

Ag Day Celebrated In A Big Way During The 2015 Illinois State Fair

SPRINGFIELD, IL—A crowd of over 1,000 people packed the Orr Building yesterday on “Ag Day” at the Illinois State Fairgrounds to celebrate Illinois’ number one industry.

The morning started off with a breakfast, featuring the dedication of the Illinois Department of Agriculture administration building as the John R. Block building.

ing. HB 5540, sponsored by State Senator Darin LaHood and State Representative Don Moffitt, named the administration building after John Rusling Block, the only state agriculture director to become U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Additionally, 70 sesquicentennial farm families and 127 centennial farm families were

recognized for preserving their family farms for over 150 and 100 years, respectively. State Fair Manager Patrick Buchen and his family were honored as a sesquicentennial farm family.

Other award winners included:
Ag Ambassadors: Evelyn Brandt Thomas and Glen Brandt

Friend of Illinois Agriculture Award: Jon Fisher

Friend of the Illinois State Fair: Esther Bruns

Outstanding Farm Family, Sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau: Matt and Jenna Kilgus

Illinoisan of the Day: Dr. Robert Easter

Outstanding Woman Farmer, Sponsored by Illinois Agri-Women: Patricia “Pat” Yeagle

Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award: The Spangler Family of Fulton County

Illinois Agri-Women Scholarship Recipients: Shelby Cooper, Renee Kinzinger, Jalyne Herren



Firemen learn techniques to rescue those engulfed in a grain bin.



The grain bin safety site was used during the 20th Annual Fall Fire School held at the Galesburg Regional Fire Training Center. The KCFB Young Farmers and the Galesburg Fire Department worked together to construct the grain bin safety site using graciously donated funds.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Knox Ag Roundtable, 12 PM, KAC
- 7 Office Closed – Labor Day
- 8 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, KAC
- 9 On the Road Transportation Seminar, 6 PM, KAC
- 15 PrimeTimers Potluck Meeting, 12 PM, KAC
- 17 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC
- 20-26 National Farm Safety Week

OCTOBER

- 2 Knox Ag Roundtable, 12 PM, KAC
- 8 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, KAC
- 15 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC March 5
- 20-26 National Farm Safety Week

September 9th Trucking Seminar

The KCFB is hosting a two-hour seminar that will focus on trucking laws and address “Covered Farm Vehicle” exemptions. Other topics to be discussed are the USDOT Number, UCR registrations and driver’s license clas-

sifications. The guest speaker is Kevin Rund, who has specialized in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau®.

Join us in the Knox Agri Center meeting room on Wednesday,

September 9, 2015. Dinner will be served at 6 P.M. The seminar is free to attend but since a meal will be provided, please rsvp by calling the KCFB office at 309-342-2036.

KCFB Board visits IFB Board

The Knox County Farm Bureau Board of Directors visited the Illinois Agricultural Association (IAA) for a Board Development Program on August 20, 2015. IAA staff talked with the Board about the County Financial Study and Legal Responsibilities as well as gave updates on the News & Communication Division, State & National Legislative Issues, Member Services

& Public Relations Division, and the IAA Foundation. The KCFB Board Directors were able to conduct their August board meeting as well as sit in during the IAA Board meeting.

KCFB President Tim Main said “It was a wonderful trip that left a lasting impression on all who attended. The more we can do to educate people about what the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB)

does and provides helps us at the county level to explain the importance of the Knox County Farm Bureau Membership.” Main also mentioned his favorite part of the trip was that “...I continue to be amazed at the quality of the IFB staff in every department. Interacting with staff and putting a face with a name was a highlight of the trip.”



Those KCFB Board Directors who visited the IAA were (front L-R) Terry Boydston, Tim Main, Grant Strom, KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski (back L-R) Pat Seiboldt, Monica Stevens, Tom Hoben, Becky King, Tom O’Connor, Jeff Link, Todd West, and Matt Hennenfent.



Mark Gebhards, Executive Director of the Governmental Affairs & Commodities Division met with The KCFB Board of Directors during their visit on August 20, 2015.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Brett Saline, Rio
Wayne Saline, Rio
Phillip Wenstrom, Wataga
Roger Wenstrom, Galesburg
William & Grace Bates, Dahinda
Jared Boone, Galesburg
Donald Bowers, Galesburg
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Jan Stephens, Knoxville
Amanda & Bradley Sundquist, Abingdon
Jason Walljapser, Abingdon
Melissa & Jessica Wheeler, Galesburg

Edward Jones Investments, Galesburg
Ingle Electric, Williamsfield
Lufkin Schwieter Ready Mix, Galesburg
Persifer Township, Dahinda
Terry Cowan, Abingdon
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Cody Cowman, Knoxville
Alex Dymit, Galesburg
Scott James, New Windsor
Michelle Lumberry, Knoxville
Bethany Makl, Bloomington

Stormy & Andrew Sargent, Knoxville
Kay Shaver, Galesburg
Brent & Teresa Stewart, Dahinda
Crystal Zwilling, Henderson
Danny Boone, Abingdon
Adam Erickson, Altona
Paul Iverson, Dunlap
Patrick King, Oneida
Lisa Robinson, Galesburg
Kyle Thurman, Abingdon
Nancy Warner, Williamsfield

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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Farm Gate

by
Joanie Stiers

Of timers and timely tasks

My long-time kitchen timer clung to the range hood to time the minute increments to boil homemade jam. It measured the three-minute wait period to transfer chocolate chip cookies from warm pan to wire rack. And, on occasion, it signaled the end of a wash cycle for my buzzer-less washing machine.

Ultimately, it worked out just fine that I purchased a new one when the magnetic clip broke away from my old one. In its new role, the old timer finds companionship

with our 7-year-old on a day with an exciting event scheduled. It seems destined for this relationship. The handy device features an individual "hour" button to more quickly set the countdown until his cousin's birthday party. It tracks the launch time of a sleepover at Grandma's house. This summer, it clocked the hours until we left for our lakeside vacation.

His handheld timer reduces the otherwise persistent questions on a day of anticipation. Still, I field questions about the lengths for mundane tasks, like how much longer until we get to town? How long will we shop for groceries? How long until we go home? We live in the depths of farm country, about 30 minutes from almost anywhere, including town-based errands. That seems a drawn-out stretch for our son, who, like most kids, feels great length in a single day. I miss when time seemed to move slowly.

In their own way, time calculations carry over on the farm, where I manage many of our farm's field-based records. For the upcoming corn and soybean harvest, I track "progress," or percent completion. The guys then predict the harvest countdown, or estimated days left to gather the rest.

A list of deadlines represent unset timers to report production to crop insurance and submit 1099s, W-2s and associated tax forms. We honor specified windows for annual Farm Service Agency program sign-ups. Seasonal changes signal the time for the next farm newsletter. The sight of grain trucks and accompanying delivery tickets indicates time to update the grain inventory. When immersed in these farm books, Mom or I set a timer as a reminder to meet the afternoon school bus.

Meanwhile, our son compares any reference to a "three-hour" timeframe to a drive to Chicago (where we visit one of his cousins). The time of day that school lets out helps gauge the daylight hours left on a weekend. He sometimes asks how many hours he sleeps in a night.

In a couple years, our son should ask just 144 questions per day, according to a quick Google search. I neglect to count, but estimate the largest category of his current inquiries focus on time. How long until supper? Until the mini race car charges? Until Dad gets home? The timer will tell.

About the Author: Joanie Stiers, a wife, mother and farm woman, writes from rural West-Central Illinois.

Congratulations, Ms. Aggie!



Teresa Sanford Shippelt, middle, received the 2015 ILCAE award of Excellence at the Illinois State Fair. She is pictured with (L-R) Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Philip Nelson, Governor Bruce Rauner, Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Sadie Gassmann of Richland County, and FCEA award presenter Jess Smithers.

IFB Seeking ACTION TEAM Members

Illinois Farm Bureau encourages members to apply for involvement in ACTION TEAMS, a unique leadership opportunity. Brochure applications are now available at County Farm Bureaus or through "Programs and Activities" on the www.ilfb.org website. Applications are due November 24th.

Applicants can select the TEAM that matches their interests—Consumer Outreach, Leadership Development, Membership Promotion, and Quality of Life.

Each TEAM is comprised of 10-15 men and women with a variety of leadership and life experiences. TEAMS meet twice a year to turn their ideas and expertise into specific Farm Bureau projects that yield results.

Recent ACTION TEAM accomplishments include the Consumer Outreach Team's theater advertising, and the Leadership Development Team's pro Ag messages on table tents.

The Quality of Life Team offered \$500 rebates on ROPS (Rollover protection structures) for tractors while the

Membership Promotion Team initiated its most recent Collegiate Farm Bureau program at Southern Illinois University.

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Do you know if your family would have the financial resources to maintain their standard of living if something happened to you? According to the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association, approximately 56 percent of Americans lack individual life insurance coverage and 30 percent have no life insurance protection whatsoever.¹

The very thought of premature death may make you worry about the changes your family would need to make if your income were no longer available. A good way to protect your family's future is with life insurance.

Why do I need life insurance?

Life insurance provides protection from financial loss if you or a family member dies prematurely. Each situation is different, but life insurance is commonly used for final expenses, taking care of dependents and continuing business activities. Final expenses may include an illness, burial expenses, legal fees or outstanding debts.

Life insurance is especially helpful if your family exists on a single income. Life insurance helps families maintain their current lifestyles. Mortgages, college education and your spouse's retirement are all costs that may be paid for by life insurance. Also, if you own a business, life insurance can help ensure your family or business partners will not be left with outstanding debts.

How much coverage do I need?

Although coverage amounts vary from person to person, most financial planners agree you should have at least five to seven times your annual salary in life insurance. It's best to invest in life insurance early because the older you get, the

more expensive life insurance gets.

Some employers provide group life insurance, but no one should rely solely on this type of coverage. Employee group life insurance protects you while you are an employee, but may disappear if you lose or leave your job.

What are the types of life insurance?

There are two main types of life insurance protection: term and permanent life insurance. Term life insurance provides protection for a specific period of time and is used to fill a temporary need, such as covering a mortgage or sending a child to college. Term insurance typically offers the greatest amount of coverage for the lowest initial premium and may be a good choice for families on a tight budget.

Permanent life insurance offers lifelong protection and allows you to accumulate cash value and equity. This type of coverage is used to fill long-term needs, such as income replacement. Unlike term life insurance, you might have the option to stop making payments in later years.

Start thinking about life insurance

Life insurance is too valuable to ignore. If you do not currently have life insurance, don't wait to protect your family's future. If you currently have life insurance, re-evaluate your needs. Examining your life insurance needs every few years is a good idea because changes and events in your life may alter the amount of coverage you need. To help you decide what life insurance policy is right for you, contact a COUNTRY Financial representative for an insurance and financial review.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, August 20, 2015

WOMENS COMMITTEE - Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Committee is hosting a Bring-a-Friend DISH program on Monday, Aug. 31st at 6 PM at the HyVee on Henderson.

The Women's Committee will re-evaluate current structure to create effective program of work.

YOUNG FARMERS - Grant Strom

The KCFB First Place Tractor Driving Contestant, Justin Hoben received 6th place at the State Competition.

The District Discussion Meet was on August 4. Both Tara Yoder and Drew DeSutter are advancing to the IFB State Discussion Meet during the IAA Annual Meeting.

There were 30 Young Farmer attendees at a River Bandits baseball game on Sunday, August 9.

The Young Farmers will sponsor a farm safety video competition for the local FFA Chapters during Farm Safety Week – Sept. 20-26.

To recruit more committee members, a cookout will be set for late September, early November. Will mail promotional post card invitations to all members.

MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Grant Strom

The Membership report was reviewed. Membership Drive hosted on August 14. Thank you to all who participated and recruited members.

GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE – Grant Strom

\$523 was given to the ACTIVATOR fund by KCFB members January-June 2015.

FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Todd West

Sponsoring a Business After Hours through the Chamber is a possibility.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE – Monica Stevens

Teresa and Mary Beth did not complete AITC reports due to summer break. Teresa received the 2015 ILCAE Perry Schneider Award of Special Recognition for contributions supporting, improving, and expanding Illinois Agricultural Education.

The TF is currently trying to set a date for a screening of the movie Farmland at the Orpheum.

Sponsoring a 5k race is a possibility.

PRIMETIMERS – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The committee did not meet in August.

FOUNDATION – Grant Strom

The KCFB gave permission to use the KCFB membership list to mail donation letters.

The Thomas Lincoln Scholarship was presented to John DeSutter before the start of the 4-H Livestock Sale.

KNOX AGRI-CENTER – Grant Strom

We are currently taking bids to reseal and restripe the parking lot. We are also looking at prices for handicap accessible entrances.

ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES Caitlin Chrzanowski

Like the Knox Warren-Henderson Illinois

Farm Families page on Facebook! Send farming pictures to Tara Yoder to use with educational posts.

The Knox Warren-Henderson IFFs created a banner to promote the Facebook page that was used by the Knox County Pork Producers at the Monmouth Bacon Fest on August 8.

OLD BUSINESS

Terry Boydston reported on the Illinois Commodities Conference by discussing the unique perspective and learning that the City Moms, Dina Barron, Heather Guido, and Natasha Taylor-Nicholes, had experienced during the farm tours. The accomplishments of Dave Alwan, Founder of Echo Valley Meats Inc., were also discussed from his presentation as the speaker for the second General Session.

Grant Strom reported on the 2015 membership drive in which all efforts were recognized in the recruitment of new KCFB members.

The Future of the Organization Discussion has been tabled to the September meeting of the KCFB Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

KCFB will create a 2016 plat book to stay on the 2-year rotation that will allow for a commemorative 2018 100th anniversary plat book.

The IFB District 8 meeting was Monday, August 24 at 6:30 in the KAC meeting room.

The Knox County Farm Bureau will continue to participate in the regional radio advertising for 2016.

The Independent Map Amendment

Coalition Action Request petition will be available at the Knox County Farm Bureau for all members to sign and Tim Main will also attend the Moffitt Family Picnic on September 20, 2015 to recruit qualified signers.

Board Meeting Attendance

NAME	June	July	August
Bewley, Beau	P	A	A
Boydston, Terry	P	P	P
Cain, Jarid	P	A	A
DeSutter, Jim	P	A	A
Engel, Lori	P	P	A
Erickson, David S	P	P	A
Hennenfent, Matt	P	P	P
Hoben, Tom	P	A	P
King, Becky	A	P	P
Link, Jeff	P	P	P
Link, Nathan	A	P	A
Main, Tim	P	P	P
O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P
Serven, Sam	P	P	A
Seiboldt, Pat	A	A	P
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P
Strom, Grant	P	P	P
Swanson, Brett	P	A	A
Webel, Joe	P	P	A
West, Todd	P	P	P
Yoder, Tara	P	A	A

Yoder & DeSutter represent District 8

The Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee sponsored a discussion meet in August for members under 36 years of age. Tara Yoder and Drew DeSutter

will represent District 8 at the 2015 IFB Annual Meeting in Chicago in December.

The discussion meet contest is an exchange of ideas and information about

a particular topic in which contestants must analyze problems and determine logical solutions. The purpose of this discussion meet is to provide young Farm

Bureau members involved with production agriculture the opportunity to develop their skills in basic discussion techniques.

Congratulations Tara and Drew!



Congratulations to Tara Yoder and Drew DeSutter for advancing to the Illinois Farm Bureau State Discussion Meet during the IAA Annual Meeting in Chicago this December. Tara and Drew are pictured with other Young Leaders who participated in the District 7 and 8 competition.



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September 20-26, 2015**

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Illinois Farm Bureau to Observe National Farm Safety & Health Week

Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) is joining The National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) to recognize National Farm Safety & Health Week, September 20-26.

This year's theme is "Ag Safety Is Not Just a Slogan, It's A Lifestyle." Special webinars will be held each weekday at noon during this week, in an effort to raise awareness of the importance of farm safety.

The webinars will be available at www.necasag.org, on the following topics:

- Monday - Rural Roadway
- Tuesday - Health
- Wednesday - Children's Topics
- Thursday - Confined Spaces in Agriculture
- Friday - Tractor Safety

The public is also invited to join in an 'AgChat' on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 7-9 p.m. (CST)

According to Peggy Romba, who heads up the safety program at IFB, this

year's theme reminds local and rural communities that agriculture is one of the most dangerous occupations in the U.S.

"Farm injuries and fatalities are preventable through education," she reminds us. "The most recent data from the U.S. Department of Labor indicates that in 2013, farming accounted for 500 fatalities, or 23.2 deaths per 100,000 workers. We are working to drastically lower that number."

Each year since 1944, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety & Health Week. The week is coordinated by the NECAS, the agricultural partner for the National Safety Council. Illinois Farm Bureau takes steps year round to provide farmers with programs and materials to promote farm safety and health.

Please join us in promoting safe and healthy practices on our farms as we enter the harvest season. For more information on farm safety, contact your county Farm Bureau or go to ilfb.org/get-involved/safety-wellness.

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Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

What is WIC? WIC was established as a permanent program in 1974 to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk. This mission is carried out by providing nutritious foods to supplement the diets, nutrition education (including breastfeeding promotion, and support), and referrals to health and other social services.

1. Who is eligible for WIC?

a. WIC is a federally-funded program that serves low and moderate income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5. Families must meet income guidelines and reside in Knox County. For example, a pregnant woman and her unborn baby are counted as 2 people. The addition of her spouse brings the number in the household to 3 people. If the couple's annual gross income equaled \$25,000 – then the woman could qualify for WIC.

(Income guidelines effective 07/01/15 – 06/30/16)

Number in Household	Monthly Income	Annual Income
2	\$2,456	\$29,471
3	\$3,089	\$27,167
4	\$3,739	\$44,863
5	\$4,380	\$52,559

2. How to Apply to Participate in WIC.

a. The Knox County Health Department offers the WIC program on a Walk-in basis Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 8:00am – 3:00pm or contact the Health Department at 309-344-2224. Classes are held on Fridays between the hours of 8:00 and 4:00. Appointments are available by request. The Health Department also offers an evening clinic the 2nd Thursday of the month 4:00pm-6:00pm by appointment only.

3. What food benefits do WIC participants receive?

a. WIC participants receive vouchers to purchase specific foods each month that are designed to supplement their diets with specific nutrients that benefit WIC's target population. WIC foods may include infant cereal, iron-fortified adult cereal, vitamin C-rich fruit or vegetable juice, eggs, milk, cheese, peanut butter, dried and canned beans/peas, canned fish, soy-based beverages, tofu, fruits, vegetables, baby foods, whole-wheat bread, and other whole-grain options.

b. WIC recognizes and promotes breastfeeding as the optimal source of nutrition for infants. For women who do not fully breastfeed, WIC provides iron-fortified infant formula. Special infant formulas and medical foods may be provided when prescribed by a physician.

4. What is the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program?

a. Established in 1992, the program provides additional coupons during the summer months to WIC participants in order to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmers' markets. This program has two goals: To provide fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits and vegetables, from farmers' markets to WIC participants who are at nutritional risk; and to expand consumers' awareness and use of farmers' markets.

Even when it is difficult to make ends meet, proper nutrition is vital for pregnant women, infants, and children. WIC hopes to impact your family directly by providing nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding help, and referrals.

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Jason Lumberry

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumberry as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 10 new associate members in August.

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PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers Committee did not meet in August. The committee will discuss legislative updates with Representative Moffitt on Tuesday, September 15 at the Knox Agri Center. The potluck lunch will start at 12 P.M. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

Welcome Back Dr. Steve Johnson



Reserve your spot to hear Dr. Steve Johnson, Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist from Iowa State University Extension, present his program at the Knox Agri Center on Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Steve spoke to nearly 65 members at his June program at the Knox Agri Center.

Steve serves as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension. He presents annually at nearly 100 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt and interacts with more than 10,000 producers.

Dr. Steve Johnson He holds BS and MS degrees from Iowa State University and his Ph.D. from Colorado State University. Steve specializes in topics related to grain marketing, government farm programs, crop insurance, farmland leasing and other risk management strategies.

Steve posts monthly free newsletters, webcasts and updates on both ISU Extension Ag Decision Maker and the Polk County Extension Farm Management web sites.

Visit knoxcfb.org to reserve your spot or call the KCFB office at (309) 342-2036.

This program is sponsored by Abingdon Banking Center, Cooley ii Farm Management, DEKALB Asgrow, North-And Co., Jarid Cain/Syngenta Seeds, Tompkins State Bank, West Central FS, Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau, and the Knox County Farm Bureau.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pumpkin & Spice Double Chocolate Brownies

Ingredients

1 family size box of brownie mix (18.4 oz)
15 oz can 100% pure pumpkin
1 1/4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 13x9 dish with non-stick cooking spray.

In large bowl, add all ingredients



and mix well. Pour into pan, spread evenly. Bake on middle rack for 25-30 min.

*taken from sweetlittlebluebird.com

Dues Notice

**Associate Members did your paid thru date change?
Call the KCFB office at 342-2036
to get your updated membership card.**

Your County Farm Bureau®, the Illinois Farm Bureau® and COUNTRY Financial® have worked together to make it easier for associate members who are also COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company® or COUNTRY Preferred Insurance Company® customers to pay their membership dues. If your county/Illinois Farm Bureau associate membership is required by COUNTRY Financial for your personal lines policy, beginning January 2015, your annual county/Illinois Farm Bureau membership dues will be included with your insurance premium in one billing for most personal lines policies. From then on, you will only need to make one easy payment to COUNTRY Financial and we'll take care of the rest! Adding your membership dues to the COUNTRY premium bill may change the timing of your membership dues payment. If so, you will remain a member of county/Illinois Farm Bureau during the time between your last payment year and your new payment due date.

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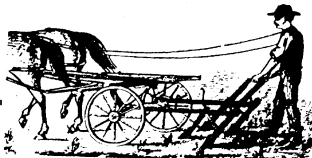
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Looking Back



TAKEN FROM THE SEPTEMBER 1938 BULLETIN

The annual Agricultural 4-H Club show held at the Knox County Fair grounds on August 29 and 30 was well attended by 4-H members' parents and their friends. There were 234 members who exhibited their projects at the show. On exhibition were 38 beef steers, 10 purebred beef heifers, 62 dairy cattle, 6 foals, 5 yearling and 2-year-old colts, 253 head of hogs, 10 ewe lambs, and 241 chickens.

TAKEN FROM THE SEPTEMBER 1945 BULLETIN

On August 1 there were 62 dairy herd improvement associations in Illinois comprising 1,350 hers and 28,500 cows.

TAKEN FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2002 BULLETIN

"One US farmer feeds 129 people" was the theme of the Women's Committee float that appeared in the Galesburg Labor Day parade. The committee received second place float honors with their patriotic float that paid tribute to the American farmer and agriculture industry.

CLASSIFIEDS

To place ads in the Bulletin or on the website, you must be a Knox County Farm Bureau member. Call 309-342-2036 or e-mail us at jreedy@knoxcfb.org by the last Friday of each month to place the ad.

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FOR SALE: 5000 BTU window air conditioner \$50. 12,000 BTU window air conditioner \$125 OBO. 32 inch TV with remote \$25 OBO. 2003 Mitsubishi Galant, new tires, moon roof, V6, asking \$3000 or best offer. Call 309-343-6861. 8/15

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FOR SALE: Brinkmann Charcoal Smoke'N grill with cover \$45. Large NASCAR Millerlite cooler, new-never used, \$100. Birdhouses reasonably priced. Call 342-0206. 7/15

WANTED: Broken, discarded concrete and bricks. Call 309-484-2160. 7/15

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