



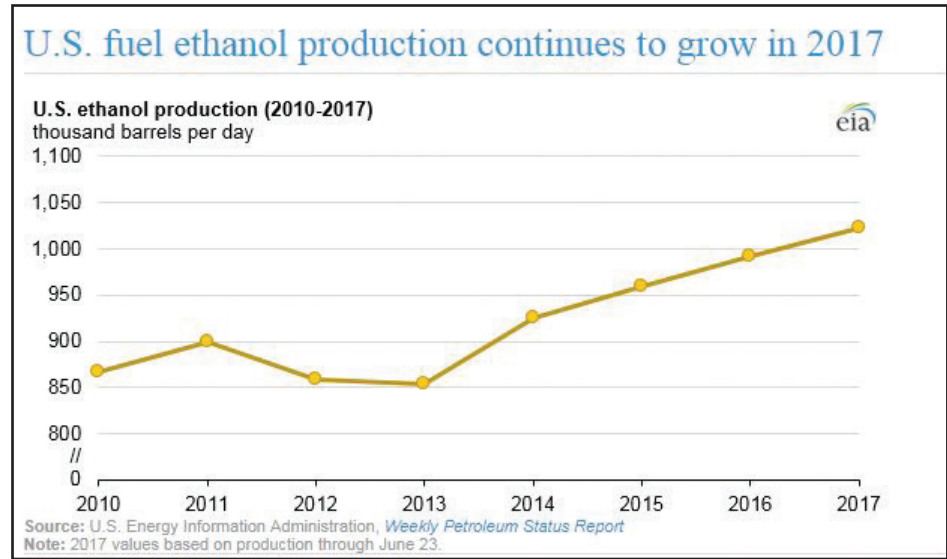
# Champaign County Farm Bureau News

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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.”

## Ethanol Still Makes Impact In 2017

By: Lesley Gooding



Twelve years ago the agriculture industry was buzzing with great news, the Renewable Fuel Standard was signed into law. Agriculture supporters were excited to have a new market for corn with great growth potential. Remember when you could drive down the street and buses were emblazoned with ethanol graphics and vehicles could be seen sporting ethanol stickers?

Fast forward to 2017, ethanol isn't a trending topic, leaving some people wondering about ethanol and its impact on the economy and environment. Good news...ethanol is still relevant and making a big

impact! According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), “large corn harvests have contributed to increased ethanol production in recent years...increased corn production and relatively stable corn prices have helped make increased ethanol production more profitable and less susceptible to corn price shocks that had affected ethanol profitability and output in the past.”

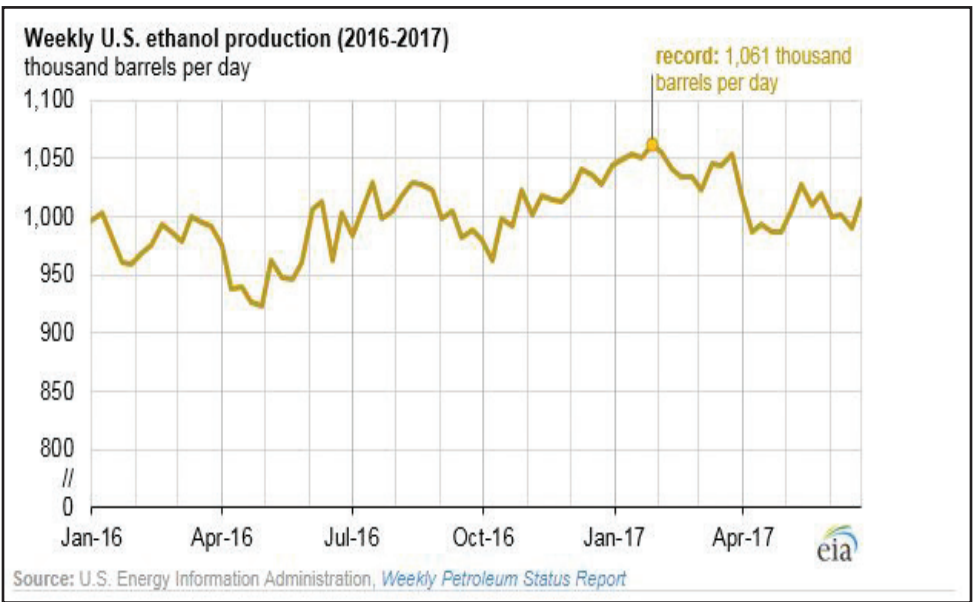
### Fast facts (from U.S. EIA) pointing to ethanol still being relevant

- U.S. ethanol plant capacity increased for the fourth consecutive year in 2017.
- Ethanol production increased as a result of higher Renewable Fuel Standard targets
- U.S. motor gasoline consumption has grown the past for years, resulting in an increase of ethanol demand
- Exports of ethanol have been increasing

The increase in ethanol production and use is great for the agriculture industry, but how can we relate this to our friends and neighbors who might need an example of the benefits of ethanol working in real time? A recent article from Illinois Corn Growers emphasizes the impact ethanol had in helping stabilize the economy during the most recent natural disasters, Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. The article points to “An emergency fuel waiver issued by the EPA ended the summer restriction on E15 two weeks early in 38 states, and offset gasoline supply shortfalls caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Maybe you didn't think too much about it, but fuel price spikes were limited, and fuel shortfalls were only reported for a day or two, mostly because enough domestically produced ethanol was available to supplement to fuel supply.” So once again, ethanol isn't a trending topic, but its impact is being felt far and wide.

Farmers in central Illinois just look out their window to see the corn crop that makes a difference with this valuable, renewable fuel. Farmers also understand how the line of production works and how ethanol is made. Others not directly involved in agriculture can look at Gibson City's One Earth Energy as a valuable partner making the ethanol process run smoothly. One Earth Energy purchases crops from central Illinois farmers and employs central Illinois workers, pushing money back into the local into the economy.



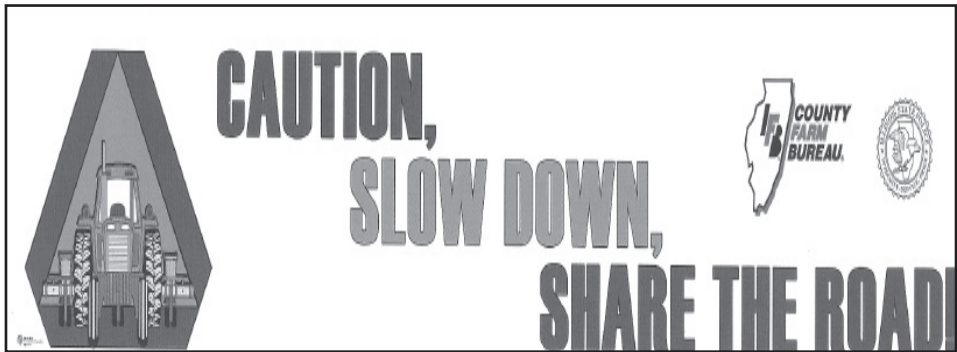
Ethanol production has made great strides since the Renewable Fuel Standard was signed into law in 2005 and continues to grow as we close out 2017. A recent article written by Bob Dinneen of the Renewable Fuels Association highlights, among several other items of importance, the impact RFS has had on agriculture:

- The number of operational U.S. ethanol plants has grown from 81 in 2005 to 213 in 2016, while ethanol production has grown from 3.9 billion gallons to 15.3 billion gallons, a nearly 300% increase;
- U.S. ethanol industry jobs grew 121 percent from 153,725 in 2005 to 339,176 in 2016, and the value of the industry's output quadrupled from \$8.1 billion to \$32.8 billion;
- U.S. corn production has grown from 11.1 billion bushels in 2005 to 15.2 billion gallons in 2016, a 36 percent increase, while average yields grew from 147.9 bushels per acre to 174.6 bushels per acre

### Nutrient Management Pilot Program Wrapping Up 2017

Beginning in April, Dr. Howard Brown worked with several local producers to develop a Nutrient Management Strategy based upon four components - Assess, Plan, Learn, Commit. We followed these producers throughout the growing season, providing updates. Participating producers are currently in the midst of fall harvest. The growing season is coming to an end and we asked producers to take a look back at what they have learned and to look toward the future of nutrient management practices on their farm. A participating producer, located north of Champaign says, "We will participate in continued education and documentation of our practices. We will also continue to try and find the correct rate of nitrogen so we have adequate nitrogen to be efficient on our ground while doing our best to not over apply and minimize the potential for run off." Thanks to all the producers who participated in this program and for sharing your insight with us.





# September Recap

President, Chris Murray

Across the majority of Champaign County, September was a “wait and see” month. How much did the spotty rains affect our crop? The last couple weeks in the month finally offered some unseasonably warm temperatures that put crops at manageable moisture levels for harvesting.

As many of us are finding, there are decent yields being produced again this year. The yield is not the problem, the actual price that you net per acre is the scary part right now.

The membership of the Champaign County Farm Bureau composed 5% of the reports made for FB ACT Requests. That number, unfortunately, is nowhere near where we need to be when we want our legislators to hear our voice. We need to get these trade agreements signed, and before WO-TUS makes too big of an outreach that has potential to hurt our operations.

I encourage everyone to call in on these action requests, as they do not happen very often. If you aren’t signed up to receive text/phone/email alerts, please call the office and they will help you get signed up: (217) 352-5235.

I hope everyone has a safe harvest, it is a great time of year.

Sincerely,  
Chris Murray

## I-Device & Web WORKSHOP November 15th!



Open to all Champaign County Farm Bureau members! From 6p.m. to 8p.m., at the Champaign County Farm Bureau auditorium, Tricia Campbell will be teaching a workshop on how to use iDevices, such as I-pads and I-phones. The workshop will include how to use apps on your device and how to navigate the internet! At the end of the workshop she will answer any questions you may have! Call the CCFB office today to sign up, we can only take 25!

## Champaign County Farm Bureau Meets 2017

### “M” Member Quota

Directors who signed members  
9/1/2016 – 08/31/2017

Adam Watson  
Bob Furtney  
Brennon Breymeyer  
Carl Smith  
Chris Murray  
Dale Tharp  
Daniel Herriott  
Darrel Rice  
Joe Burke  
Justin Leerkamp  
Ken Roellig  
Kristi Pflugmacher  
Loretta Stoerger  
Lynn Doran  
Nancy Strunk  
Paulette Brock  
Steve Hammel  
Trent Wolken

**Board of Directors**  
Total M Members signed by the Board: 40

**COUNTRY Financial Reps**  
Total Associate Members signed by Reps: 630

Total M Members signed by Reps: 20

Champaign County signed 59 PM  
Class members

Illini FS signed 6 PM members

Thank you to all who signed  
members this year!

# Upcoming Trip Beef House



Join the Champaign County Farm Bureau for our last trip of 2017! On December 21, we will be heading to the Beef House Restaurant located in Covington, Indiana. This trip includes the Beef House Theatre’s Christmas Show & lunch. The Beef House Restaurant will be cooking up a traditional holiday buffet which includes their famous rolls and high quality beef. The Christmas Show will feature a live band, amazing singers & beautiful costumes, this production always sells out! Make your reservations today by calling the CCFB Office at 217-352-5235. **Cost per person: \$75 per person**

**Deadline: December 4, 2017 Trip includes: transportation, lunch and show**



## “Check Your Calendar!” October 2017

7	Young Ag Leaders Harvest Social	7:00 PM
12	Prime Timers	10:00 AM

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

## November

2	YAL	6:30 PM
6	Marketing Club - RSVP required	6:00 PM
9	Prime Timers	10:00 AM
10	HARVEST SCHOLARSHIP GALA	6:00 PM
13	Women’s Committee	9:30 AM
14	Legislative Committee	7:30 AM
16	Full Board	6:30 PM
23, 24	Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed	



# FFA Update

Fisher FFA Chapter

The Fisher FFA is off to a great start this year welcoming in all of the new members, consisting of ten greenhands. Hard at work preparing for CDE's and fundraisers the chapter has also been excited to kick off a new year of service in the community. September 8 the Dewey Illini FS Plant invited the area farmers out for a lunch and to tour the newly renovated facility. The Fisher chapter officers (pictured above) had the privilege of serving the lunch. After, the students also had the opportunity to tour the plant and see the new tractors and machinery in addition to the new facility.

Coming up, the chapter looks forward to working with Dr. Howard Brown learning about the N-tracker and how farmers affect the Nitrogen supply of the soil. They will be making trips out to the chapter test plots to test the amount of nitrogen present and learning how that determines the amount needed to be supplemented. This will show members and agriculture students at Fisher High School first-hand how to best maintain the nutrient levels in the soil and why it is so important to practice the best stewardship in nutrient utilization and increase farm profitability.

The chapter looks forward to getting out to serve the public and improving the quality of the chapter for the school, the chapter, and the community

## Discovering Agriculture in Our Government

By: David Fulton



(Left to Right): Lynn Doran, Champaign County Farm Bureau Young Ag Leaders Chair; Representative John Shimkus; Mark Bremmer, Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders President

On September eleventh through thirteenth, Lynn Doran, Champaign County Farm Bureau Young Ag Leaders Chair, attended Illinois Farm Bureau's Leaders to Washington program to gain a better understanding of agriculture's role in Washington (DC) and how the Farm Bureau works with congress and affiliated organizations. Fascinated with the works of government, Doran says she met Adam Nielsen, Director of National Legislation & Policy Development with Illinois Farm Bureau, through her Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders Discussion Meet adventures. Through the discussion meet, Doran mentioned she visited with other participants who have attended the Leaders to Washington trip prior. Sounding like a promising networking opportunity, Doran signed up to attend the 2017 trip.

The first day included the specific functions of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) in D.C. While meeting with AFBF, participants were briefed on issues facing agriculture and where AFBF stands on the issues. These briefings were pivotal in gaining a better understanding of the

issues prior to meeting with our elected officials and various other organizations over the next two days. Concluding the briefing with AFBF, participants sat with Ray Starling, Agriculture Adviser to President Trump. "We explained the importance of trade and what it means to agriculture", said Doran. She also pointed out that they expressed outright that farmers are highly concerned with trade agreements in the Trump Administration.

The trip continued with a "behind the scenes" private tour of the U.S. Capitol where individuals could meet with their congressmen. Doran and Mark Bremmer, Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader President, met with Congressman John Shimkus, 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, to explain the 2018 Farm Bill Priorities as slated by AFBF. Those priorities are:

- Protect current farm bill spending;
- Maintain a unified farm bill that includes nutrition programs and farm programs together;
- Ensure any changes to current farm legislation be an amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 or the Agricul-

## 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 #2:** When consumers were asked, "When it comes to food production, how concerned are you about the following?" Here are their top 5 concerns: Pesticides/insecticides; Animal antibiotics; Animal hormones; Animal treatment ; GMOs

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

tural Act of 1949;

- Prioritize our top funding concerns (risk management tools, which include both federal crop insurance and Title I commodity programs); and
- Ensure programs are compliant with World Trade Organization agreements.

Following a productive meeting with Rep. Shimkus, the group sat down with Senator Tammy Duckworth's team. When talking to the Duckworth team the participants focused on two glaring issues to farmers: tax reform and the estate tax. The conversation continued with Senator Dick Durbin concerning commodity pricing, Farm Bill support programs and startup loans through the USDA for young and minority farmers. Again, the participants voiced the importance of trade and were left with an answer of "We understand the importance, but the problem lies with the President directly". Meeting with Congressman Rodney Davis gave insight on how the ag committee is operating in D.C.. Doran said that Congressman Davis also talked with them about the upcoming Ag Census and its importance, infrastructure, dam issues in Southern Illinois, and the 2018 Farm Bill.

The trip ended with a visit to the USDA to meet with NASS, NRCS and FSA departments. The participants met with representatives of NASS to talk about Farm Bureau likes and dislikes of the Ag Census and what NASS can do differently in years to come. When meeting with the FSA, there was conversation of more accurate commodity reports if

FSA worked closely with NASS and combined data reports. Participants voiced their opinions with FSA on CRP subsidies outweighing rented farm ground acreage. Another issue mentioned to the FSA was to create a better system where landlords would only have to enroll once as opposed to every year. Participants were able to meet with the director of NRCS, to talk about Sunny Purdue's number one priority, customer service. Other conversation included program reviews on CRP and Pollinators, and create a streamline database for collaborating with the FSA for government applications.

The Leaders to Washington participants also visited with the EPA while on their trip as well. WOTUS was at the top of their list of discussion items, but the EPA was unable to answer questions due to the comment period still being open for discussion. They reported that dicamba is currently under review: conditions of use, possible label modifications, but having an overall mission to protect the great good of the environment.

Doran stated "The trip is great, it offers great insight on how our government works". Doran highly recommends anyone interested to reach out to the Champaign County Farm Bureau to learn more. The Leaders to Washington trip really encompasses what the Farm Bureau does for their membership and why are organization was created. "This trip helps you realize that politicians care about your opinions and that they are trying to represent you regardless of their party or position."



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Our Community Coming Together to  
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**Pear Tree Estate**

2150 County Road 1000 East - Champaign, IL

**5:30 Silent Auction & Cocktails**

**7:00 Dinner by LA Gourmet**

**7:30 Live Auction & Dessert Auction**

## How to Register

Online Registration Available NOW:

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or register at the CCFB office at  
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Champaign, IL 61821

or by phone at (217) 352-5235

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## Earth Partners Update

By: Myla Munro

Our Earth Partners Ag Literacy program, and a dedicated team of volunteers, helped to relate agriculture to student's daily lives. Together with Parkland College and Champaign Unit 4 Schools we hosted over 900 third graders, plus teachers and chaperones!

Last month, Earth Partners kicked off our Ag Discovery program which was made possible through a grant from the Monsanto Fund. Through their participation in Ag Discovery youth will explore the variety of agricultural careers. Local youth from Champaign Unit 4 – Edison Middle School and Unity High School will spend the school year developing skills and knowledge of the variety of careers in agriculture 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.







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Keith Garrett has been serving the Champaign County area as a COUNTRY Financial Representative for 32 years, based out of Tolono, IL. Keith and his wife, Lori, raised their 3 children in the Unity School District and are active in the community. Lori has served on Unity's school board for 20 years and is a photographer for several local sports teams. Keith coached baseball in Tolono for 32 years including Little League, American Legion baseball, and the Tolono Aces travel team. During Keith's tenure as secretary of the Unity Athletic Alumni Association, funds were raised to help enhance the sports programs at Unity High School. Some of the enhancements included the sodding of the baseball field, a new weight room at the high school and a new press box for the football and track programs.

Born in Fairfield, IL, Keith moved around the state during his childhood before setting down roots in Central Illinois. Keith graduated from Monticello High School and attended Parkland College. Keith worked for AA Life Insurance Company, Champaign National Bank, and AT & T gaining several years of work experience prior to being recruited by previous COUNTRY Representative Jack Smith.

Keith's office is located at 103 N Watson in Tolono, IL. A typical day for Keith begins at the office at 8:30, opening doors to clients from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keith says, "I spend a lot of the day on the phone and out at clients homes and farms. I get to work with a variety of people and stay connected to everything going on in Tolono." Keith encourages his clients to "constantly reevaluate their life insurance plan, as most people's needs are constantly changing. Over time money shrinks and you have to make adjustments. When someone leaves my office I want them to feel comfortable with their protection plan. I want to help clients protect the things that are most important to them."

COUNTRY Financial Representatives are committed to service and satisfaction. COUNTRY Financial offers coverages that most other companies don't including, "one of the most recognizable coverages...the Keeper for new autos." Keith believes one of the most important pieces of advice to give clients is "don't assume something is covered. If there is any doubt in your mind contact your agent before a claim occurs. Also make sure your limits are what they need to be."

When Keith isn't working with clients he enjoys being with his family and can be found entertaining his granddaughters. Keith enjoys going to Busch Stadium to watch the St. Louis Cardinals and Lambeau Field to cheer on the Green Bay Packers.

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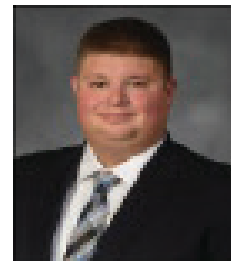
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## Fall Stewardship

**By: Dr. Howard Brown**

difficult to pinpoint the primary cause of disappointing yield. Many factors will influence plant growth and development, resulting in additive effects (one amplifies another) making it nearly impossible to pinpoint a primary cause simply by harvest-time observations.

**Patchy areas of disappointing yield.** Disappointing areas within some harvested fields are likely the result of weather conditions of late April challenged the emergence of corn. Many of late emerging or slow growing plants did not fully recover, resulting in a weak plant and smaller-than-expected ear (or no ear at all) at harvest.

**Two stages of corn growth.** Corn growth can be partitioned into two critical periods; vegetative (roots, stalk and leaves), and reproductive (pollination and grain fill). The first part of the season focuses on root development and vegetative parts (leaves, and stalk), and the size of the potential ear (number of rows and kernels per row). The latter part of the growing season (after tassel emergence) focuses on reproduction (pollination and grain fill). Once the plant reaches the reproductive stage (silk emergence), the plant's resources are directed to grain fill. There is no further vegetative development (leaves and stalk are mature) and the root system normally will die faster than it grows.

**Impact of early season compromised root growth.** If a root system is minimized prior to tassel emergence (Vegetative Stages) the plant will compensate the need for nutrients by remobilizing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium from the roots and lower stalk to the developing grain, causing the cells of older leaves, roots and lower stalk to weaken and die. Plants affected by early remobilization will result in pre-mature plant death well ahead of the surrounding unaffected (or less-affected) plants making the patches easy to identify.

**Impact of early-season plant stress.** Significant challenges to plant growth prior to tassel emergence may alter the number of embryos that will make-up the potential ear following pollination. The number of rows on the ear is determined with the plant has 3 to 6 true leaves fully extended. The length of each row (kernels per row) is determined when the plant has 12 to 18 leaves. If plant growth is limited during either of these critical stages, whether environmental (weather) or other reasons, the ear size can be altered, limiting yield potential of the affected plants.

**Soybean Cyst Nematode.** Access field for Soybean Cyst Nematode Populations following soybeans. Populations of the pest will be at a peak,

making identification of problem areas more likely. Areas identified as having high cyst counts following soybeans will provide a great testing ground for cyst-fighting technologies, such as NemaStrike<sup>1</sup>, when the field is rotated back to soybeans. Visit with your local Illini FS crop specialist about a soybean cyst nematode sampling program.

**Create a Nutrient Utilization Strategy.** Let your local Illini FS crop specialist help develop your Nutrient Utilization Strategy in 2018. They have creative tools that will help optimize management decisions. If we utilize the nutrients we apply, we optimize our investment in crop nutrient inputs by improving harvest yield and reducing needless input costs. It all ends up as a Focus on M.O.M.; Maximizing nutrient utilization to Optimize harvest yield and Minimize environmental impact. Production agriculture is truly all about M.O.M.

**Reducing nutrient loading of surface water.** Reducing the amount of nutrients moving from farm fields and into water resources will not happen overnight. We need to discover and create new assessment tools that help optimize nutrient use, improving farm profitability while minimizing environmental impact (not about loss, but utilization). To truly be sustainable, improved nutrient stewardship must be accompanied by improved farm profitability, something that is very possible with our new management tool, just ask your local Illini FS crop specialist.

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- Top Left:** Dewey, Fisher, Rantoul, Champaign, Urbana, Sadorus, Tolono, Ivesdale, Hayes, Tuscola, Kemp, Newman, Garrett.
- Top Right:** Potomac, Alvin, Danville, Fairmount, Sidell.
- Bottom:** Martinsville, Casey, Clark.

Matt Hynes, Agronomy Marketing Manager at Illini FS, is encouraging local producers to focus on several areas of stewardship this fall. First, the use of stabilizers is critical to nutrient management practices. Matt encourages producers "to continue to use stabilizers when putting on nitrogen, especially in watershed areas." The use of the N-Tracker tool allows Illini FS to work with producers and track the availability of nitrogen in fields as producers continue through fall. The N-Tracker tool keeps everyone up to date regarding nitrogen as far as plant availability and fall ammonia application. Matt encourages the use of stabilizers and "MOM"(Minimize environmental impact, Optimize yield, and Maximize input) which allows smart, timely decisions to be made so farmers and Illini FS can focus on optimizing nutrients.

The beginning of harvest also finds Illini FS putting soft lime on several fields in the area, making this application another area of focus for local producers. "Utilizing soft lime is valuable to growers. It is a byproduct of the water softening process in Champaign. "Says Matt. Soft lime has an ENV (effective neutralizing value) of 100%, the higher the ENV, the more effective the lime will be at increasing pH. Soft lime is a very fine product which reacts faster than typical ag lime. Matt says, "based on soil testing we variably apply soft lime, allowing us to put lime where we need it."

Lastly, producers have a new option available to them when it comes to battling soybean cyst nematodes. Monsanto's Acceleron Seed Treatment Package is introducing the seed treatment NemaStrike. According to Matt soybean cyst nematodes "are not uniform throughout a field. We are working with local producers to treat and track soybeans and see how well NemaStrike does." There is hope that tracking and testing fields will lead to better control of soybean cyst nematodes.

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# Still Time to Sign Up!

## 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

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October 12 starting at 10 a.m.

Speaker: Sheriff Walsh  
Entertainment: Logan Kirby



Ken Roellig,  
Prime Timers Chairman

- 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:  
November 9  
December 14

#### The CCFB Membership Benefit List!

All you have to do is  
**SHOW YOUR FARM BUREAU MEMBER CARD at time of purchase to get the discounts!**

#### BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- AG ELECTRIC
- AGRIBLE
- A & R ELECTRIC
- ALL ABOUT EYES
- ARROW AUTO GLASS
- BARBECK COMMUNICATIONS
- BARD OPTICAL
- BLOSSOM BASKET FLORIST
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- ZA’S RESTAURANT
- \*BENEFITS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE\*



# 2017 Citrus Sale

A member service of the Farm Bureau

## FRESH CITRUS

Navel Oranges	4/5 bushel	\$35.00	2/5 bushel	\$22.00
Grapefruit	4/5 bushel	\$29.00	2/5 bushel	\$20.00
Trio Pack			2/5 bushel	\$31.00
(10 oranges, 11 grapefruit and 10 Red Delicious Apples)				

## AVANTI CHEESE

Baby Swiss	2 1/2 lbs.	\$16.50
Farmers Cheese	2 lb.	\$12.75
Mild Cheddar	1 lb.	\$ 7.50
Sharp Cheddar	1 lb.	\$ 8.50
Calico Cheese	1 lb.	\$ 7.00
Mild Brick	1 lb.	\$ 7.00
Mozzarella	2 lbs.	\$11.75
String Cheese	1 lbs.	\$ 7.25
American Sliced	5 lbs.	\$18.50
Gift Box A		\$18.50
(Mild cheddar, swiss, longhorn, calico)		
Gift Box C		\$20.00
(Mild brick, mild cheddar, longhorn, 12 oz. sausage)		

## OTHER PRODUCTS

Yellow Popcorn	2 lb bag	\$ 3.25
Pork Spice	12 oz. bottle	\$ 8.00
Riley's All Purpose Seasoning	6 1/2 oz. bottle	\$ 3.75
Louie's Italian Beef Seasoning	3 oz. packet	\$ 2.00
Mild Chili Seasoning	4 oz. bottle	\$ 3.50
Shelled Pecans Halves	1lb bag	\$12.00

Please stop by the CCFB office to see our selection of nuts, trail mixes, dried fruits and chocolates.

These make great gifts!



ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX

Member To Member has guaranteed the quality of the fruit and Champaign County Farm Bureau is backing this. If you are dissatisfied with your fruit, please call the Farm Bureau within 24 hours and return the fruit within 48 hours of pick-up.

# 2017 Citrus Sale Order Form

Order and Payment must be received by the CCFB Office by November 13



	Quantity Ordered	Price
Yellow Popcorn	\$ 3.25	_____
Pork Spice	\$ 8.00	_____
Riley's Seasoning	\$ 3.75	_____
Italian Beef Seasoning	\$ 2.00	_____
Mild Chili Seasoning	\$ 3.50	_____
Shelled Pecan Halves	\$12.00	_____

Ordered Price

TOTAL AMOUNT : \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please pay in full at time of order

Navel Oranges 4/5	\$35.00	_____	_____
Navel Oranges 2/5	\$22.00	_____	_____
Ruby Red Grapefruit 4/5	\$29.00	_____	_____
Ruby Red Grapefruit 2/5	\$20.00	_____	_____
Trio Pack	\$31.00	_____	_____
Baby Swiss	\$16.50	_____	_____
Farmers Cheese	\$12.75	_____	_____
Mild Cheddar	\$ 7.50	_____	_____
Sharp Cheddar	\$ 8.50	_____	_____
Calico Cheese	\$ 7.00	_____	_____
Mild Brick	\$ 7.00	_____	_____
Mozzarella	\$11.75	_____	_____
String Cheese	\$ 7.25	_____	_____
American Sliced	\$18.50	_____	_____
Cheese Gift Box A	\$18.50	_____	_____
Cheese Gift Box C	\$20.00	_____	_____

Delivery date:  
Mid December

Post card will be  
mailed out 1st week of  
December as to  
Day & TIME  
Of pick-up.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
DUE BY NOVEMBER 13

Mail form to 801 N. Country Fair Dr. Champaign, IL 61821

We now accept the following credit cards:  
(in office orders only no phone orders)



# University of Illinois Equine Vet Med Tour

Photos Submitted By: Alyson Suits

On September 23rd, equine enthusiasts and horse owners met at the University of Illinois Veterinarian Medicine Building to learn more about the equine division. Attendees met with Dr. Austin, who showed them how to check resting pulse and breathing and how to check gut sounds to determine colic. Attendees also learned about the farrier division, ambulatory service and gained a better understanding about the services provided and research conducted by the University of Illinois.



Dr. Austin explains where to check a horse's pulse.