pinnell (left) and Jared Pinnell(center) watch as Rick Edwards attempts a qualifying putt in the CCFB Foundation Golf Outing Putting Contest. Golfers attempted various putts throughout the day until two finalists were chosen to attempt a 50 foot putt to win \$5,000 cash.



CCFB President Chris Murray(right) joined CCFB First Vice President, and Foundation Board Member, Adam Watson (left) for a day of golf in support of the Foundation.

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## Equine Vet Med Tour

**September 23rd at 1:00 PM**

**Address: 2001 S Lincoln Ave, Urbana, IL 61802**

**Join the Champaign County Farm Bureau Equine Committee for a tour of the University of Illinois Equine Division of the Veterinarian Medicine Building.**

**Anyone with a horse interest is welcome to explore!**

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How to check resting pulse and breathing

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**Please RSVP by September 9th**

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The 2017 Toolshed meeting kicked off the month of August on the 8th. Mark Gebhards, Illinois Farm Bureau, covered state budget impacts and 2018 Farm Bill

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