Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day

2013 Agriculture Resource Directory
Dear Friend:

Illinois agriculture is a diverse industry, both in terms of the commodities it produces and the businesses it supports. The state’s fertile soil and favorable climate enable it to grow many crops, from staples such as corn and soybeans to specialty crops such as pumpkins and grapes. A wide variety of livestock is raised as well, from hogs and cattle to sheep and goats. All told, about 75 percent of Illinois’ land is devoted to production agriculture!

The foundation of this vast industry is the farmer, but the impact of agriculture stretches beyond rural farm fields. Illinois, for example, ranks among the top five states in the nation with 2,531 food companies, and many are located in urban communities. The state also has a large network of agribusinesses that provide the tools farmers need to produce their commodities. Combined, these agriculture-related businesses employ nearly a quarter of the state’s workforce.

This diversity is one of agriculture’s greatest assets. From “Farm to Plate,” Illinois is a one-stop shop for agricultural products and services and the supplier of choice to customers around the world. But, it also puts a premium on teamwork and cooperation. Working together to secure a profitable future takes effective communication, and that is where this booklet can help. It is a handy resource that contains listings for the major farm organizations in Illinois. These are the people I consult and I encourage you to call them for assistance as well. They stand ready to help.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Flider
Director
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Dear Friends and Stakeholders:

As the divide from farm to table becomes more distinct and consumers become less familiar with the process of growing the food that will end up on their dinner table, the need for more conversations about these processes and the role of agriculture grows.

The practice of agriculture may be thousands of years old and has gone through as many changes, advancements, challenges and accomplishments, but it is still very much the same in the basic nature of working to provide an indispensible product that we depend on for survival. And that involves all of us in agriculture, no matter your role. It is something that comes with a lot of responsibility but also for many an unquantifiable amount of gratification and pride.

Illinois Ag Legislative Day may just be one day, but the important role of agriculture stretches far beyond this short parameter of time. It’s time to start that conversation. And that begins with you.

Jodie Brooks

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AgrAbility also has more than 85 volunteers in many of Illinois’ rural counties. These volunteers, called Community Ambassadors are the program’s local point of contact, and keep the agricultural community informed of the services we offer.

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Over 250,000 consumer-owners, located in 90 of the state's 102 counties, receive electric service from these cooperatives. Member households encompass more than 600,000 citizens who benefit directly from these tax-paying businesses.

Among the AIEC departments providing value-added services to Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives are Administrative, Communications, Engineering and Support Services. Its Legal and Government Relations Department represents the cooperatives' interests in legislative and regulatory matters.

Each year the AIEC presents the IEC Public Service Award to members of the Illinois General Assembly and U.S. Congress for service to the rural electrification program. The importance of the legislative process is also recognized by the AIEC in its publication of the "Legislative Roster of the Illinois General Assembly and U.S. Congress," regarded by legislators and others interested in the legislative process as a valuable guide to the Illinois legislative branch.

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The Association assists SWCD’s in securing technical, financial, educational, and scientific services. The Association facilitates cooperation between districts and federal, state, and local agencies in gaining public understanding and support of the essential role of Soil and Water Conservation Districts for erosion control, water quality improvement, farmland protection, and flood control.

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- Increasing financial support for Extension’s community-based programs through the legislative process
- Helping to link community needs to the resources of the University of Illinois
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The mission of the Farm Credit System is to provide sound, dependable, and competitive credit and related services to agriculture and Rural America. Established 95 years ago by the U.S. Congress through the Farm Credit Act of 1916, the System is a nationwide network of farmer-owned financial institutions that each operate as its own cooperative association. Today, more than 30 percent of the nation’s agriculture industry credit needs are met by Farm Credit.

Illinois is served by two separate Farm Credit associations. Farm Credit Services of Illinois is based in Mahomet and serves the southern 60 counties in Illinois; 1st Farm Credit Services is based in Normal and serves the northern 42 counties. Together, the two Farm Credit associations in Illinois own or manage more than $7 billion of loans, provide crop insurance coverage on more than 4 million acres of Illinois farmland, and serve 20,000 farm families, agribusinesses, and rural landowners.

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I am honored to serve as Chair of the Governor’s Rural Affairs Council. I am pleased to have the opportunity to play a role in focusing on the interests of Illinois’ rural communities, and to continue the work of the Council to improve economic opportunity, education, transportation, and health care services for those of us who live outside the urban centers.

I am fortunate to have had the experience of growing up in southern Illinois, and to have lived and worked there for the greater part of my life. I have been inspired by my travels to all of Illinois’ 102 counties, where I learned first-hand of the hard-working spirit of the people dedicated to advance the economic outlook for all Illinoisans. And, I am here as your chief advocate to help move Illinois forward.

One of the most important things that we can do together is to improve access to a quality education for every child in Illinois. For too long, the best educational opportunities have been dependent on a child’s address. This is unacceptable. We need to ensure that schools are fully funded and our funding system reformed, to lessen the impact of the property tax on the quality of education. Recently, we have watched as the population of our rural communities decline as area youth leave in search of jobs. It is my hope that, as a result of our work on the Council, we can reverse that trend. And, I am confident that we can by investing in new employment opportunities.

We must continue to provide broadband access to rural Illinois so that small businesses can survive in a high-speed business environment and people can participate in a global economy while enjoying the best of small town life. We can be part of making renewable energy more accessible to consumers by optimizing the potential of our wind, building wind turbines close to its source.

We can respond to consumer demand for locally grown, healthy foods taking advantage of our rich land resources and creating jobs. We are also focusing our efforts on improving and enhancing emergency medical services (EMS) in rural areas. We are part of a world of opportunity and rural Illinois is poised to be a leader.

I look forward to continuing my work with the Governor’s Rural Affairs Council to do all that we can to realize our greatest possibilities. We will chart our course to bring communities together. In a spirit of cooperation, we will move forward to create new opportunities for a stronger rural Illinois.

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The Association represents over 900 grain and/or feed facilities and associate members statewide. The first grain dealers’ association was organized in 1893. The present Association, representing a merger of associations existing at the time, was organized in 1971.

The purpose of the Association is to advance and promote the common interest of its members engaged in marketing, handling and storage of grain; in the manufacture, sale and distribution of feed and farm supplies; and to promote the betterment of conditions in the industry.

The Grain and Feed Association of Illinois desires to provide assistance in the form of information to legislators, both state and federal, whenever possible.

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- 213,000 horses
- $3.8 billion equine industry

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Horseradish is a low-calorie, natural condiment that adds a distinctive, pungent flavor to foods. Wherever and whenever you see it served, be reminded that it most likely was grown in Illinois.

Horseradish is a specialty crop grown in Illinois. More than two-thirds of our nation’s supply of this pungent herb root comes from Madison and St. Clair counties in southwestern Illinois. Collinsville has a horseradish festival in early summer to highlight the area’s unique crop. The superior quality of Illinois horseradish is due to fertile soils, a suitable climate and producers skilled in special cultural methods. Horseradish has been passed from generation to generation in local farm families. It is a part of the heritage of some families in the American bottoms area. The income provided to the farmers from horseradish is significant in their agricultural operations.

The unique crop demands its own equipment and handling. Growing horseradish is a labor intensive process. The growers depend on the researchers from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and University of Illinois to assist with research in controlling weeds and insects and developing new varieties of horseradish. The local extension office provides information to promote horseradish use. The Horseradish Growers of Illinois is an organization for the area growers. The annual meeting, held in January, provides an opportunity for University researchers, grinders from around the United States, growers from California and Wisconsin and the local growers to join together. Throughout the year, the local growers meet with University researchers to scout fields, observe plants, and share ideas to assist the crop’s productivity.

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Horseradish is not just a condiment, it’s also an ingredient!
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The program increases and expands a participant’s understanding of U.S. and international economic, political and social systems, while developing practical skills in communications, business acumen and professionalism. This is accomplished through a series of 14 seminars over two years. Men and women, who are employed full-time in agriculture or agri-related occupations, are Illinois residents and U.S. citizens, and who demonstrate leadership qualities and potential are eligible and encouraged to apply. Up to 30 participants are selected for each two-year class. Support for the program comes from forward-thinking agricultural corporations, commodity associations and individuals with a vision for thriving agricultural industry and a passion for qualified leaders.

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Illinois Agri-Women is an organization interested in promoting a better understanding of agriculture and the family farm system.

Members represent all areas of agriculture and work with legislators and congressmen on issues that will strengthen agriculture, which in turn benefits the entire American economy.

Educational materials provided to the schools and to consumers emphasize the importance of agriculture.

**IAW GOALS**
- To speak out in support of the American farmer and the farm industry.
- To work for legislation to preserve the family farm enterprise.
- To communicate with other organizations to achieve common goals.
- To educate the consumer of the economic importance of agriculture to the nation.

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IBA has represented the Illinois livestock industry for more than 40 years, and has over 60 county, multi-county and breed affiliate organizations. It is an affiliate of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association.

IBA priorities are:

- Deliver industry information, new value-added products and enhanced profit opportunities that will produce a quality product and strengthen producers’ ability to profitably compete for consumer market share.
- Enhance consumer confidence in beef through nutrition, food safety, convenience and preparation messages to increase consumption of and demand for beef products.
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• Promotes sound public policy at the local, state and federal levels;
• Improves our region’s ability to create, attract and retain businesses; and
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B. Provide educational opportunities for others and ourselves through the sharing of information.

C. To be a collective voice in governmental issues that effect Illinois Cervidae. To provide a forum for discussion of problems of deer farming and to keep members fully informed on all matters of interest to deer farmers and potential deer farmers.

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Membership consists of individuals with an interest in forestry, forestry and conservation organizations and groups, professional forestry and conservation associations, and members of the forest industry in Illinois. For further information on the IFA, answers to forestry related questions, and the IFA's position on issues that affect forests and forest landowners in Illinois, contact any of the IFA officers the IFA at its mailing address, or visit the IFA website at www.ilforestry.org.

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- promote the growth of the Illinois grape growing and wine making industries and the production of high quality grapes and wines
- to represent the interests of the industry in legislative and political matters
- provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and to disseminate current information about viticulture and wine making practices
- recommend, encourage and participate in research issues
- develop and analyze current marketing information for use by the members

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ILJCEP member associations collaborate on:
1) professional development of staff,
2) educational programming for staff,
3) legislative efforts, and
4) staff recognition.

Memberships available regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion, veteran status, or sexual orientation.
The Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association was organized to promote effective soil conservation construction, efficient business principals and private free enterprise in the field of soil conservation construction. ILICA is an organization which provides service and assistance to private persons, firms and corporations engaged or interested in:

- Soil & Water Conservation
- Reduction or prevention of soil, water and air contamination
- Construction and maintenance of sanitary facilities
- Construction, improvement and maintenance of recreational facilities
- Excavation & earthmoving for community improvement that is in the public interest and for the public welfare
- Construction and maintenance of roads and streets
- Promoting the welfare and protecting the interests of all the people in rural Illinois
- ILICA is a not-for-profit organization that conducts programs, projects & activities that promote soil, water and natural resource conservation and promotes the welfare and protects the interests of its members

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The objectives of the council are:
- to serve as an advocate for agricultural educators at the local and state levels.
- to involve the total agricultural industry in the assessment of agricultural education and in developing quality instructional programs and processes to meet current and future needs.
- to provide a forum to identify and address state issues and concerns relative to all aspects of agricultural education.
- to facilitate futuristic planning for agricultural education on a statewide basis.
- to establish a state structure to search out resources necessary for expanding and strengthening agricultural education.

The Illinois Committee on Agricultural Education was appointed by then Governor Thompson in April 1987. It is comprised of thirteen agricultural leaders charged with developing and advising the Illinois State Board of Education in the implementation of Building Illinois Through Quality Agricultural Education Plan. The Governor will appoint replacement members to this committee.

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“To be an advocate and a resource for dairy producers in Illinois.”

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IPPA’s mission is to provide producers with services that enhance profitability and consumer preference for pork. IPPA has served pork producers for more than 50 years. IPPA provides services for programs through checkoff and noncheckoff programs. Checkoff programs focus on activities such as: pork promotion, education to consumers, teachers, and producers, and research on pork related issues. Noncheckoff programs focus on state and national legislative issues. IPPA works to represent pork producers’ best interest on issues of importance to pork producers and the pork industry.

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MISSION
The Illinois Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization provides opportunities for individual growth, leadership and career preparation.

VISION
PAS aspires to be the premier leadership and career development organization serving college agricultural students.

MOTTO
“Uniting Education and Industry in Agriculture.” One of our main purposes is to provide an opportunity for developing leadership abilities through participation in the employment experience programs, course work and organization activities.

OUR VALUES
Developing individual leadership abilities. Promoting intellectual growth.
Developing technical competencies. Fostering strong personal ethics.
Encouraging life-long learning. Recognizing a synergy exists in diversity.
Uniting education and Industry.

HISTORY
Twelve community college agriculture students, their advisors and guests gathered on February 28, 1974, at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield for the purpose of forming a statewide organization. Copies of the Students With Agriculture Purposes (SWAP) Constitution and By-Law were revised and developed into a state constitution and by-laws. The name of the Illinois Association of Community College Agriculturalists (IACCA) was passed unanimously. The IACCA Constitution and By-laws were officially adopted on April 9, 1974.

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IRFA works closely with and supports the national ethanol trade organizations regarding national legislation, ethanol policy, regulations, and promotional programs. The IRFA works on Illinois issues regarding air and water permitting, state policy, legislation, research programs, state fuel issues, ethanol infrastructure, education and promotions. The Association and its member are involved in opening new markets both domestic and foreign for DDGS and ethanol.

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Provides a sound and objective view of the value for rural property:
- to determine income earning capacity;
- to determine fair market value;
- in eminent domain or condemnation proceedings;
- for mortgage loan purposes;
- for real estate tax purposes;
- for estate division and settlement;
- for inheritance or gift taxes.

**Professional Farm Management and Consulting. . .**
- helps the thoughtful landowner retain and/or build up the farm investment and get the best returns;
- provides expert consultation and analysis of farm business; removes the worry from farm ownership; gives relief from worrisome details;
- provides planning and supervision of the farm operation, selects tenants, buys supplies, sells products, decides on government programs, cares for buildings and fences, supervises livestock operations;
- provides the farm owner with frequent reports to keep him or her fully informed regarding conditions on the farm and progress being made.

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The mission of the Association is for the promotion and development of new and expanded markets and to increase the profitability for the members of ISGA.

1. MEMBERSHIP
   To promote and develop a membership program for ISGA and its affiliated organizations that will lead to expanded numbers of members.

2. ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND STRUCTURE
   To develop a vision for the industry for the future to plan changes in the environment. To seek out other specialty groups that share philosophies, policies, objectives and have an interest in having a greater impact.

3. FINANCE
   To obtain adequate financial resources to carry out the purposes, objectives and activities of the association.

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Today the Grange is a rural/urban family organization. Men, women, young adults and children from any and all backgrounds, educational levels and occupations are welcome. There are Granges in 37 states and Washington, DC.

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The Association pursues these objectives through the exchange of ideas on groundwater management and the development of groundwater management plans. Information is reviewed not only with IWAA members, but with other groundwater groups on a state, regional and national level.

The Association is active in seeking the adoption of legislation to sustain and improve local groundwater management. The work of the IWAA benefits its member authorities and the groundwater users in the state of Illinois. These benefits accrue to private well owners, agricultural and commercial water users as well as municipal and other community water suppliers.

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1. To foster development of new markets for wheat and wheat products.
2. Provide for research on production, marketing and utilization of wheat.
3. Enhance more efficient and economical production of wheat.
4. Foster communications and cooperation in all phases of the wheat industry.

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3. To foster social interest among breeders and breed associations.
4. To assist the Colleges of Agriculture and the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois.
5. To support the management of the Illinois State Fair in keeping it the best of all state fairs.

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