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## ROOTS TO RICHES: LADIES IN AG

Monday November 10, 2025

Meal starting at 5:30pm with speakers beginning at 5:45pm

Presentations by

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The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering an internship with Knox County Farm Bureau for the summer of 2026. The intern will receive a \$2,500 scholarship.



## Steve Johnson Seminar Nov. 18

Dr. Steve Johnson will be at the Knox Agri Center on Tuesday, November 18 at 7PM to present a marketing seminar titled Controlling the Crop Controllables: Changes to the Farm Safety Net & Crop Insurance. Topics will include Supply/Demand & Crop Price Outlook, Emphasize the Importance of Seasonal Futures Trend, Review Crop Marketing Strategies & Tools, Highlight ARC/PLC Changes for '25 & '26 Crops, Discuss Changes for '26 Crop Insurance Products, Coverages & Subsidies, Estimating Your '26 Crop Costs & Developing Marketing Plans.

To reserve your seat, please call the Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036 or visit [knoxcfb.org](http://knoxcfb.org).



## IFB presents a 7 Part 'Weeds with Karla'

Farmers and ranchers are facing unprecedented challenges in weed management. They are dealing with weed species, such as waterhemp and Palmer amaranth, which are adapting quickly to current herbicide programs. Biotechnology, specifically the genetic modification of crops, has allowed for the expanded use of herbicides to apply new herbicides over the top of crops like soybean. However, if we look at all the potential postemergence herbicide options used in soybeans today, waterhemp has evolved resistance to all of these options. The latest herbicide to fall victim to this adaptation is glufosinate (Liberty™). Although glufosinate resistance remains relatively uncommon, it is essential to implement a broad range of weed control strategies beyond herbicide use. Diversifying management practices not only helps suppress weed populations but also reduces the risk of resistance development. This approach forms the foundation of Integrated Weed Management (IWM).

IFB is happy to partner with SIU and share a series of informational webinars about Integrated Weed Management. The host of the discussions is Dr. Karla Gage, Associate Professor of Weed Science and Plant Biology in the Schools of Agricultural Sciences and Biological Sciences at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU). Dr. Gage completed BS and MS degrees in Biology at the University of Memphis and a PhD in Plant Biology with a focus on weed ecology at SIU. She joined the faculty at SIUC in 2015. Her weed science research lab at SIU focuses on weed control in Midwestern US cropping systems in the rotational crops of corn, soybean, wheat, sorghum, and industrial fiber/grain hemp.

Over the next 6 months, Dr. Gage will share research findings from students and guidance/research from colleagues with a goal of providing new ideas and practical information to help manage challenging weeds. Specifically, she will discuss:

- September 2025- Integrate Weed Management - Why do we need it? Practical implementation methods and the benefits of IWM.
- October 2025- Seedbanks - Research in seedbank management. Management and the consequences of unmanaged late season weed escapes.
- November 2025 - Harvest Weed Seed Control - As a tactic for herbicide resistance management, focusing on the practice of chaff lining.
- December 2025 - Cover Crops - Planning to integrate cover crops into your weed management program? Learn about species selection and herbicide carryover.
- January 2026 - Herbicide Resistance - Evaluating herbicide resistance and prolonging the efficacy of often-used herbicides.
- February 2026 - Crop Rotation - The benefits of increasing the number of crops in rotation and the practice of 'relay cropping' wheat and soybeans. What does relay cropping system look like in practice?
- March 2026 - Planting Green - Utilized the practices of 'planting green' and 'interseeding' to create mulch layers for weed suppression. Some cover crops produce biochemical compounds that suppress weed germination, a sort of "chemical warfare" that plants use; this is called allelopathy and can be a valuable tool in some scenarios.

With each new article, IFB members will have access to supporting presentations, videos, radio interviews and more on IFB's website at: [ifb.org/weedskarla](http://ifb.org/weedskarla).

IFB's environmental team wants member feedback and suggestions on weed-related topics to discuss in the future. Email [environmentalteam@ifb.org](mailto:environmentalteam@ifb.org), the presentations, radio interviews, and videos will be available on IFB's web site for easy access for our members at [www.ifb.org](http://www.ifb.org). Another useful source of information regarding IWM is available at Getting Rid of Weeds (GROW) through Integrated Weed management, <https://growiwm.org/>.

## WATCH YOUR MAILBOX for Partners!

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### Volunteers keep villages vibrant

In a display of small-town spirit difficult to match, about 150 volunteers from our community annually collaborate to deliver a service event that uses homemade, wholesome fun to celebrate agriculture. Children eagerly anticipate the arrival of the Ag Day Festival like Christmas morning, while generations of families gather to enjoy an event that radiates small-town charm and the spirit of service. Admission and ride tickets do not exist. All the activities are free, provided by FFA and 4-H families and supporting groups and donors – from the bale climb and beloved farm chore course to the corn maze, apple peeling and barnyard animal tent. Breakfast is complimentary, slices of homemade pie

are offered for donation, and lunch sales help offset festival costs.

The vitality of a rural village is found in its people, and volunteerism gives our town its heartbeat. Unlike cities with quick access to resources and paid staff, our community relies on volunteers as firefighters and first responders. The church pianist, youth sports coaches, and the committee that dresses up downtown for the holidays all serve without pay. Lacking a taxpayer-funded park district, volunteers largely manage our three parks. Volunteers plan community events. And it was skilled volunteers who donated their time and equipment to build the only two playgrounds in town: the school and the park.

In fact, a sign at the entrance to town recognized the latter, a two-story barn playground that in recent years won the Governor's Cup, the state's top honor for volunteerism. That sign epitomizes our belief in instilling an ethic of service in the next generation and teaching them self-sufficiency, a quality often romanticized in

media yet lived out daily in our rural life.

Volunteers lead the local 4-H club and Girl Scout troop, the FFA Alumni, parent-teacher group and economic development interests. Our community's Christians volunteer to serve 500 turkey dinners every fall to raise funds for the church's mission projects. Philanthropists revived downtown buildings, bringing a food pantry and restaurant to town. And local leaders founded a community fund designed to build endowed wealth to provide ongoing financial support for area projects.

Many of us hold side gigs as part-time volunteers because we desire to make a difference. But, mentoring youth, reviving storefronts, planning community celebrations, fighting fires and filling the sanctuary with hymns on Sunday ensures that small towns can thrive.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her brother and parents in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans and hay, raise beef cattle and operate side businesses related to the family operation.*

## Getting To Know Farm Bureau Policy

### 101. FARM EQUIPMENT

#### We support:

- Clarifying and simplifying the vehicle code and regulations relating to farm vehicles.
- Proper use of the slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblems, retailers providing information regarding proper use and law enforcement agencies enforcing proper use of SMV emblems to be used in accordance with the most current American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) standards.
- Seeking legislation to increase the fine for the misuse of SMV emblems to at least \$75.00 for the first offense.
- State and county Farm Bureaus developing an SMV and lighting campaign to encourage farmers to update their older equipment with new amber flashing lights and SMV emblems.
- Development and utilization of standardized specifications for pesticide containers and equipment connectors for closed pesticide application systems.
- Farm equipment manufacturers and ASABE working together to create an improved system for new equipment that would better indicate turns, utilizing a unique color/style of flashing lights, such as sequentially-flashing red arrows, making them more noticeable for vehicles that are approaching or following.
- Development and utilization of standardized wire color/function for any trailer licensed for over-the-road use or any towed implement of husbandry.
- A farm equipment owner's right to maintain, service, repair, and rebuild their vehicle or farming equipment on their own accord or by the repair shop of their choice.

#### We oppose:

- Licensing farm tractors and other implements of husbandry.
- Mandatory retrofitting of lighting on farm equipment beyond that which was required by law as of 2018.

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KCFB Board Attendance 2025

	July	August	September
Beard, Jennifer	P	P	C
Bolivar, Jason	P	P	C
Courson, Dustin	P	P	C
DeSutter, Drew	P	P	C
Eagle, Tim	P	A	C
Emken, Kurt	P	P	C
Emmons, Rob	A	P	C
Engel, Lori	P	P	C
Erickson, Dan	P	P	C
Erickson, Michelle	P	P	C
Goedeke, Phil	A	P	C
Grady, Jeff	P	P	C
Hall, Brandon	P	P	C
Link, Aaron	P	P	C
Link, Cory	P	P	C
Main, Jason	P	P	C
McCormick, Joel	P	P	C
Nelson, Brian	P	P	C
Underwood, Kyle	P	P	C

(P) Present  
(A) Absent  
(C) Cancelled  
(V) Virtual

## Meet Knox County Farm Bureau Board Member Joel McCormick!

Meet Knox County Farm Bureau Board Member, Joel McCormick! Joel has been on the Board of Directors since 2022. Learn more about Joel here:

**Tell us a little bit about you and your family.** I grew up west of Yates City on my family's grain farm. I attended the University of Illinois where I met my wife Lisa while we were both earning our degrees in Crop Sciences. We have been married 16 years and have three children, Lily, Jane, and Leon. My children are very active in sports throughout the year as well-being members of the Williamsfield 4-H club of which I was also a member. After college I have been employed in the agronomy field, spending the last 19 years working for Helena Agri-Enterprises helping customers manage their agronomic data and make decisions with that data. I have also been able to utilize those skills on our family farm.

**Where are you from?** I currently live in Elmwood.

**What do you love most about agriculture?** Agriculture provides so many opportunities to learn and solve problems. I enjoy watching the progression of the crops through the growing season and observe how advancements in technology continue to keep agriculture viable. I also appreciate that at the core this is much of the same work that has been done for generations and will need to be done in the future.

**Why did you join the Knox County Farm Bureau?** I joined as a young leader after college because I knew Knox County Farm Bureau was a great organization that was active in promoting agriculture in the community and the



Joel McCormick

state. I was introduced to the Farm Bureau when I was growing up when my father served on the board and I was able to join him at activities in the community where we were sharing the benefits of agriculture.

**Favorite part of being on the Board of Directors?** The opportunity to work with peers in the County and State to understand the issues and find solutions.

**What are your hobbies and interests?** I enjoy attending my kids activities as well as being involved in aviation including the local EAA chapter in Galesburg. Of course, I'm always willing to talk about farming with anyone that expresses interest.

**What is something people might not know about you?** I earned my pilot's license at 19 and have been flying single engine aircraft for over 20 years.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**  
The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to welcome the following to our organization

Addysen Link  
Sidney Stiers  
Erin Welch

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Knox Co Corn Growers - 2025 Corn Hybrid Trial Single Application Fungicide Trial				
Population:	36,000	Previous Crop:	Soybeans	
Location:	Rio, IL	Tillage:	Conventional	
Planting Date:	29-Apr-25	Fungicide 1:	VT - 7/24: 6oz. Headline SC (Airplane)	
Nitrogen:	185# NH3 fall, 40# 32% Spring	Herbicide:	Pre: 2qt Lexar, RoundUp PM 16oz Post: 1oz Armezon, DiFlexx 12oz, Infantry 3pts	
Brand	Hybrid	Moisture (%)	Yield (Bu/ac)	Rank
Agrigold	A644-64VT2RIB	21.3	249.1	23
Agrigold	A642-18SSPRIB	17.8	244.1	27
Agrigold	A642-32VT2RIB	19.0	234.0	36
Brevant	B10Y21 V	19.7	279.5	2
Brevant	B14C59 V	23.8	276.1	4
Brevant	B12H48 PCE	19.7	258.2	16
Brevant	B13C49 V	22.4	253.8	20
Brevant	B11M47 PCE	22.5	249.5	22
Channel	215-70TRE	21.0	271.6	6
Channel	213-53SSP	20.5	245.3	26
Channel	212-63VT4P	18.5	237.6	31
Channel	207-34SSP	17.1	236.3	32
Channel	209-70TRE	17.9	234.7	34
Dekalb	112-12RIB TRE	20.2	260.4	13
Dekalb	66-06RIB TRE	19.5	257.2	18
Dekalb	68-35RIB VT2	20.1	247.6	24
Dekalb	117-27RIB VT4	19.2	242.0	29
Dekalb	114-43RIB VT2	20.2	240.9	30
FS	6447T	19.5	271.4	7
FS	6395V	18.5	257.8	17
FS	6545V	19.7	230.9	38
LG Seeds	64C43	20.9	244.0	28
LG Seeds	62C73	19.4	235.6	33
LG Seeds	63C32	18.6	234.4	35
Pioneer	P1742Q	25.3	274.6	5
Pioneer	P14830Q	19.6	269.8	8
Pioneer	P13777PCE	22.7	268.7	10
Pioneer	P10477V	22.2	259.2	15
Prairie Hybrids	7445	21.3	295.5	1
Prairie Hybrids	6436	21.7	278.6	3
Prairie Hybrids	8864	21.0	263.8	11
Prairie Hybrids	7265	19.5	263.7	12
Prairie Hybrids	8786	19.6	247.2	25
Stine	9754-20	20.4	254.7	19
Stine	9755-20	17.9	217.6	39
Wyffels	W7424	22.1	269.7	9
Wyffels	W7945	20.4	260.1	14
Wyffels	W7485	19.8	252.0	21
Wyffels	W6505	18.3	232.6	37
Plot Average:		20.21	253.85	

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Brevant	B11M47 PCE	23.6	271.0	21
Brevant	B12H48 PCE	22.4	269.4	23
Brevant	B14C59 V	25.4	265.5	28
Channel	215-70TRE	22.9	298.4	1
Channel	212-63VT4P	21.8	272.9	20
Channel	213-53SSP	21.7	261.6	32
Channel	207-34SSP	20.1	256.4	35
Channel	209-70TRE	20.4	247.7	39
Dekalb	112-12RIB TRE	23.5	280.8	8
Dekalb	66-06RIB TRE	21.8	278.3	11
Dekalb	117-27RIB VT4	22.5	266.1	27
Dekalb	114-43RIB VT2	21.8	257.9	34
Dekalb	68-35RIB VT2	24.6	255.5	37
FS	6395V	22.5	279.9	9
FS	6447T	22.4	276.0	14
FS	6545V	21.2	263.9	29
LG Seeds	64C43	23.0	275.4	16
LG Seeds	62C73	21.9	268.9	24
LG Seeds	63C32	21.7	268.5	25
Pioneer	P14830Q	22.6	286.0	5
Pioneer	P13777PCE	23.3	276.0	15
Pioneer	P1742Q	26.1	268.2	26
Pioneer	P10477V	23.7	261.3	33
Prairie Hybrids	6436	22.4	290.3	2
Prairie Hybrids	7445	23.5	289.8	3
Prairie Hybrids	8864	23.1	288.1	4
Prairie Hybrids	7265	21.7	283.8	6
Prairie Hybrids	8786	21.1	274.2	18
Stine	9754-20	22.5	282.2	7
Stine	9755-20	20.8	256.2	36
Wyffels	W7945	24.3	278.6	10
Wyffels	W7424	24.7	276.1	13
Wyffels	W7485	21.4	263.2	31
Wyffels	W6505	19.2	253.6	38
Plot Average:		22.47	271.85	

## Recipe of the Month

### Chicken Burrito Casserole

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup finely diced onion
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup uncooked parboiled long-grain brown rice (can also use long grain white rice)
- 3 tablespoons fajita seasoning (homemade or store-bought)
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 cup corn kernels, frozen
- 1 - 14 ounce can low sodium black beans, drained and rinsed
- 5 cups shredded chicken
- 3 cups reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1 - 4 ounce can mild green chilies
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 1/4 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese



#### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 400°F. Add onion, bell pepper, uncooked rice, fajita seasoning and cayenne (if using) to a 9x13-inch baking dish and stir to combine.
- In a separate bowl or measuring cup, whisk together the chicken broth, green chilies, tomato paste and olive oil until well combined.
- Add the broth mixture to the baking dish and stir to combine with the rice mixture.
- Add shredded chicken, black beans and corn to the baking dish. Give it an additional stir until well combined.
- Cover the baking dish with aluminum foil and then transfer to the oven to bake for 65-70 minutes or until all the liquid is absorbed.
- Once complete, remove the baking dish from the oven, remove the aluminum foil, and sprinkle evenly with grated cheese.
- Return the baking dish to the oven for a final 5-10 minutes until the cheese has melted and is slightly golden.
- Remove from the oven, allow to cool for 5-10 minutes, and serve with a sprinkle of fresh cilantro, green onion, salsa and avocado, if desired.



## 2026 AGRI-FINANCE LOAN PROGRAMS

#### 0% Seed

- 0% to August 31, 2026
- Effective September 1, 2026, rate changes to 5.00% fixed until December 31, 2026
- Effective January 1, 2027 rate changes to the FS Index Rate + 1.00% until maturity
- March 15, 2027 loan maturity date
- Invoices will be billed deferred and drawn on loan before June 30, 2026
- Final sales must be equal to or greater than prior year's sales

#### 0% Crop Protection

- 0% to August 31, 2026
- Effective September 1, 2026 rate changes to 5.00% fixed until December 31, 2026
- Effective January 1, 2027 rate changes to the FS index Rate x+ 1.00% until maturity
- March 15, 2027 loan maturity date
- Invoices will be billed deferred and drawn on loan before August 31, 2026
- Final seed sales must be equal to or greater than prior year's sales

#### 0% BASF

- 0% to November 30, 2026 if purchased by March 15, 2026
- Effective December 1, 2026 rate changes to FS Index Rate until maturity
- March 15, 2027 loan maturity date
- \$10,000 minimum initial purchase
- 4.99% APR on purchases between March 16, 2026 - September 30, 2026
- All participating brands and fungicide application

#### Input Loans

- All prepay and in-season crop input purchases
- Full term variable rate
- March 15, 2027 loan maturity date

# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October has been recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month for over 40 years. It is a global campaign to raise awareness for breast cancer, increase screenings, and provide critical support for patients and survivors. Breast cancer affects 2.3 million women worldwide.

According to the American Cancer Society breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, except for skin cancers. It accounts for about 30% (or 1 in 3) of all new female cancers each year. It is estimated that about 316,950 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in 2025.

But there is hope. When caught in its earliest, localized stages, the National Breast Cancer Foundation Inc. reports that the five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer is 99%. Advances in early detection and treatment methods have significantly increased breast cancer survival rates in recent years. Currently, there are over four million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

### Know the Signs and Symptoms of Breast Cancer

The most common sign is a new lump or mass in the breast, but other early indicators of breast cancer may include:

- Swelling of all or part of a breast (even if no lump is felt)
- Skin dimpling (sometimes looking like an orange peel)
- Breast or nipple pain
- Nipple retraction (turning inward)
- Nipple or breast skin that is red, dry,

- flaking, or thickened
- Nipple discharge (other than breast milk)
- Swollen lymph nodes under the arm or near the collarbone

These symptoms could signal breast cancer or other health concerns. It is important to have any new breast mass, lump or other change checked by an experienced healthcare professional so that the cause can be found and treated if needed.

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) offers qualifying women free breast and cervical exams. Since 1995, this program has provided essential screenings, including mammograms and pap tests, to qualified women in Illinois. Eligibility Criteria Include:

Residency in Knox, Warren, or Henderson County

Must be without insurance or with insurance that does not cover breast and cervical cancer screenings

Age between 40-65 for complete breast exam and mammograms, age between 21-64 for pap test and pelvic exams

Assistance is available for those with a high insurance deductible

The Knox County Health Department has a Clinical Patient Navigator available to help enrolled patients access timely screenings, diagnostic services, and treatment continuity. For more information on breast health and available programs, please contact the Knox County Health Department at (309) 344-2224 or visit our website at [www.knoxcountyhealth.org](http://www.knoxcountyhealth.org).



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## Knox County AITC Update: A New School Year Begins



Mrs. Green brought this month to classrooms. Students got to see a VERY TALL cornstalk up close. They also were able to touch the fuzzy pods of a soybean plant. Students made corn necklaces that in-

cluded a field corn and a popcorn kernel. Some students were able to complete the newest activity provided by IAITC, the transportation of corn from combine to semi. This year's theme is Roads, Rivers and Rails and many new materials and great ag accurate books have been selected to promote agriculture. The books *It's Corn Picking Time and Farm Boots* were shared with the students in kindergarten and first grade. A second-grade group learned how to identify hay and straw. Samples of both were brought into the classroom. Students learned about the many machines needed to produce a bale! The book *Hey, Hey, Hay! A tale of bales and the machines that make them*, was shared.

Ken Russell Outdoor Ed was held on Thursday, September 18. Fifth grade students across Knox County came to Lake Storey to learn about a variety of topics in nature. Mrs. Hennenfent talked about the prairie and why the soil is so fertile to grow corn and soybeans. Students have also been learning about transportation of soybeans and the exporting of the little beans.

On September 30, fifth graders from Lombard visited the West Central FS, Inc. - Technology & Learning Center, to pick a pumpkin. Mrs. Hennenfent has checked the progress of the plants all summer and posted many pictures showing their growth on the Knox County Facebook page.



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### WHY ALOT?

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### 2026 PROGRAM DATES

- February 3-4 | Effingham, IL
- February 10 | Decatur, IL
- February 17-18 | Springfield, IL
- February 24 | Hillsboro, IL
- March 3-4 | Edwardsville, IL
- March 10 | Zoom
- March 18-19 | Bloomington, IL

Interview: December 2, 2025 (Zoom)



# Looking Back

October 1999



The Young Farmers Committee competed in Galesburg's Cardboard Boat Regatta September 19, recycling last year's Tractor Boat. Pictured from left to right are six of the eight Young Farmers who rowed the Tractor Boat during the competition: Todd West, Rob Link, Matt Hennenfent, Jason Beard, Bill Hennenfent, and Jay West. Not pictured: Matt Hawkinson and Jarid Cain. Below, two future Young Farmers wanted to help their dads row during the Boat Regatta. Pictured left to right is Blake Hennenfent and Easton Beard.



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## PrimeTimers News

PrimeTimers met on September 16 with Young Farmers presenting about their Ag Industry Tour trip. The next meeting will be on October 21 at The Orpheum Theatre at 11:00 for a tour then lunch at Sidetrax. Please call the office to be added to the mailing list if you would like to join. Members 55 and older are welcome to join!

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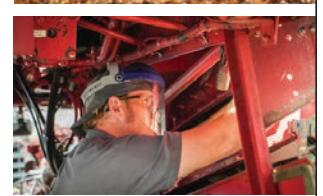
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