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Steve Johnson Seminar - Online

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the November Steve Johnson Seminar will be online.

With summer weather problems and Chinese Phase 1 demand, crop futures prices rallied contra-seasonally, putting in harvest futures price highs. Producers are storing some unpriced bushels despite the lack of futures price carry. To address these crop marketing strategy issues, a free live webinar is planned for November 19 at 7 p.m.

ISU Ag Decision Maker will be hosting this webinar with featured speakers Steve Johnson, ISU Extension farm management specialist, and Ed Kordick, Iowa Farm Bureau farmer education program manager, presenting on:

- Current corn and soybean supply/demand and price outlook
- Local basis trends and futures price carry
- Cost of grain ownership
- Crop marketing strategies, tools, and market planning.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to welcome the following to our organization

Nikki Gerald
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Matthew & Amy Hendricks
Joseph Huston
Johnnie & Judy Ingle
Amarbir Malhi & Aman Kaur
Evan Link
Joshua & Myiah Ryner
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Cole Stockton
Patricia Taff



Steve Johnson

Pre-Registration is required and is available here: https://register.gotowebi-nar.com/register/878543185632016144

For more information on other webinars with Steve please visit the ISU Extension website here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/info/meetings.html

These links are also available on our website, www.knoxcfb.org

"We are pleased the voters of Illinois have spoken and decided the State's flat tax is the fairest way to tax income.

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-Illinois Farm Bureau President, Richard Guebert





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A time to celebrate family, food and its affordability

To my surprise, our son recently announced how much he loves Thanksgiving. Keep in mind, this comes from a kid who started his Christmas wish list in August. For a couple weeks this fall, he and his sister discussed whether our 10-month-old farm dog should dress as a delivery driver or a hot dog for Halloween.

So, Thanksgiving? He says this holiday of thankfulness starts with a cool parade on TV. We spend the day with cousins, and the food is "really, really good." I agree, and it rates one of the most affordable for many reasons: No gifts, simple decorations, and comfort food at a comfortable price.

In fact, the ingredients to make the classic Thanksgiving meal cost about \$50 for a gathering of 10 people, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF). For 35 years, the nation's largest farm organization has calculated the cost of the classic fixings of turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie, coffee and milk to be under \$5 per person. AFBF even predicts leftovers at that bargain price.

Most fast-food meals cost more than that. Our family's Thanksgiving likely does, too, as we traditionally exceed the meal's basic menu requirements. Then again, every household participates to share in the expense. My sister-in-law's cheese ball shaped as a turkey makes a festive appetizer. My aunt pan-fries sweet potatoes to a delectable glaze ladened with margarine and sugar. While green in color, my grandma's pistachio pudding layer salad certainly doesn't meet the universal definition of salad. Yet in good-old Midwestern fashion, we treat it like a salad in the food line despite the

whipped topping. Then, we have dessert, too.

My British brother-in-law loves
Thanksgiving for layered pumpkin-pecan
pie. His parents like it, too, and sometimes
visit from England during this traditionally
American holiday. They like how the celebration brings family together for a combination of great food and company without
the obligations and pressure to purchase
presents. Still, they bring us boxes of British
chocolates.

Our son's favorite part of the meal is turkey with Grandma's dressing. Our daughter loves Granny's butterhorn rolls. My tastebuds like everything, including a dollop of homemade cranberry sauce that took me nearly 40 years to appreciate. Kudos to my son for appreciating the simplicity of this holiday so young. If I can only get him to crave the cranberries earlier in life than me.

About the author: Joanie Stiers' family grows corn, soybeans and hay and raises beef cattle and backyard chickens in West-Central Illinois.

Legislative Update: New Normal Anything But...

Greetings. As I write this, many of you may have finished harvest. Hopefully, others are nearing completion. Most of the reports that I have heard have been positive. It is long overdue after the last few years that were particularly challenging. I hope that you all had a successful and safe harvest, and the weather holds out till the field work is complete.

We have found ourselves in a much different world over the last several months. Our new normal is anything but normal. For many, the new normal is shopping online, drive-thru dining, endless zoom meetings, online learning and working from home. Conferences, trade shows and annual meetings have been canceled or postponed. All of this can be challenging and certainly frustrating.

It has also challenged us to be more creative with how we interact with others and how we get people interested in joining the virtual world of meetings and conferences. Last month, I joined my Co-Chair Rep. Paul Anderson (MN) and Vice-Chair Sen. Jim Dotzenrod (ND) for a virtual meeting of the Council of State Governments Midwest Legislative Conference Agriculture



Norine Hammond

and Natural
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Committee. On
August 10, one
third of Iowa's
crops were destroyed by 100
mph winds
that blew down
acres of corn,
soybeans, silos,
trees, homes, and
barns. Four people

died. On August 24, the southern coast of the United States was facing the threat of two hurricanes in 24 hours. Hurricane Laura killed 36 people and did an estimated \$8.7 billion in insured damage. Today, wildfires are burning millions of acres across the American West and have killed a number of people. A significant portion of these impacted rural residents. Our meeting focused on the Rural Response to Natural Disasters. Our speakers included Dr. Scott Collis, Atmospheric Scientist, Argonne National Laboratory Mike Naig, Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Ralph Eichler, Manitoba

Minister of Economic Development. If you would like to view the meeting, simply go to: www.csgmidwest.org/MLC/Resources/AgNatRes_Web_Meeting_091820.mp4.

Recently, I have been working to bring about a greater awareness of the high levels of stress among our agriculture producers. I am encouraged by the response from a number of entities that have recognized the need for funding and resources to address the mental health needs in the ag community. The Illinois Farm Bureau has been active in the arena with their Stronger Together initiative and the Farm Aid Farmer hotline. Just recently, the University of Illinois College of ACES received funding for a 12-state collaborative to create and expand a mental health resource network for farmers and farm families. Recognizing that there is a need is the first step in providing the needed help.

As you read this election day will have passed and we will hopefully have the results. There will undoubtedly be successes and disappointments. In the end, I pray that our country and our State can come together and work together respectfully. Be well and be safe!

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

68. LIVESTOCK PRICING AND MARKETING

We support:

- 1. Legislation, on a state and national basis, establishing the Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) as the overall authority and provider of oversight to ensure livestock contracts are clearly-written, confidentiality concerns are addressed, investments are protected, and contractors honor the terms of contracts.
- 2. Providing GIPSA with the authority to enforce contract standards that enhance price transparency and price discovery with livestock contracts.
- 3. Including monthly slaughter capacity reporting in mandatory price reporting by packers.
- 4. GIPSA be provided enforcement authority to ensure that all instruments used in quantifying quality factors for value determination for livestock are performing to a set standard.
- 5. The inclusion of time and date stamp for reporting prices of livestock.
 - 6. The United States Department of

Agriculture (USDA) and industry representatives examining the practicality of an industry wide, uniform grading system for pork that includes a quality grade.

- 7. The development and implementation of value-based marketing systems which convey the value of product quality from the retail market to the farm.
- 8. Farmers fully understanding the risks involved with using but not participating in a market to set a price.
- 9. Cooperating with the USDA, livestock groups, and university researchers to develop and utilize alternative price discovery methods.
- 10. Illinois Department of Agriculture seeking the most efficient method for sale barns to report prices for distribution to farmers.
- 11. Working with the CME Group, other industry groups, and livestock packers to develop a market mechanism that allows for improved forward pricing contracts and flexible pricing opportunities for farmers.
- 12. The CME Group and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) recognizing packing plants as de-

livery points to fulfill livestock contracts, resulting in means to bring convergence between the cash and futures market at expiration of the contract.

- 13. The Illinois Livestock Development Group working with livestock packers in order to facilitate the expansion of livestock buying stations in Illinois.
- 14. All efforts to improve the livestock price reporting system.
- 15. All reporting system changes that will generate reported market prices calculated on premium prices paid as well as price lows in the quality range.
- 16. Livestock packers securing at least 20 percent of their purchases from the cash market.
- 17. Additional funding from USDA needed to enable GIPSA to conduct these activities.

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Prep your Winter Emergency Weather Kit before snow hits

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Hauling that shovel could come in handy if your car ever lands in a ditch. And having that cat litter on standby could offer the much needed traction you'd need to dig it out. As for the peanut butter, when you burn all those calories digging through the snow, a jar of peanut butter could provide some nourishment in a pinch.

Better safe than sorry

harvest.

Winter weather can turn a routine trip into a dangerous situation but being prepared can make the difference between life and death when facing hypothermia.

No one plans to be marooned roadside,

but with severe weather looming, it's always a possibility. Be ready for Jack Frost with a Winter Emergency Weather Kit.

Consider the basics:

- First Aid Kit
- Cell phone and car charger
- Flashlight with new batteries
- Candle with matches or lighter Ice scraper and snow brush
- Shovel
- Hazard sign or brightly colored flag
- Cat litter or sand
- Bottled water and non-perishable food items
- Warm clothing, winter boots, gloves
- Battery jump pack or jumper cables If you live in a rural area or are taking a longer trip, your needs may be different so

consider adding a few extra items to your

Add-on items:

- Flares and emergency strobes
- Light sticks
- Disposable hand warmers
- Toilet paper
- Basic tool kit
- Tire Chains/Tow Rope

In the case of highway accidents or ice

storms, motorists may get stranded in groups. Ensure you have enough supplies for you and your family and pack a little extra to help other stranded motorists.

You can also buy readymade kits in stores and online. Make sure whatever you buy includes the basics. Also update your kit twice a year to ensure your supplies and tools are in good working order.

Wishing you and your family, safe and happy travels from COUNTRY Financial'.

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Name: Michael J. White Years with COUNTRY: 37 years

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2016. Life Underwriting Training Council Fellow; LUTCF Community Service: Mike is a current President of Western Illinois Estate and Financial Planners. He is a member of the Galesburg

Rotary, Paul Harris Award recipient and has been active in many community organizations in the past. He is US Jaycee Senator, and past President of the Galesburg Jaycees. He coached baseball locally for 16 years and served as Commissioner of the Babe Ruth Leagues for 6 years. He is a Past President of the Galesburg Athletic Booster Club. For several years he served Chrysallis and

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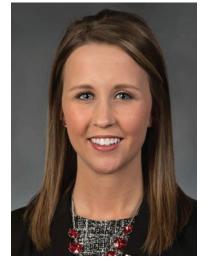
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Hailey's Manager Update

As you read on the front page, we will not be going to Chicago this December. While it takes away some pressure and stress, everything we did all year long was for Chicago! While we have not had the normal set of programs we usually do, getting the state together allows us to brainstorm ideas and congratulate others on their successes.

The IAA Annual Meeting is so much more than the grassroot show of setting policy. The trip is a chance to get away from home, go to the big city to see the beautiful Christmas decorations, catch up with old friends and colleagues and enjoy fabulous food with the county. I know that staff at Illinois Farm Bureau are trying to plan a most professional event on December 5, but it will just not be the same. What it will show is how Farm Bureau continues to adapt and be a resilient organization. Going virtual is



going to come with its challenges but it gives us the opportunity to have a little bit of normalcy during this time.

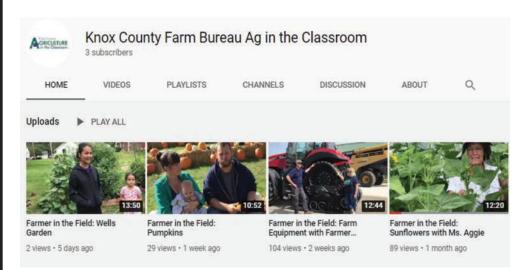
I look forward to sharing what new policy has been adapted in December! Grassroots at its finest!

Ag in the Classroom Update

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Holiday Safety Tips

Fall is here and with the cooler temperatures and fall foliage also comes a host of traditions – harvest, cookouts, and the holidays to name a few. Many of us are looking forward to spending time with our families safely, and effectively. However, with questions about how to celebrate despite the coronavirus pandemic happening erupting, many people are concerned with how to spend the holiday season with their loved ones.

With talks of how to celebrate the holidays on everyone's mind, people may wonder what the best way for them to do this is. Here are a few tips to make your holidays memorable.

Social Distance if you can

If possible, try not too crowd your entire family at home. Social distance as needed. Sometimes this isn't easy, but if there is a way to have more room and people more spread apart, it can help with keeping people away from one another. Six feet of distance is what it should be and try to keep it as far away as you can, to help stop the spread.

Wear a face covering

Wearing a face covering does help stop the spread, and if you're around a bunch of strangers or even family that you don't know is taking precautions, this is a great thing to do.

A cotton mask is ideal, but you can wear those disposable masks too, or a face shield. It may seem weird at the dinner table this year, but if you wear a mask as much as you can, you can still see your family in a safe, and effective manner.

Use Zoom as Needed

Zoom is a great tool for many people this holiday season.

Want to see family but don't want to risk it? Why not set up a fun little Zoom call together. This is a great way for many people to meet up with the friends and family they want to see, without there being a chance for anyone to get sick. While it isn't the same as being together, you can still get the benefits of the holidays and the fun with the family like this as well.

Holiday Meals

Limit the number of people for which social distancing is possible before, during, and after the meal. If the weather is nice, consider taking advantage of outdoor gatherings as weather permits. It may feel a little different, but encourage guests to wear a face covering except to eat and drink.

Sanitize After a Gathering

This should be obvious, but please sanitize after a gathering.

Make sure to clean all surfaces before and after a meeting with family and friends.

This will help to minimize the germs that are present, but also keep your house nice and clean.

Holiday Shopping

Stay home if you have tested positive or have symptoms of COVID-19. Use social distancing when you are shopping, wear a face covering in public settings and when around people, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Support your small local businesses many have options for online shopping and in-person, contactless curbside or drive-up pick-up.

Get Help

If you feel like you're all alone, chances are you may want to consider reaching out to someone.

Seeking help during this time of year is good. This year will be especially hard with the coronavirus pandemic sweeping the world, and many people feeling trapped in their home.

If you feel down about the holidays, understand that there is help out there, and you can get help on how to have a good holiday despite COVID and everything else wreaking havoc.

The holidays will definitely be a lot different this year, but you can make the most of them however you can. Thankfully, there are many things that you can do to have a good holiday season, even when things feel out of control otherwise.

The Knox County Health Department in conjunction with the State of Illinois will be holding two Free COVID-19 Testing Weekends this month, November 14- 15 and November 28 – 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Knox County Fair Ground, drive-thru or walk up. It is open to all Illinois residents, regardless of symptoms. Please bring your identification. At the drive-thru testing, staff will be practicing masking and social distancing throughout the event, and all individuals are being asked to wear face coverings as well.

Stress is not a normal reaction to situations and it is better to deal with it on your own than reach out for help. FACT: Stress is normal, especially for farmers who deal with unpredictable weather and markets. Find healthy ways to manage your stress - mental health is just as vital as your physical safety! Calling upon the farming community - friends, neighbors, or clergy - makes a difference in managing stressful situations and crises.

TWO WEEKENDS OF COVID TESTING

Saturday & Sunday November 14-15 and November 28-29



Drive-Through & Walk-Up At: Knox County Fairgrounds 1392 Knox Hwy 9 Galesburg, IL 61401

Saturday & Sunday November 14-15 & 28-29

Join us for this free community test at the Knox County Fairgrounds: 1392 Knox Highway 9, Galesburg, IL 61401

Drive-through in your car or walk up.

Simple nasal swabs will be used with results in 4-7 days.

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Anyone can get tested! You don't need to have symptoms or be sick!

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Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE NOVEMBER 1980 BULLETIN **Corn Yield Banquet**

Sixty farmers, agricultural suppliers and guests attended the 14th annual Corn Yield Banquet. George Sutor of Consumers Grain and Supply Company, Galesburg, said a crop report projected a 58.5 million metric ton carryover, which is only a five week supply. The average of the top ten yields was 168 bushels, which was 34 less than the 1979 average. The decline is attributed by Knox County Extension advisor Don Teel to the heat, drought, stress and wind damage which hit the 1980 crop.

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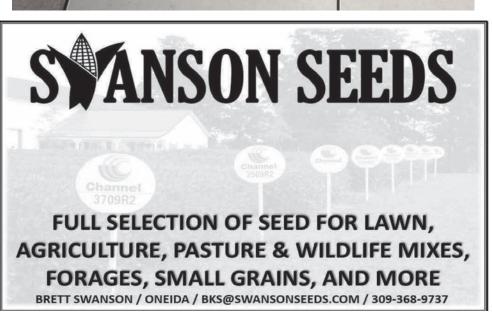
PrimeTimers News

The committee did not meet in October and will not meet in November.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER **OF THE MONTH**

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