

The Friday Leader



News from the Champaign County Farm Bureau

News for the Week Ending Thursday, July 2nd, 2015

**NOTE: CCFB WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, JULY
3rd.**

THANK YOU

On Sunday, June 28th, we had our FB Connect event (Post-Planting Fun Night) at the Old Orchard Lanes Miniature Golf Course. We appreciate all who

attended and participated. *See newsletter with photos!

This Week's Hot Topics

- PORK CONSOLIDATION - Brazil's JBS S.A, the world's largest meatpacker, said Wednesday that its U.S-based subsidiary Swift Pork Co. has entered in an agreement to buy Cargill Inc.'s pork businesses in the U.S. for \$1.45 billion. That includes the firm's Beardstown processing plant.
- GLUTTED MARKET - Agricultural prices face a 10-year bear market, says the OECD. That is bad news for companies supplying tractors and fertilizer.
- GRAIN BELT EXPRESS UPDATE – Missouri regulators have blocked approval of the Grain Belt Express transmission line. The Missouri Public Service Commission's 3-2 vote to deny the Grain Belt Express project's route could derail the entire line, which already won approval from Kansas and Indiana, according to STLToday.com.
- NON-METRO LOSS – Earlier this week, we told you about the general population loss in non-metro rural counties. In Illinois, only 2 non-metro counties in the state saw population growth between 2010 and 2014. They are Warren and Effingham counties.

- SKIM OR 1% - A survey by USDA's Economic Research Service finds two out of five households now serve 1% or skim milk to their family. That's up by four percentage points from 2007.
- ESTATE PLANNING UPDATE - The Wall Street Journal reports the U.S. Treasury Department is zeroing in on new regulations that would effectively raise the taxable value of assets transferred into family partnerships and LLCs, currently granted a discount. Speculation is that the new rules will be announced in early September. Partnerships and LLCs allow families to tax-efficiently pass on to heirs.
- RIVER UPDATE - Grain sources say swift currents have prompted continued restrictions on barge tow sizes along the Illinois and sections of the Mississippi rivers.
- HOME VALUES AND THE WEB - Real-estate agents across the country say buyers are turning their noses up at homes without fast Web access. A nationwide study released on Monday by researchers at the University of Colorado and Carnegie Mellon University finds fiber-optic connections can add \$5,437 to the price of a \$175,000 home.

Peaches!!

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	QTY	Price
Crest Haven		
Cling Free @ \$27.00	___ 25 lbs.	\$___
Non-Members @ \$30.00	___ 25 lbs.	\$___
	TOTAL	\$___

Orders will arrive
mid/late-August!
Postcard will be mailed
at that time with pickup
information

Please pay in full at time of order

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____



Saturday, July 11th, 2015
Olde Barn Sporting Clays—Oakland, IL

8:00 a.m.—Registration / Course Opens *(rain or shine)*
 11:00 a.m.—Lunch Starts
 12:00 p.m.—Registration Closes / Shotgun Raffle Drawing

2015 Shotgun Raffle
Browning Citori Maple Lightning 12 Gauge—\$2,200 value!
 \$20 for 1 ticket or \$100 for 6 tickets
 Need not be present to win—Only 300 tickets will be sold

<p><u>Pull for Agriculture Details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 target event on standard course; 4 members per team to ensure eligibility for cash prizes • Shooters must bring their own gun & ammunition or share with a teammate (ammo can also be purchased in the Pro Shop) • Golf carts available for rental • No alcoholic beverages • Guns unloaded until in the shooter's box; Maximum 2 shells in gun at any time 	<p><i>5 Stand sponsored by</i></p> 	<p><i>Lunch sponsored by</i></p> 
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Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____ Email _____
☐ I am signing up as an individual shooter and wish to be assigned to a team at the Pull
☐ I am signing up a team of 4 shooters to include these additional shooters:
 Team member #2 _____ Team Member #4 _____
 Team member #3 _____
 Registration Fee _____ @ \$60 each \$ _____
 Station Sponsor _____ @ \$200 each \$ _____

Mail registration & payment to:
 CCFB Foundation—Pull 4 Agriculture
 801 N. Country Fair Dr., Suite A
 Champaign, IL 61821
 (217) 352-5235

THERE WILL NOT BE A YAL MEETING TONIGHT** It
 has been changed to July 9th

Mark Your Calendar!

JULY 3, 2015 (ALL DAY EVENT)
 Observing Independence Day office Closed

ccfb
801 N Country Fair dr
Champaign, IL 61821

JULY 6, 2015 AT 06:30PM

Marketing Club
CCFB
801 N Country Fair Dr
Champaign, IL 61821

**JULY 6, 2015 AT 08:00AM TO JULY 7,
2015 AT 12:00PM**

UAS Workshops
Parkland College BCTE
2400 West Bradley Ave
Champaign, IL 61820

JULY 9, 2015 AT 06:30PM

Young Ag Leaders
CCFB
801 N Country Fair Dr
Champaign, IL 61821

JULY 9, 2015 FROM 10:00AM TO 12:00PM

Prime Timers

CCFB
801 N Country Fair Dr
Champaign, IL 61821

Great Opportunity!!!

The dates are set for the 2015 CCFB Leadership Academy this summer!

The Leadership academy provides opportunity to members and volunteers, to develop and strengthen their skills. This program is designed to attract new and past leaders that are members of Champaign County Farm Bureau. This experience can be applied to any board or committee!

The opportunity includes an etiquette business dinner taught by University of Illinois personnel, introspective sessions on personality traits that help the candidate assess how he/she works in groups and a group project that enables participants to share agriculture's story with consumers. Media training with both radio and tv provide a working session for attendees.

The Dates are:

August: 10 & 24

November: 9 & 23

December: 4 & 14

January: 4 & 18

Call 217-352-5235 for information
and an application for the 2015 class!

Champaign County Farm Bureau will host a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course scheduled for Saturday, July 26, beginning at 7:30 am. in the Farm Bureau auditorium located at 801 North Country Fair Drive. The class will cover basic knowledge of CDL's: brakes, combination vehicles, tankers, doubles and triples, passenger vehicles and hazardous materials.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Monday, JULY 20, by 5 p.m. There is a minimum of 10 participants required to hold the class and a maximum of 50 total participants allowed to attend.

Today in History

- **1776** The Continental Congress adopts a resolution severing ties with Great Britain
- **1777** Vermont is first American state to vote to abolish slavery.
- **1937** Amelia Earhart's plane disappears while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight at the equator.

- **1962** The first Wal-Mart store officially opens for business.
- **xxxx** The year is half way over!

Check it out! :

<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th/videos/bet-you-didnt-know-independence-day>



Have a wonderful 4th of July!!

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