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Members are always welcome at Knox County Farm Bureau's Board of Director meetings. They are held the third Thursday of each month. Please call for times.



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Plot Average:



Homemade for the holidays

For the family's love of homemade cinnamon rolls, I quietly step through the silence of our predawn home and into the kitchen to get rolling.

Still dark outside, I work from the glow of Christmas tree and the light of the kitchen island, where I had staged the final roll-making supplies the night before. I softly stream holiday music and savor the early morning peace, interrupted only by the tick of a warming stove and gentle blow from the furnace vents. That moment continues a home-baked holiday tradition at least three generations old, taught by my mother and grandmother before me. Now, my daughter often joins me.

Two hours later, the fragrance of baked cinnamon rolls fills the house, something like the loving aroma of a Thanksgiving meal. The household stirs, ready for the sweet, warm richness we enjoy around the holidays. When age 4, our son provided the only objection that I can recall. Mind you, I had sacrificed sleep to make the family-recipe rolls when he awoke and asked for pancakes. I managed to laugh at his innocent, insulting request. Now 10 years later, the cinnamon rolls have won him over.

As a kid, I remember cinnamon roll dough rising in every warm spot of the house. I recall the rhythm of Mom rolling the dough at the counter and the way she uniformly sprinkled brown sugar and cinnamon across the dough, free from the overapplied globs I struggled with as a newbie. The timing at which to frost them seals the deal — slightly melted to a transparent sheen to reveal the cinnamon-brown sugar swirl, but thick enough to sit atop a warm

Dozens upon dozens of foil pans full of fresh cinnamon rolls left the farmhouse in which I grew up. Mom topped them with a bow for neighbors, landlords and relatives. I preferred mine at the dining room table with a glass of store-bought chocolate milk, which she purchased only around the holidays. I would slowly unwind the roll, eating it from tail to core every morning when they were available. I've eaten far more cinnamon rolls than my age for this annual tradition.

While much about the farm has changed with time and technology, we remain rooted in our favorite traditions. Nothing warms the soul quite like the homemade instructions that fill my recipe books. Even if it's pancakes.

Joanie Stiers farms, writes and bakes in west-central Illinois where her family honors the morning of her December birthday with a candle in a homemade cinnamon roll.

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

111. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

We support:

- 1. Efforts to inform our leaders and members of the basic provisions of the current public employee collective bargaining laws in Illinois.
- 2. Urging the use of various innovative consensus and nonadversarial approaches to resolve public employee disputes in order to

minimize the potential of work stoppages by gaining group, or mandatory financial suppublic employees.

- 3. Cooperation with major public employee and employer groups in the State in pursuit of reasonable solutions to disputes in the public sector.
- 4. Binding arbitration only when agreed to by both negotiating parties.

We oppose:

1. Mandatory membership in any bar-

port of such group by non-members.

- 2. Strikes by public employees which might jeopardize public health, safety, welfare and education.
- 3. Inclusion of administrative, supervisory or management personnel in a collective bargaining unit.

KNOX CO. CORN GROWERS 2022 CORN HYBRID TRIAL

For the past 5 years, the Knox County Corn Growers have been partnering with local seed representatives to compile an unaffiliated, unbiased hybrid seed plot in our county. CRD Advisors from Springfield planted and harvested the plot. This growing season, the variable we tested was a single fungicide pass vs. 2- pass fungicide program. The fungicide trial was completed using a

single pass in July at VT and the Second pass in August at R2 on half of the plot. In collaboration with the Knox County Farm Bureau, we would like to share the results of our plot from 2022 with Farm Bureau members.

Respectfully, **Knox County Corn Growers Association**

Population:	34,000				
Location:	Rio, IL	Previous Crop:	Soybeans Conventional VT - 7/20: 7oz Veltyma (Airplane)		
Planting Date:	10-May-22	Tillage:			
Harvest Date:	4-Oct-22	Fungicide 1:			
Nitrogen:	185# NH3 fall, 40# 32% Spring	Fungicide 2: Herbicide:	NON	NONE	
			Pre: 1.5qt Lexar		
			Post: 24oz Armezon Pro,	32oz Infantry	
Brand	Hybrid	Moisture (%)	Yield (Bu/ac)	Rank	
AgriGold	641-85TRC	21.5	277.2	17	
AgriGold	645-16VT2	24.9	276.0	19	
AgriGold	643-52STX	22.5	263.5	30	
AgriGold	639-70STX	18.4	227.3	42	
Channel	214-22 STXRIB	21.5	280.9	12	
Channel	212-52 SSP RIB	18.9	253.7	39	
Channel	206-16 SS PR	17.5	246.7	40	
Dekalb	DKC 66-18 RIB	23.5	289.8	3	
Dekalb	DKC 65-95 RIB	21.8	285.7	8	
Dekalb	DKC 62-69 RIB	21.1	275.5	20	
Dekalb	DKC 59-82RIB	17.9	261.4	33	
Dekalb	DKC 111-35	18.6	259.4	34	
Diamond Ag	Brevant 13323 AM	22.6	288.6	5	
Diamond Ag	Brevant 10A20 AM	19.4	285.8	7	
Diamond Ag	Brevant 10H24 AM	20.8	274.6	23	
Diamond Ag	Brevant B09208 AM	20.2	259.3	35	
Diamond Ag	Brevant 13X20Q	21.4	259.2	36	
FS	6595v2	22.7	288.9	4	
FS	6395v2	22.1	287.4	6	
FS	6217stx	21.4	262.9	31	
LG Seed	LG66C44VT2RIB	24.6	296.1	1	
LG Seed	LG62C22VT2PRO	20.4	270.7	25	
LG Seed	LG59C72VT2RIB	18.7	264.6	27	
LG Seed	LG62C52TRCRIB	18.0	254.7	38	
Midwest/Diamond Ag	MW 11-15 SS	21.3	282.9	11	
Midwest/Diamond Ag	MW 12-48DGVT2P	22.0	277.7	15	
Midwest/Diamond Ag	MW 11-30 TRE	21.1	276.5	18	
Midwest/Diamond Ag	MW 13-04 VT2P	21.9	274.8	21	
Midwest/Diamond Ag	MW 14-88 VT2P	20.9	243.1	41	
Pioneer	P1222AM	20.9	290.5	2	
Pioneer	P0953AM	20.3	285.6	9	
Pioneer	P1278Q	22.2	283.4	10	
Pioneer	P1359AM	21.7	277.9	14	
Pioneer	P1185 AM	22.1	274.8	22	
Prairie Hybrids	8290	23.9	277.3	16	
Prairie Hybrids	5883	19.2	270.6	26	
Prairie Hybrids	8960	22.7	264.5	29	
Prairie Hybrids	8904	21.9	262.0	32	
Prairie Hybrids	6878	22.4	257.5	37	
Stone Seed	1332SS	21.2	278.4	13	
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Double Application Fungicide Trial opulation: 34,000 10-May-22 Tillage: VT -7/20: 7oz Veltyma (Airplane) larvest Date: 4-Oct-22 Fungicide 1: R2 - 8/3: 8oz Delaro Complete (Drone Fungicide 2: 185# NH3 fall, 40# 32% Pre: 1.5qt Lexar Herbicide: Hybrid Moisture (Yield (Bu/ac) Rank Brand 645-16VT2 AgriGold 281.0 griGold 643-52STX 22.7 23 AgriGold 641-85TRC 20.6 267.1 639-70STX 214-22 STXRIB 42 hannel 21.0 285.2 10 212-52 SSP RIB 16 40 Channel 206-16 SS PR 17.0 245.6 DKC 62-69 RIB ekalb DKC 66-18 RIB 24.9 270.3 28 29 32 Dekalb DKC 65-95 RIB 22.9 266.3 iamond A Brevant 13323 AM 22.3 286.7 Brevant 10H24 AM 20.0 274.7 Brevant 13X20Q 6595v2 23.9 288.6 6395v2 21.4 286.7 6217stx 22.2 12 284.4 LG Seed LG66C44VT2RIR 25.2 289.2 LG62C52TRCRIB 13 19.0 LG Seed 283.9 LG Seed LG59C72VT2RIB LG Seed LG62C22VT2PRO 20.6 256.5 1idwest/Diamond Ag MW 13-04 VT2P Midwest/Diamond Ag 23.0 289.4 MW 12-48DGVT2P /lidwest/Diamond Ag 21.8 MW 11-30 TRE Midwest/Diamond Ag 21.2 266.7 31 Nidwest/Diamond Ag 21.8 ioneer P1185 AM 21.2 289.1 P1222AN 22.3 284.8 oneer oneer P0953AM 19.5 283.3 P1278Q 21.0 oneer 276.3 P1359AM 24.7 273.8 25 ioneer 22.4 rairie Hybrids 8960 288.3 rairie Hybrids 8290 23.5 277.2 21 rairie Hybrids 5883 19.9 272.9 257.0 8904 23.0 37 rairie Hybrids 41 rairie Hybrids 6878 21.2 239.2 6368RIP 18 1521SS tone Seed 22.9 280.3 19

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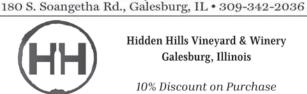
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Safety Tips for a Jollier Holiday Season

The winter holiday season comes with its own unique safety needs. Whether it's tree and holiday plant safety, holiday decorations, or holiday shopping, these sixteen tips can help keep your festivities holly and jolly.

Tree & holiday plant safety

- 1. Buy your tree from a local farm! Transported trees are usually cut earlier than locally grown trees and are more likely to be dry, which make them more prone to catching fire. If there are no local tree farms near you, ask how long ago your tree was cut down.
- 2. Is your tree parched? Shake the tree to see if it's in need of some hydration. If green needles fall off, then the tree is dry. If brown needles fall from the inside, they likely fell years ago but were just trapped inside the tree. Either way, seeing what falls off your tree can be a good indicator of whether the tree is a potential fire hazard or not.
- 3. Cut one inch off the base of the tree this helps water move more easily

through the trunk and keeps your tree green. Many vendors will do this for you – just ask!

- 4. Speaking of water, once you pick the most festive tree, make sure you're checking the water level daily. A six-foot tree should use a gallon of water every two days.
- 5. Keep those branches lovely place the tree away from heat sources that could dry the tree out or cause a fire, such as indoor heaters or open flames.
- 6. Certain holiday plants such as poinsettias, holly, and mistletoe are toxic to humans and animals when ingested, so it's important to keep them out of reach of kids and pets.

Holiday shopping

Don't let a grinch steal the holiday. Burglars are opportunistic, so keep your gifts from ending up in the wrong hands by keeping these things in mind:

- 1. Keep gift wrapped packages out of sight of your home's windows and doors.
 - 2. Plan ahead to retrieve any mail

packages from your doorstep shortly after they arrive.

- 3. Don't leave the boxes for those bigticket items out on the street. Instead, put them in black trash bags and don't run them to the curb until trash day. Now would-be thieves won't see what new gadgets you unwrapped.
 - 4. When shopping, try to do so during

daylight hours. If you find that you need to shop at night, make an event out of it and take a friend with you. Always be aware of your surroundings.

5. Last, in all the bustle and hustle of the season, don't forget to keep records of credit card information and transactions in a safe place at home.

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November Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on November 17, 2022

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel An adult Ag in the Classroom Program is coming soon.

Farm Business – Brian Nelson

A 2022 Plat Book is available for sale in the office. Plat Books are \$30 for members and \$50 for wall maps for members. Steve Johnson was held on November 15.

Government and Policy – Drew DeSutter

Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886.

Member Relations – Jeff Grady
The 2023 quota program has been re-

Young Farmers – Tyler Main

Young Farmers met on November 10 at Jimmy's Pizza.

PrimeTimers – Hailey Hennenfent PrimeTimers had their Holiday Meal on November 15 at noon at Cherry Street.

Foundation – Hailey Hennenfent The KCFB Foundation Board will meet on November 22.

KAC - Hailey Hennenfent

The Agri Center Board will meet on November 22.

OLD BUSINESS

There are 3 vacancies on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board. Directors are looking to fill the spot in District 2, 3, and 5.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2023 Budget was passed.

KCFB Board Attendance 2022

(P) Present

(A) Absent

(C) Cancelled

	September	October	November
Beard, Jennifer	Р	Р	Р
Bewley, Beau	Α	Р	Р
Bollivar, Jason	Р	Р	Р
Courson, Dustin	Α	Α	Α
DeSutter, Drew	Р	Р	Р
Emken, Kurt	Α	Р	Р
Engel, Lori	Р	Р	Р
Goedeke, Phil	Α	Р	Р
Grady, Jeff	Α	Α	Р
King, Becky	Α	Α	Α
Link, Cory	Р	Р	Р
Link, Nathan	Р	Р	Р
Nelson, Brian	Р	Р	Р
O'Connor, Tom	Р	Р	Р
Shea, Damon	Α	Α	Р
Stevens, Monica	Р	А	Р
Underwood, Kyle	Р	Р	Р

IAA Scholarship Application Process Opens January 1

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 100 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$201,501 for the 2023-24 school year.

Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Distinguished Scholarships, where winners each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner.

In addition to family scholarships often established to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of Prairie Farms Dairy. For 2023, the IAA Foundation is honored to administer the newly created

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Tyrell Bell
Tami Qualls
Elise Hackett
Jeff & Deb Crisman
Kyle Kapraun
Lowell Carlson

Sandhu Minority in Agriculture Scholarship, and the Thomas E. and Mary Morgan Lykins Scholarship. Additionally, fellowships will once again support students pursuing advanced degrees in fields that directly relate to agriculture.

Scholarships are awarded based on involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service, academic performance, leadership experiences, and response to an essay. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the scholarship allows.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available on the Foundation website, www.iaafoundation.org. The application opens January 1, 2023 and must be completed online by February 15, 2023.

For more information, contact the MPFB at 309-364-2501, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith at jsmith@ilfb.org.









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Health on the Farm



By the Knox County Health Department

Stay Food Safe This Holiday Season

Keep your stomach full of holiday treats and free from foodborne illness this holiday season.

While the four steps to food safety- clean, separate, cook and chill- are important every day and at every meal, they are particularly significant during holiday meals. There will likely be many guests and many delicious dishes at your holiday table, but you don't want to invite any foodborne pathogens. In particular, remember to use a food thermometer and your holiday meals will be safe ones.

Keep your holiday celebrations food safe by following the tips:-

Clean and Sanitize

- Handwashing is the first step to avoiding foodborne illness. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before, during and after handling food. Make sure to follow these handwashing steps:
- Wet your hands with clean running water.
- Lather your fingers with soap.
- Scrub soapy hands and fingers thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. Rinse your

hands under clean, running water.

- Dry hands off with a clean towel or air dry them.
- Clean and sanitize any surfaces that have touched raw meat and its juices and will later touch food such as kitchen counters, sinks, stoves, tabletops, etc.

Avoid Cross-Contamination

Cross-contamination is the spread of bacteria from raw meat and poultry onto ready-to-eat food, surfaces, and utensils. One way to avoid this is by sing separate cutting boards, one for raw

meat and poultry, and another for fruits and vegetables.

Cooking

Food should not be tested until it reaches a safe minimum internal

is where bacteria can multiply quickly and cause the food to become unsafe. Remember the rule- keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Food	Internal Temperature
Steaks, Roasts, Ham, Pork Chops	145 °F
	With a 3-minute rest time
Ground Beef or Ground Pork	155 °F
Fish	145 °F
Poultry & Stuffing	165 °F
Egg Dishes	155 °F

temperature. Partially cooking food increases the risk of bacterial growth on the food. Refer to the internal cooking temperature chart above for the recommended safe temperatures.

The Two-Hour Rule

Don't leave your food sitting out too long! Refrigerate all perishable foods sitting out at room temperature within two hours of being cooked. After two hours, perishable food will enter the "Danger Zone" (between 41 degrees and 135 degrees), which

Transporting hot foods – Wrap dishes in insulated containers to keep their temperature above 135 degrees.

Transporting cold foods – Place items in a cooler with ice or gel packs to keep them at or below 41 degrees.

If you have any food safety questions, please call our Environmental Health Division at 309-344-2224. The Knox County Health Department hopes you have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



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Recipe of the Month Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms

Ingredients -

- 48 fresh mushrooms
- 1 package (16 ounces) Italian Mild Ground Sausage
- ½ cup dry breadcrumbs
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan Cheese
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

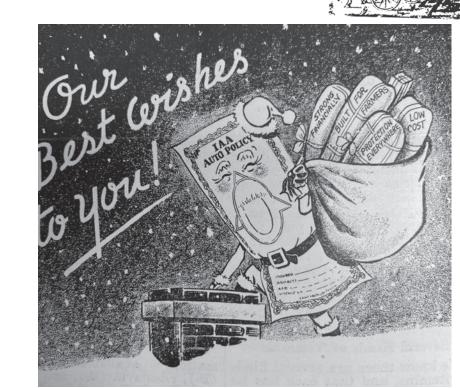
Directions -

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- 2) Remove mushroom stems and set caps aside.
- 3) Place mushroom caps on foil-lined baking sheets, set aside.
- 4) In a skillet, cook and crumble sausage in olive oil over medium heat until cooked through; drain.
- 5) Remove from heat; stir in breadcrumbs and set aside.
- 6) In a bowl, combine the cream cheese, parsley, lemon juice and garlic until smooth.
- Add sausage to cream cheese mixture; fill each cap with mixture.
- Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
- Bake for 14 to 16 minutes or until mushrooms are tender and lightly browned.
- 10) For the finishing touch, drizzle with olive oil.



Looking Back





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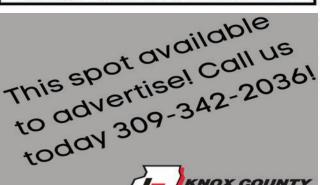
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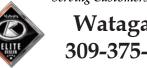
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