



# *Southern Illinois* **FARM BUREAU NEWS**

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## 7 Tips for Farm Safety

By Eric Vanasdale,  
Supervisor, Loss Control  
at COUNTRY Financial

Farming is one of the most important and dangerous jobs in the United States. Yet here you are – working sun-up to sundown to help put food on our tables.

While you dedicate your life to others, we're here to help protect you from the unexpected with the right farm insurance coverage.

Try our seven farm safety tips for farmers and their employees:  
1. Maintain your farm equipment.

Most farm accidents and deaths involve outdated machinery. That's because older machinery might lack safety features, or it's not maintained correctly. Make sure you update farm equipment according to the manufacturer's advice to help prevent accidents.

If you have sold or purchased farm equipment, talk with your COUNTRY Financial Insurance Agent about updating your farm insurance policy.

2. Understand how to safely

handle chemicals.

Keep chemicals in their original containers. Train all farm employees on how to best handle the chemicals and what to do in an emergency.

Are you properly covered if an employee is injured while working? Talk to your COUNTRY Financial Insurance Agent about farm liability coverage options.

3. Be alert on the road.

Most accidents occur when drivers try to pass a slow-moving farm vehicle, so it is important to practice extra caution on the road during planting and harvest times. You can also use flashing lights to draw attention to the tractor's slow speed.

4. Have a plan for grain bin safety.

Train workers on grain storage hazards. Follow safe bin entry practices like "Lock Out Tag Out" and use a lifeline system. Have an emergency action plan and train everyone on your farm to follow it. If you need assistance developing an emergency action plan, check out the re-

sources from the Grain Handling Safety Coalition at [grainsafety.org](http://grainsafety.org).

5. Tell your family and employees where and when you're working.

Be sure to also carry a cell phone or walkie-talkie in case of emergencies or accidents.

6. Get plenty of rest and take frequent breaks.

Have healthy snacks and fluids on hand to keep your energy levels up. Do not push yourself past healthy limits. Accidents are more likely once fatigue sets in.

7. Know how your medications affect you.

Some machinery and medications (both prescription and over the counter) do not mix. Consult your doctor to see if your medicine may harm your ability to safely operate your equipment.

Prioritizing farm safety will not only protect you and your workers, but your business as well. Learn more about protecting your farm with farm and crop insurance coverage at [countryfinancial.com](http://countryfinancial.com).

## Saline, Gallatin County Farm Bureaus hire new Manager

The Saline and Gallatin County Farm Bureau is excited to announce the appointment of Lucy Peterson as its new Manager, effective May 26, 2025.

Lucy has been immersed in agriculture her entire life. Lucy says growing up on her family's farm in Saline County instilled a deep respect for hard work, community, and the land. The values and lessons she learned in Southern Illinois have shaped every part of who she is, and she is grateful for the opportunity to give back to the region that raised her.

Lucy is a recent graduate of Murray State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Lucy says she gained valuable knowledge through internships, study abroad programs and leadership roles in agricultural organizations.

Lucy says, "I have had the

opportunity to experience agriculture on a global scale, and there is something truly special about the farmers of Southern Illinois. The dedication, resilience, and strong sense of community that define our local farmers are unmatched, and it's an honor to advocate for them. Agriculture is a tradition that runs deep in my family and in the heart of this community. It is more than just an industry; it's a way of life that I'm proud to carry forward and advocate for."

"I am excited to serve the farmers and families of Saline and Gallatin Counties and to be a voice for those who work every day to feed the world. I look forward to building strong relationships, supporting local agriculture, and contributing to the continued success of our communities."



## Be Heat Aware in Summer Months

Each year there are several heat related illnesses that possibly could be prevented with a few steps and good practices to implement when high temperatures are predicted.

- Wear loose-fitting, light-color lightweight clothing.
- Protection from the sun with sunscreen and hats.

- Drink plenty of water.
- Work during the cooler part of the day and take breaks in the shade.
- Be aware of your physical condition and any heat related history.
- Know the signs of heat related illness and issues and have a plan to address if a heat related event happens.





# Hay Baler Safety

Bales and balers can be deadly. .

The window for getting the best quality hay put up can be very narrow at times, tempting us to take shortcuts. Just remember, no crop, no matter how large or valuable, is worth injury or worse. Hay harvest is a fast-paced time of year. Having all hands-on deck, adjusting plans according to the weather, and keeping equipment up and running are all critical to success. To stay on track with the season’s demands, preventing injuries and keeping employees safe should be high on every farm’s list.

- If outside, make sure hay loaders or stackers are not used within 10 feet of high voltage power lines.
- If stacking small bales, use a bracing structure or poles to keep the stack stable.
- Before starting the season, do a thorough maintenance check to make sure all equipment is in the best shape possible.
- Once the season begins, do a maintenance check every day before using equipment.
- Planning can prevent breakdowns. Keep the parts and repair equipment you’ll most likely need on hand if you are able.
- Store stacks on a flat, level surface.
- If storing inside, make sure the ceiling has enough room for the equipment, especially when using stack wagons.
- Stacks should be stacked neatly to keep them stable. Make sure your baler is set properly and making uniform, tight bales.
- Can animals (wild or domestic) get into your stacks? Animals can eat parts of lower bales or scratch against them, making stacks unstable and more likely to collapse. Consider fencing the stack if this could be a problem.
- If tarping your stack, don’t tarp in windy conditions.
- Strap loads properly when transporting hay.
- Always check your vehicles before moving hay. Make sure tires are in good shape and don’t have excessive wear. Review

load capacity limits for your vehicle and trailer, and make sure brakes and lights are working

- Before getting off the tractor to inspect the baler, disengage the PTO, shut off the engine, and set the parking brake.
- When working with small or large square balers, remember that the flywheel keeps the machine operating for several minutes after power is disengaged. Never work on a baler until the flywheel has completely stopped.
- When working on a round baler, always lock and/or block the rear tailgate if you must be underneath it. This is to keep it from closing prematurely, resulting in injury.
- Make certain that both the tractor and the attachment are able to safely handle the weight and size of large bales. The loader should have a working load rating that exceeds the size and weight of the bales.
- Never unload a round bale on a steep slope where the bale is likely to roll downhill.
- Never move round bales in a front-end loader bucket. An unstable bale can roll off the front-end loader, down the front-end loader arms and onto the tractor operator.
- Always use a grapple hook with a front-end loader to transport large bales, and only use a tractor with a cab or a four-post rollover protective structure.
- Never travel with bales raised higher than necessary. This raises the tractor’s center of gravity, making it more likely to roll over on uneven terrain, or during sudden stops and turns.
- Carry a Class ABC fire extinguisher. Hot, dry weather conditions, friction from belts and chains, and readily combustible hay can lead to fire.
- Make sure all guards and shields are in place.
- Keep the baler well-maintained to reduce safety risks. That includes replacing broken or worn pickup tines, replacing worn belts and keeping the twine feeding system in good repair.



## Franklin County Safety Day

Frankfort Community High School FFA, Sesser-Valier High School FFA, Rend Lake College and Franklin County Farm Bureau hosted a Farm Safety Day for 4th grade students in Franklin County on May 1st at the Rend Lake College Agronomy Building. Students were able to learn about gun safety from the Conservation Police, knots from 4-H, heavy equipment from Little Tractor & Equipment, ATV safety from Oasis Power Sports, lawn mower safety from H&R AgriPower, first aid from Rend Lake College nursing instructors, sprayer and PTO safety from Addison Page of Rend Lake College, seat belt safety from Illinois State Police, and tool and animal safety from Frankfort and Sesser-Valier FFA members.

We would like to thank Rend Lake College for donating the use of their equipment and facilities and to Trudee Wynn (COUNTRY Financial, Benton), Leann Stilley (COUNTRY Financial, West Frankfort), Senator Dale Fowler and Rural King for donating lunch for the volunteers. We would also like to thank Illinois Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial for providing a Farm Safety Grant to help feed volunteers as well.



Visit [myifb.org](http://myifb.org) to see details.

ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

*Save*

# Hay Baler Safety

- Perform maintenance check before use
- Make sure both the tractor & attachment are able to safely handle the weight and size of large bales
- Check height clearance of power lines & structures before driving or parking
- Before getting off the tractor, disengage the PTO, shut off the engine, & set the parking brake
- Strap loads properly when transporting
- Store stacks on flat, level surface
- Never unload a round bale on steep slope
- Never work on a baler until the flywheel completely stops

Virginia Cooperative Extension

## Local FARMERS MARKETS

### Franklin County

**Benton Market:** Benton City Park: May 1–October 30 Thursdays, 3–6 pm

### Jackson County

**Murphysboro Market:** 1101 W Walnut St, May–September  
**Carbondale Market:** 2001 W Main St, April–November  
**DeSoto Comm. Market:** 101 S Walnut St, June–October  
**Elverado Market:** Corner of Coal Rd & Hwy 51 S, Elkhartville, June–October

### Johnson County

**Johnson Co. Market:** Vienna City Park, Mon–Sat, All Day

### Massac County

**Massac Co. Market:** Dorothy Miller park, Metropolis 8– Noon, Saturdays, April–October

### Perry County

**DuQuoin Market:** 127 N Division St, May–October, Saturdays, 7:30–11 am

### Pulaski County

**Pulaski Co. Market:** Ullin Park, June 8 – September 28, Saturdays, 7–11 am

### Saline County

**Harrisburg Market:** 1 E Poplar St., Harrisburg, IL 8:00– noon  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays during the summer  
**Eldorado Market:** across from Eldorado Post Office (900 E 4th St.)  
8:00 am – noon; Saturdays until August 30  
**James Bond Market:** New Hope Christian Academy parking lot by Legence Bank  
Fridays 1–5 starting in June

### Union County

**Union Co. Market:** Davie St, Anna, April–October, Tuesdays 7–Noon

### Williamson County

**Johnston City Market:** 116 W Broadway Blvd, Fridays 7–11am  
**Marion Market:** 507 W Main St, Sat. 6–Noon, Wed. 7–11am  
**LEAF Food Hub:** 1620 Venable Ln, Carterville  
618–924–1290, Pickup/Delivery every Thursday



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Franklin County FB Foundation  
Awards Four Scholarships

Franklin County Farm Bureau Foundation and the Franklin County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee awarded scholarships to four Franklin County students.



Vada Webb, daughter of Lucas and Chelsea Webb, is a 2025 graduate of Benton Consolidated High School. She plans to attend Rend Lake College and major in Agronomy and Plant and Soil Sciences.



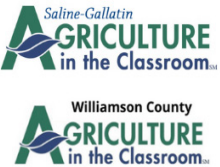
Riley King, daughter of Anthony and Maria King, is a 2025 graduate of Benton Consolidated High School. She plans to attend Mississippi State university and major in Agribusiness.



Hannah Humphreys, daughter of Ryan and Jayne Humphreys, is a 2025 graduate of Frankfort Community High School. She plans to attend Southern Illinois University and major in Agricultural Education.



Gunnar Funkhouser is a 2025 graduate of Benton Consolidated High School and Rend Lake College. He plans to attend Southern Illinois University and major in Forestry: Wildlife Habitat Management and Conservation.



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2025 TRI-COUNTY  
SUMMER AG INSTITUTE  
JUNE 17-19, 2025



Jackson County  
Farm Bureau  
Foundation

\$15  
per  
person

SATURDAY

Silent Auction and Dinner - 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Band Playing - 8:00PM-12:00AM

Dinner Includes: Fish, fries, coleslaw, baked  
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What's Your View?

WEED  
CONTROL

76. WEED CONTROL  
WE SUPPORT:

1. Seeking to improve the enforcement of the Illinois Noxious Weed Law.
2. Efforts by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) to restrict the importation and sale of viable Niger Thistle seed.
3. Providing information

to counties on the process by which weeds can be classified as noxious.

4. Seeking to improve the purity of crop and bird seed and sterilization of all weed seed included in bird seed to deter the spread of viable weed seed.

5. Working with the Farm Service Agency and other governmental agencies in developing an effective eradication program for multiflora rose.

6. The development of a control program for autumn olive and bush honeysuckle, and seek the necessary funds from the state and federal government to adequately eradicate the weed.

7. Legislation to require all governmental agencies to develop, coordinate, and implement proper management practices to control the population and spread of noxious and other weeds on all their properties.

8. Working to add Shatter-cane, Bull Thistle, Tall Thistle, and Poison Hemlock to the Illinois Noxious Weed List.

9. Encouraging the IDOA to notify the county boards whenever there is a change to the Illinois Noxious Weed Law and/or rules.

10. USDA requiring that seed for program acres be free of pesticide resistant weed seed such as Palmer Amaranth.

Illinois Farm Bureau's grassroots policy-development process provides members the opportunity to express thoughts and ideas on important issues impacting agriculture. When properly supported through the grassroots policy-development process, these concerns are considered and may be adopted by the voting delegates at the organization's annual meeting each December.

Policies approved at the annual meeting direct IFB's legislative priorities and programming. It is from this grassroots input and direction that Farm Bureau realizes its strength as an organization to serve the needs of the members. Adopted

policies become the public policy positions of IFB.

IFB policies that are national in scope are forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration during its policy-development process. Policies adopted at the AFBF annual meeting become both AFBF's and Illinois' public policy positions on national and international issues.

If you have questions on the policy-development process or Illinois Farm Bureau policy, contact Ryan Whitehouse at rwhitehouse@iflb.org or 309-557-3929 or your County Farm Bureau.



# Union County Farm Bureau hosts successful inaugural Ag Bash



Friday, May 9th, the Lincoln Memorial Park in Jonesboro was filled with agriculture fun and activities. Union County Farm Bureau hosted it's inaugural Ag Bash.

The event consisted of different stations showcasing various agriculture interests, including live sheep and goats, making yarn from Alpaca fleece, potting

plants, a drone, equipment exploration and much more!

More than 150 people came through the event, including more than 90 children. The free event offered snacks and a chance to interact with the Ag in the Classroom program outside of the classroom.

Several partner organizations helped make the event includ-

ing, Stinson Memorial Library, Jonesboro Public Library, Rolling Oak Alpaca Ranch, Elevated Ag, Anna-Jonesboro FFA, Miss Southern Illinois, Univ. of Illinois Extension, and SNAP Education.

Thank you to all those who made this year a success and we look forward to making this an annual tradition!

# Carbon Intensity Program

The 45Z Clean Fuels Production Tax Credit authorized as part of Congress' 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) shifted the way production of renewable fuels like ethanol and biodiesel are incentivized, creating an opportunity for farmers to potentially be compensated for producing lower-carbon feedstocks such as corn and soybeans. Moving away from a flat rate per gallon produced model, the 45Z credit is given based on the overall carbon reductions of biofuels. Specifically, biofuels must reduce their carbon intensity (CI) by at least 50% compared to their traditional petroleum counterpart to qualify for the tax credit. As greater reductions are made, the more tax credit is awarded.

For biofuels derived from corn and soybeans like ethanol, biodiesel, and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), one easy way to meet, and exceed, the 50% reduction benchmark is to utilize lower CI feedstocks to produce those fuels. With over 50% of a renewable fuel's CI score coming from feedstock production, 45Z provides a possible incentive for farmers to produce low-carbon corn and soybeans.

It's important to stress that the 45Z credit is for the biofuel producer, not the farmer. However, farmers who implement practices such as cover crops, reduced or no-till, and nitrogen management can receive some of the credit from the renewable fuel producer. The portion of the tax credit that is given to the farmer is entirely up

to the biofuel producer and how they choose to compensate farmers who provide low-carbon grain.

The 45Z tax credit went into effect on January 1, 2025, but final rules have yet to be released by the Department of Treasury. Lack of guidance from the federal government has stalled implementation and participation of the program. Furthermore, the IRA has been a top subject of potential rollbacks and repeal by the new administration.

On the positive side, there has been widespread support from midwestern representatives to not only preserve the 45Z tax credit but also extend it past the current 2027 expiration date. Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) policy supports an extension of the 45Z tax credit. Our organization continues to monitor it closely and will provide updates to members when they become available.

As we await final guidance on the 45Z tax credit, private CI programs are available to farmers who want to be incentivized for conservation practices they implement. These programs directly pay farmers by measuring carbon reductions and selling those generated credits within a carbon credit marketplace.

Calculating CI scores for either 45Z or a private program is done through the Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions and Energy Use in Technologies, or GREET model. To specifically calculate corn or soybean's CI score, a sub portion of the GREET model is utilized. Commonly referred to

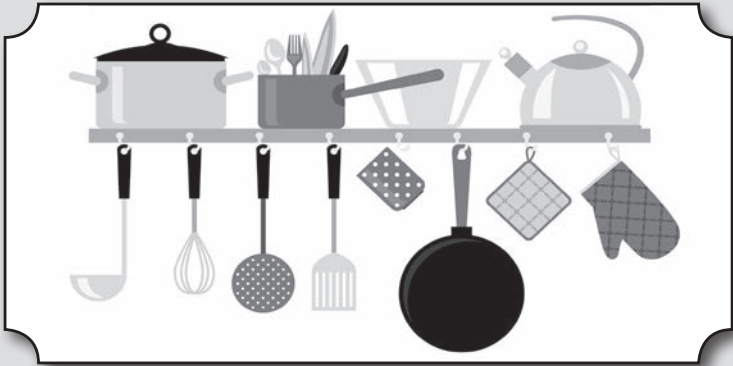
as the FD-CIC, the Feedstock Carbon Intensity Calculator, can calculate the carbon intensity of a crop down to the field level. IFB supports the use of the GREET model to calculate the CI scores of the entire production process of biofuels.

Trying to find the right program that fits your farming operation can be overwhelming. Every program is different from the timeframe, to compensation, to overall goals. To help farmers find the program that is right for them, Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership (ISAP) has created a database that shows available CI programs. By selecting your county and current or future conservation practices, the database will show usable programs in your area. To explore programs, visit [ilsustainableag.org/findtool](https://ilsustainableag.org/findtool).

As the clean fuels landscape continues to evolve, it's clear that carbon intensity will play an important role in how both biofuels and farmers are compensated. Lack of federal guidance for the 45Z tax credit has created uncertainty but does offer a new path for rewarding low-carbon products. In the meantime, private CI programs offer a valuable opportunity for farmers to receive payments for sustainable practices already in use or ones being considered.

Any questions about renewable fuel policy or private carbon intensity programs can be directed to Noelle Neef, Assistant Director of Energy at [nneef@ilfb.org](mailto:nneef@ilfb.org) or (309) 557-2028.

# AG BITES: *Family Approved*



Our members are great cooks. And, many not only are great cooks, they do the ultimate balancing act of cooking on the go for a busy family, while keeping it healthy to meet various dietary needs and tastes, and keeping it affordable. Whew – that's a big job!

## FROSTED LEMONADE



Blending Prairie Farms Lemonade with Vanilla Ice Cream makes a creamy, tangy treat that will brighten any day.

## INGREDIENTS

Ingredients:

- 2 cups Prairie Farms Small Batch Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream
- ¾ cup Prairie Farms Lemonade
- 1 tsp Freshly Grated Lemon Zest
- Lemon Wedge garnish, optional

## DIRECTIONS

Directions:

1. Add vanilla ice cream, lemonade, and lemon zest to a food processor or blender. Blend until completely smooth.
2. Pour into glasses of your choice, garnish with a lemon wedge, and enjoy!

Do you have a favorite family recipe that you want to share? If so, submit your recipes to your local County Farm Bureau and it may be featured in a future edition of the paper.





Briley McDowell recipient of the Pope-Hardin Farm Bureau Scholarship.

### Pope-Hardin Scholarship winner

Pope-Hardin County Farm Bureau Awarded a \$1500 scholarship to Hardin County High School Senior, Briley McDowell. Briley is the daughter of William McDowell and Melissa McDowell, Elizabethtown, IL. She plans on attending Southern Illinois University. We wish Briley the best with her educational goals.

### Franklin County Ag in the Classroom at Akin STEM



Franklin County Ag in the Classroom was invited to the Akin STEM night in April. At this event students participated in activities showcasing science, technology, engineering, and math. At the Ag in the Classroom table, students made walking paper horses. Horses were made from paper, then placed on a ramp to “walk”. Students had to adjust their horse so it could walk down the ramp. This was a fun event and we are happy to have been invited!



# Free Recycling Program

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) encourages farmers and agrichemical facilities to take part in a free agrichemical container recycling program. Beginning in the middle of July and continuing into August, sites throughout the state will collect containers that are recycled to make shipping pallets.

“This program grows in popularity each year because it provides a safe and convenient way for farmers and agrichemical facilities to dispose of empty pesticide containers,” said IDOA Director Jerry Costello II. “Repurposing the plastic into pallets is far better for the environment than shipping them off to landfills.”

Metal and household pesticide containers are not eligible for the recycling program. Collection sites will accept

only high-density polyethylene, #2 plastic agrichemical containers that are clean and dry. Participants are responsible for rinsing them and removing all caps, valves, metal, labels, booklets and foil seals. Participants are responsible for cutting off the top and bottom of plastic drums and cutting the side of the drum from top to bottom.

Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk containers can be recycled via the Department’s container recycling program by making the following container preparations: Mini Bulk (cage) containers are required to be cut into separate top, bottom and sides, fittings discarded (no metal, no wood) (6 slabs of plastic). Intermediate Bulk Containers are to be cut in to one-foot square pieces, fittings discarded (no metal,

no wood). G. Phillips and Sons, LLC is offering services to pick up Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk containers throughout the year. Please contact them at 678-232-6047 to learn more.

The program is a cooperative venture between IDOA, Agriculture Container Recycling Council, GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, G. Phillips and Sons, LLC, Illinois Farm Bureau, and University of Illinois Extension.

To obtain a free brochure about the program, call IDOA toll free at 1-800-641-3934.

Collection sites in the SIFB News reader area.

**July 16, 1 to 3PM, Pulaski County Southern FS**

**July 23, 1 to 3PM, Macedonia, Franklin County Southern FS.**

### 2025 PCFB Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Perry County Farm Bureau Foundation was able to award two \$1,250 scholarships this year. This year’s recipients are Isabella Phillips and William Mayer.

Isabella is the daughter of Jeffery and Billie Phillips of Du Quoin, IL. Isabella is the 2025 Valedictorian at Du Quoin High School where she is very active in the student government and athletics, an Illinois State Schol-

ar, and a part of several different academic societies and clubs. She plans to transfer 44 credit hours from John A. Logan Community College to Purdue University this coming fall. She will be studying to obtain a degree in Agronomy and Spanish, which she plans to use in the innovation of agriculture companies and crop producers

William Mayer is the son of

John and Kelly Mayer of Pinckneyville, IL. William attended Pinckneyville Community High school and is continuing his education at Rend Lake College. William plans to study heavy equipment and diesel technologies which he will use to continue working on his family’s farm fixing machinery.

Congratulations to both scholarship recipients!

### Jackson CFB Foundation to Bring Back Fish Fry Event

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Foundation is bringing back the annual Fish Fry Event! The Fish Fry will be held at Southpaw Bar and Grill in Murphysboro on August 2, 2025. Dinner and a silent auction will be from 6:00-8:00 PM with live music from 8:00

PM – 12:00 AM. Dinner will include fish, fries, coleslaw, baked beans, and tea or water. Those in attendance can purchase soda or other beverages from Southpaw. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased by contacting the Jackson County Farm Bureau

at (618) 684-3129, or at the door of the event. If you would like to make a contribution to the silent auction, please contact the Jackson County Farm Bureau Manager, Jayclynn Presutti, at (618) 684-3129 or manager@jacksoncountyfb.com.

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# Williamson County Farm Bureau Scholarship recipients



Macie Groves



Levi Tanner



Tate Miller



Haydan Little



Peyton Smith



Josie Tanner

were met. Thank you Duane for letting those that knew Diane recall memories through this scholarship.

Former Williamson County Farm Bureau Board President and past IAA District 18 Director Allan McCabe established the McCabe Scholarship to invest and support young Williamson County residents seeking agriculture careers.

Josie Tanner, a Junior at Uni-

versity Of Tennessee at Martin majoring in Agribusiness receives the Elliot Wittenborn Scholarship and McCabe Scholarship. Josie is the daughter of Josh and Jodi Tanner.

Levi Tanner from Creal Springs receives a Williamson County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship. Levi is a sophomore at John A Logan College in Ag Business Management. Levi is the son of James and Melissa Tanner.

Tate Miller from Marion receives a Williamson County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship. Tate will be attending John A Logan this fall majoring in Science and future plans include SIU-C in Aviation. Tate is the son of Greg and Kim Miller.

Haydan Little from Marion receives a Williamson County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship. Haydan will be attending SIU-E this fall majoring in Engineering.

Haydan is the son of Danny and Stephanie Little.

Peyton Smith from Johnston City receives a Williamson County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship. Peyton will be attending Frontier College this fall majoring in Nursing and playing softball for the Frontier Bobcats. Peyton is the daughter of Darryl Smith and Angelica Vickers.

Williamson County Farm Bureau congratulates all the winners.

## Franklin County Young Leaders Gun Raffle

Macie Groves from Creal Springs has been awarded the McCabe Scholarship and the Elliott Wittenborn Scholarship. Macie is attending SIU-C majoring in Pre-Vet Medicine. Macie is the daughter of Carlos and Ellen Tanner of Creal Springs.

Williamson County farmer Duane Wittenborn started the scholarship in memory of his wife Diane Elliot Wittenborn who passed away in 2005. Diane was raised on a farm and continued farming with Duane. Diane loved being part of Illinois Farm Bureau and the friends that

The Franklin County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee is raffling a CVA Scout chambered in .350 Legend (blk). A \$10 donation will get one free ticket and tickets will be sold from now until our member appreciation dinner during the Franklin County Fair or until all tickets are sold. The winner does not need to be present to win. Donations to be used for the Franklin County Ag in the Classroom program. Winner must be 21 years old, have a valid FOID card and be able to pass a State and Federal background check. All State and Federal laws will be applied, transfer and take place at Hood's Guns & More in Valier.

### Franklin County Farm Bureau Young Leaders

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Kenzie Stover



Cash Hodges



Cole Pender

## Union CFB Awards Scholarships

The Union County Farm Bureau Foundation and Board of Directors are pleased to announce the 2025 scholarship recipients.

This year, the Union County Farm Bureau is awarding \$4,500 to a total of 3 students.

Cash Hodges, an AJCHS senior, plans to attend Missouri S&T to study mechanical engineering in the fall. Cole Pender, a Shawnee HS senior, will be attending Shawnee Community College this summer to attain his CDL. The final recipient is Kenzie Stover, another AJCHS senior, who will be attending Southeast Missouri State University to study Elementary Education. Each student will receive \$1,000 to put towards their education.

Cash Hodges will also be receiving the \$1,000 Halford Dillow Memorial Scholarship and Cole Pender will be the recipient of the William “Bill” Flamm Memorial Scholarship, worth \$500.

All of these candidates have shown talent within their academic career and throughout their communities.

Congratulations to the 2025 Union County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship recipients. The scholarship program is administered annually and is possible due to the generous support of Union County Farm Bureau members. If you wish to give, please contact the Jonesboro office at (618) 833-2125.

# Saline County Farm Bureau 2025 Scholarship Recipients

Wyatt Arnold, son of Tim and Eliza Arnold is a senior graduating from Galatia High School.

Wyatt has been an FFA member all four years of high school and an office holder for most of that time. He has been part of 4H, student council, Beta Club, FBLA, Scholar Bowl and Chess Club, holding officer positions in many of these as well. He has volunteered countless hours to his community at food pantries and local events. All this while maintaining 4.3 GPA.

Wyatt plans to complete the pre-engineering program at Southeastern Illinois College and then complete his engineering degree at Southern Illinois University. Congratulations, Wyatt and best wishes!

Briar Butler, son of Jonah and Jennifer Butler is a senior graduating from Harrisburg High School.

Briar has been active in FFA, FCA, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. He has held officer positions in most of these. He has also been active in several sports during that time – football, wrestling and baseball. He has also volunteered his time in the community and managed to graduate with a 4.25 GPA.

Briar plans to attend Southern Illinois University to pursue a degree in Animal Science. He plans to continue to graduate school to pursue a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Congratulations, Briar, and best wishes!



Wyatt Arnold,  
Galatia High School



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# John A. Logan College Trustee Jake Rendleman Donates Cherished FFA Jacket to Agriculture Program



A moment of deep significance unfolded at John A. Logan College (JALC) as longtime Board of Trustees member Jake Rendleman presented his treasured 1950s FFA jacket to the College’s Agriculture program. The heartfelt donation was symbolic, representing Rendleman’s lifelong commitment to agriculture, education, and his community.

Rendleman, a former FFA member at Carbondale High School from 1955 to 1959, served as chapter vice president in 1958. His connection to farming and education spans decades, and the jacket serves as a tangible reminder of his roots in the agricultural field.

“I hope this jacket inspires students to reflect on where they’ve come from while also looking forward to the future ahead,” Rendleman said during the presentation.

In 2021, the college honored Rendleman’s legacy by naming its Agriculture lab and classroom in his honor. His involvement with the College’s agriculture program has been pivotal in its development, ensuring future generations have the knowledge and skills to succeed in the field.

Rendleman’s impact extends far beyond JALC. He has served on the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees since 1997 and was a member of the Illinois Community College Board from 2006 to 2018. He was also the president of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association from 2003 to 2004. His dedication to community service has earned him numerous accolades, including the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Meritorious Service Award and the Ray Hartstein Trustee Achievement Award.

In addition to his public service, Rendleman was named the SIU College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Alumnus in 2010. He and his family have also provided financial support to the College through several scholarships, including a recently established \$1,000 scholarship for students pursuing agricultural studies at JALC who plan to transfer to Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Through his ongoing efforts, Rendleman continues to shape the future of agricultural education at JALC, inspiring students to carry on traditions while preparing for tomorrow’s challenges.

# Dairy defines days, life moments

My day starts with Greek yogurt, fresh berries and a dash of Cheerios on top. It sometimes ends with the same or the richness of milk-based oatmeal. Cottage cheese mixed with firm, sweet red grapes made my tractor lunch box almost daily this spring. And my fridge always holds fresh-shredded cheese, sour cream, and a variety of milks from skim to whole (plus the occasional chocolate) to satisfy the household extremes and my husband in between.

June represents the month to raise an ice-cold glass of milk in salute to dairy farmers as we celebrate National Dairy Month and dairy as a long-time staple of the American diet. Less than a 0.5% of the American population today raises the dairy cows that produce milk to feed the 99.5% of us Americans who don’t own them.

More than 96% of those dairy farms are family owned and represent some of the most-committed farm families who rely on technology or hired help to get a break. Dairy cows need milked two to three times a day regardless of holidays, weekends and vacation schedules. Thankfully,



## Farm Gate

by Joanie Stiers

advancements in technology provide labor flexibility on some dairy farms where robots milk cows and automated systems deliver feed. Families also have enhanced cow comfort over the years from better bedding for joint health to barn-mounted brushes that give backrubs. Some farmers even use collars similar to a human Fitbit or Apple Watch to track individual cow activity on their phones.

Yogurt may kick off my day, but dairy does for coffee shop drinkers, too. Around 90% of coffee-based café beverages are prepared with dairy products, according to the Perfect Daily Grind. This June throughout Illinois, watch for Farm Bureau presence at coffee shops as

the organization brings awareness to the dairy that dominates lattes, cappuccinos, mochas and more.

While coffee is not my thing, I empathize with the craving. I’ll watch flavor schedules for local ice cream shops and travel 15 to 30 minutes one way for the treat on a pleasant summer evening. Dairy defines some of life’s most-cherished memories: The summer-night ice cream runs. The cheese ball we make only at Christmas time. The homemade ice cream at family birthday parties. Fresh whipped cream for pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving. And I can taste and feel the milk-logged Oreos I’d soak in a cup of milk as a snack after school as a kid.



# SIU to receive Outstanding Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter and President Award

Chase Howell, of Laura, was named the Outstanding Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter President by Illinois Farm Bureau for the 2024-2025 academic year. The Southern Illinois University Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter was also named Outstanding Collegiate Chapter for the 2024-2025 academic year by Illinois Farm Bureau.

These awards recognize the efforts of the Collegiate President in encouraging growth based on members, member engagement, and diversity of members, as well as recognizing the Chapter's efforts in actively implementing the mission and goals of Illinois Collegiate Farm Bureau while making strides to both set and execute their chapter specific goals over the course of the academic year.

Chase Howell is a senior at Southern Illinois University and a member of the Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter, a member of the Peoria County Farm Bureau, and an intern at the Jackson County Farm Bureau.

Beyond organizing chapter meetings and attending Collegiate Leadership Training, Howell has played a key role in strengthening industry connections by collaborating with County Farm Bureaus and attending key events such as the IAA Annual Meeting, Young

Leaders Conference, and Collegiate Discussion Meet.

Southern Illinois University Collegiate Farm Bureau successfully executed a range of goals during the 2024-25 school year. The chapter distinguished itself through growth in membership engagement, growth in membership diversity, strong county Farm Bureau partnerships and by hosting a diverse range of impactful initiatives throughout the year.

Southern Illinois Collegiate Farm Bureau's dedication to excellence was showcased through their "Fill the Bucket" challenge, a food drive combining service with agricultural advocacy where they collected over 900 pounds of food for the Saluki Food Pantry and made pumpkin pie in a bag. Members also volunteered with Ag in the Classroom, participated in a Trunk-or-Treat event, toured Flamm's Orchard, and engaged in the community's Apple Fest. In addition, the chapter maintained a high level of involvement at the state level through attendance at conferences like IAA Annual Meeting in Chicago, where 30 students attended, and Young Leader Conference in Peoria, where 22 students attended.

The chapter strengthened partnerships with Union County and Jackson County Farm Bureaus, by coordinating eight Ag in the

Classroom visits and collaborating with three Young Leader groups. Their officer team prioritized long-term sustainability, completing key Farm Bureau forms and securing \$2,400 in funding from on-campus organizations to expand opportunities for members.



Illinois Farm Bureau recently named Chase Howell, of Laura, is the Outstanding Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter President for the 2024-2025 academic year. (Photo courtesy of Illinois Farm Bureau)



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From left to right: Colby Ryan, Megan Dinsmore, Gracie Murphy, Chase Howell, Dennis Wollin, of the Southern Illinois University Collegiate Farm Bureau. Illinois Farm Bureau recently named the SIU Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter as the Outstanding Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter for the 2024-25 academic year. (Photo courtesy of Illinois Farm Bureau)



Southern Illinois University Collegiate Farm Bureau visits Flamm Orchards in Cobden for a farm tour. Illinois Farm Bureau recently named SIU Collegiate Farm Bureau as the Outstanding Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter for the 2024-2025 academic year. (Photo courtesy of Illinois Farm Bureau)



# HOW FARM BUREAU SERVED YOU

- 1 During Illinois Agriculture Legislative Day, Illinois Farm Bureau met with key state legislators to advocate for the Family Farm Preservation Act, which would lower the estate tax burden on family farms. Illinois Farm Bureau President Brian Duncan had the opportunity to speak with Governor J.B. Pritzker, and Duncan and IFB staff met with Illinois House leaders, including Republican Leader Tony McCombie and Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch.
- 2 IFB recently secured statewide black vulture depredation permits through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, supporting Illinois livestock producers.
- 3 The IAA Foundation Scholarship Program awarded \$166,251 in scholarships to 93 students, supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders.
- 4 County Farm Bureaus met with elected officials to advocate for Illinois agriculture during the ongoing spring session. A few recent examples of visits include U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, state Rep. Hoan Huynh, state Sen. Mike Porfrio and state Rep. Nabeela Syed.







# Williamson County AITC



Our incubation program in Williamson County has touched many people this year across ages. We would like to thank all the people who donated to our program with special thanks to the students at Herrin Elementary and Tri-C Elementary Schools. Not many teachers offer the experience of hatching chicks in their classroom but to the teachers who do, it gives the students an experience that they will always remember. We had incubators going every week from the middle of March to the middle of May. As always, thanks to all our supporters whether it is volunteering for a program, donating money or supplies, or encouraging more people to be Farm Bureau members, your support is appreciated. Have a great summer!!

# Saline County Ag in the Classroom

AITC had 27 teachers write for Plant Grants this year. 14 Grow kits - 8 Butterfly kits, and 5 Worm Farms went out to classrooms from PreK – 5th grade. Along with the kits, the classrooms received related AgMags, activities and lessons. The Grow kits came with peat pots, soil, a watering can, a trowel and seeds. The butterfly kits came with a voucher for the teacher to get the caterpillars when they were ready to start metamorphosis, and the worm farms came with a \$5 gift card for the worms so they could be bought when the class was ready. Make sure to like and follow our Facebook page, Saline Gallatin Ag in the Classroom to keep up with news from the classrooms as they keep us updated on what they are doing with their kits and how things are growing!



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