Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford is the state’s banker. His primary responsibility is to protect and invest taxpayers’ money. State lawmakers appropriate all of the tax dollars collected each year, but that money is not spent all at once. The treasurer invests the money in the interim, generating the best rate of return that will eventually go back into the schools, transportation systems, hospitals and other general state operations. Some of the money is also deposited into financial institutions statewide to help them provide low-interest loans to consumers, farmers and businesses to help create jobs and spur economic growth.

One of the largest low-interest loan offerings is the Ag Invest linked deposit program. Through Ag Invest, the treasurer’s office works with lenders to provide low-interest loans to farmers and agriculture professionals for annual operating, long-term and alternative agriculture expenses.

You can learn more about the treasurer’s Ag Invest program or one of our other low-interest loan programs by contacting a participating lender and starting the application process. For more information, please visit the Illinois Treasurer’s Office’s website at

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