Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day

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Dear Friend:

2006 proved to be an interesting year for Illinois agriculture. State officials and constituent organizations once again addressed normal production-related challenges as well as identified opportunities for alternative fuel development and how to expand existing agricultural industries in-state. As you know, agriculture continues to be the #1 industry in terms of economic impact and the state remained a leading producer of corn and soybeans. Illinois farmers continue to make valuable contributions in terms of food production, homeland security, environmental responsibility and natural resource conservation, further highlighting the importance of the industry.

The year was not without new challenges. In 2006, state officials were faced with how to control and eradicate the emerald ash borer as well as Asian soybean rust. To address these challenges, especially that of emerald ash borer, Illinois Department of Agriculture officials worked closely with U.S. Department of Agriculture officials, industry representatives and legislators to secure federal funds for emerald ash borer containment efforts. Illinois has several opportunities to increase federal dollars for state programs through programs authorized by the Farm Bill. Illinois Department of Agriculture officials have been working with several governmental organizations over the last eighteen months to help develop policy documents which are being shared with members of the Congressional delegation in an effort to make sure they are as informed as possible on what changes to each Farm Bill title would mean to Illinois agriculture.

One area of significant opportunity continues to be alternative energy production and the energy title of the Farm Bill is expected to be larger than ever. In the last year we have seen the Governor announce an ambitious energy plan which relies on the development of alternative fuels ranging from ethanol and biodiesel to cellulosic biomass and coal. The Governor’s 10-year plan would enable the state to utilize corn, soybeans and coal to help meet 50% of the states motor fuel needs by 2017 and would help create more than
10,000 new, permanent jobs and about 20,000 construction jobs. The President has also voiced his support for alternative fuel production by including significant investment for biofuels development in his proposed federal fiscal year 2008 budget.

As we move through 2007, our strengths will continue to be our ability to work with all stakeholders on behalf of Illinois farmers to further strengthen the industry to ensure increased competitiveness and access to global markets as well as to implement land use practices that help maintain the integrity of the natural resources we all enjoy. I look forward to continued cooperation with Illinois commodity organizations as we collectively address numerous challenges and work to contain and eradicate the emerald ash borer and Asian soybean rust while constantly searching for new opportunities as the 2007 Farm Bill is drafted to further secure agriculture’s contributions to the state’s economy.

Sincerely,

Charles A. "Chuck" Hartke
Director
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Friends of Agriculture:

One cannot look to the future without appreciating some of the past. The first Illinois settlers quickly discovered fertile soil under the abundant prairie grass. In the 1800s, farmers dug man-made ditches for the sole purpose of turning unproductive swampland into lush, fertile farm ground. At the time John Deere embarked on his journey to the Midwest, he immediately learned the serious problems settlers in Illinois encountered when attempting to farm the fertile soil. Through observation, research and sheer determination, Deere's invention of the steel moldboard plow provided the foundation of Illinois' number one industry, agriculture. Fertile soil, harmonized by the determination of many had propelled Illinois into a leading agricultural producer.

Today the Illinois agriculture industry not only produces a wide variety of goods, but also provides an abundance of jobs. In the United States, Illinois farm families produce about 17 percent of the soybeans, 17 percent of the corn, 7 percent of the pigs, and also account for 6 percent of the agricultural exports. In addition, Illinois is the leading state in agricultural related industries. Approximately, 1.5 million of the Illinois workforce is employed in the food and fiber sector, going from the farm to the plate.

Now the agricultural community will face challenges and new opportunities that our ancestors never envisioned. Unfortunately, the cost of modernization and urban sprawl has required the agriculture producer to yield more goods on less acreage with increased obstacles for both the grain and livestock producer. Education, research and outreach have provided the industry to not only successfully meet the demand of the consumer in Illinois, but also to the consumers across the world.

It is an exciting time for Illinois agriculture. Our central location, superior transportation systems, natural resources that produce grain and good conservation practices allow Illinois to be a key player in the renewable fuel markets. The road to meet the consumer's changing demand will not be without obstacles. Illinois must revitalize the livestock sector and utilize the economic source of high quality feed by processing plants. It also continually needs an investment in education and research to match the demands of progress.

Agriculture Leaders: As you participate in the annual voyage to spread the unified message that Illinois agriculture is alive and better than ever, it must be recognized that it is ready to take on any challenge to make our industry more efficient and build bonds outside our agricultural community. Do not be afraid to step out of your comfort zone to develop new bridges with other organizations and legislators in order to maintain the number one industry in Illinois: Agriculture.

Legislators: Please take time to peruse this directory and keep it at your fingertips when you have questions or need assistance specifically to the agricultural industry. Even though each of the organizations represents a specific interest, together we stand united in promoting Illinois agriculture for today's producers and the generations to come.

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Created in 1942, the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) provides diverse services for 24 electric distribution cooperatives and two generation and transmission cooperatives. Six telephone cooperatives are also members of the AIEC.

Approximately 250,000 consumer-owners, located in 86 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 AISWCD serves as a catalyst in the development of new and innovative approaches to reduce soil erosion, increase conservation application, encourage soil erosion control for water quality improvement, and protect our prime farmlands.

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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As chairman of the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, I am happy to share with you some of our 2006 successes. This year the council celebrated 20 years of collaborative efforts to advance the rural economy while improving education, transportation and health care services.

Thanks to a strong agricultural economy in the Land of Lincoln, Illinois has a distinct advantage when it comes to producing renewable fuels from All-American energy sources such as soybeans and corn. In 2006, soybean industry officials in China - the world's leading market for soybeans - noticed the opportunities in Illinois. I had the honor of participating in the official signing ceremony of a landmark trade agreement between Chinese soybean buyers and Illinois soybean growers at the Chicago Board of Trade.

In 2006, Governor Blagojevich also named me chairman of the Biofuels Working Group, which is dedicated to increasing investment in Illinois' biofuels industry. One of our goals is to make Illinois the soybean-roof capital of the world, and Greenview High School took a leading role in 2006 by converting its rooftop to an energy-efficient soybean roof.

Energy efficiency took a giant leap forward in Farmersville where the Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative based in Sangamon County is partnering with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to build a 1.25-megawatt wind turbine on state-owned property. The 212-foot wind turbine will generate energy for residents across five counties. And two more counties are experiencing the benefits of public transportation because RIDES Mass Transit District services expanded its services to Richland and Lawrence counties.

Doctors across Illinois continued their rewarding work of protecting the health of Illinois citizens. I salute the 14 exceptional Illinois physicians who earned the 2006 Rural Physician of Excellence Award in 2006. And I thank all of the Illinois citizens and businesses who helped to save lives by donating to the Heartsaver Trust Fund, which provides schools and park districts with matching grants to cut the cost of purchasing life-saving automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

Increasing connectivity enhances the quality of life in rural areas. In 2006, more than 2,600 students and teachers at 16 schools received personal laptops through a new initiative called the Technology Immersion Pilot Project. I traveled to Rockford, Rantoul and Marion to announce the release of more than $4.5 million in technology grants to increase low-cost, high-speed Internet access across Illinois, and the Rural Affairs Council provided wireless grants to the central business districts of Belleville, Carbondale, Mt. Vernon and Quincy.

The council also provided funding for free tax preparations sites in Carmi, Danville, Karnak, Macomb and Sparta, providing relief to working families and individuals through the Earned Income Tax Credit.

The prospects for rural Illinois are bright with expanded ethanol and biodiesel production, and higher corn and soybean prices. If we are to sustain Illinois communities and maintain our way of life, we must continue to aggressively pursue community and economic development. We stand together with Illinois families, entrepreneurs and farmers as we work to improve the quality of life in rural Illinois. For more information please visit, RuralAffairsCouncil.il.gov. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

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The Association represents over 950 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.

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HORSERADISH GROWERS OF ILLINOIS

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 it's own equipment and handling. Growing horseradish is a labor intensive process. The growers depend on the University of Illinois to assist with research in controlling weeds and insects and developing new varieties of horseradish. The C-FAR program funds some of these projects. 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 of Illinois employees, 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 crops productivity.

Remember, horseradish adds zest to your life!

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The IAAA members account for approximately 80% of the licensed Illinois aerial applicators. These aerial applicators apply seed, fertilizer, insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides on a national basis. Nearly 60% of all chemicals sold are applied by air, which makes aerial application a vital link in agriculture.

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The Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program (IALP) is designed to develop the leadership qualities of promising agricultural leaders while allowing them to continue to manage their farming and/or business operations. Recognizing the need for strong agricultural leaders and industry spokespersons, the IALP’s goals are: 1) to increase and expand the participants’ understanding of U.S. and international economic, political, and social systems; 2) to enhance the participants’ communication and leadership skills; and 3) to increase the participants’ ability to make sound decisions on issues which will shape the agricultural community and beyond.

Participant eligibility for this two-year program is: men and women ages 25 - 49; full-time employment in production agriculture or agri-related occupations; U.S. citizen or permanent resident and Illinois resident; demonstrated leadership qualities and potential; and commitment to attend all seminars, including travel seminars. Applications are received every even-numbered year, corresponding with the two-year duration of each program class.

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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.
- To promote greater public awareness that farming is a business and must make a profit to survive.

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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.

2007 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.
- Encourage partnerships, communication and education among industry segments with special emphasis on premise and animal identification.

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C-FAR is an unprecedented coalition of the private sector, State of Illinois, universities, and researchers, all working toward the same goal: to conduct and enhance research that will benefit Illinois’ food, agricultural, and related industries; consumers; and Illinois’ economy.

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Today, ICIA is recognized as a premier provider of objective, third-party testing services for the international food and agricultural system. We work with organizations on six continents and we’ve built strong relationships with stakeholders at all levels of the agri-food supply chain.

Our commitment to the success of the world food system requires that we evolve with it. ICIA is using our official certification authority, resources, talents and industry alliances to provide creative new solutions for our clients.

ICIA built its reputation on the breadth and quality of its core services, which are offered through four technical departments:

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A. To promote the Illinois cervidae industry.

B. Provide educational opportunities for others and ourselves through the sharing of information.

C. To be a collective voice in governmental issues that effect IL. 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.

D. To promote high ethical standards in the care, handling and harvesting of IL. cervidae.

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The Illinois Farm Bureau in Illinois is a general farm organization which serves the agricultural community of the state. The Farm Bureau works to improve farm income and the quality of life.

Farm Bureau services its members through a wide range of marketing, legislation, education, public relations, and business services.

Basic to the strength of the Farm Bureau in Illinois is an organizational network of County Farm Bureaus with staff, officers, and local programs serving members throughout the state.
Illinois Farmers Union, affiliated with National Farmers Union, has as its primary purpose service to family farmers and rural Americans through legislation, education and cooperation.

We support family farmers and rural Americans who know what it is like to make a living as stewards of the land. These people control our organization.

It is now, and always will be, our intent to provide a representative voice in our state legislature.

Our efforts will continue, in a coalition with others, to shift the unfair method of taxation responsibility for public schools from the backs of property owners.

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Beginning Farmer Bond offer attractive low interest rates for financing first time farmland purchases.

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Value Added Stock Financing proceeds are used to purchase stock in a value added entity. In conjunction with a purchase, debt may be refinanced to improve lien position or financial structure, up to the amount of the purchase. A portion of the stock can be used as collateral for this loan.

Participation Loans assists Illinois businesses that create or retain jobs in partnership with a local bank. Through this program the Authority will purchase up to the lesser of $1,000,000, or a 50% participation in the loan, directly from the borrower's bank.

Wind Energy Financing helps farmers and other landowners build "community scale" wind energy operations. In conjunction with a local bank, IFA offers loans and guarantees that help make wind projects financially feasible.

IFA structures financing arrangements to support growth initiatives throughout Illinois that create and keep jobs, stimulate the economy and improve quality of life.

We support other initiatives such as business and industry, education, healthcare, communities and financial partners. Bring us your ideas!

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The mission of the Illinois Forage and Grassland Council is to provide the framework that unites industry, producers, and educational/government institutions for the production, marketing, and wise use of forages and grasslands. Membership is uniquely made up of producers, industry suppliers, educators, and governmental professionals all working together to make forages a viable industry for Illinois farmers.

IFGC was incorporated in 1977 and is a state affiliate of the American Forage and Grassland Council.

Illinois Forage Expo and Illinois Forage Institute are annual trademark forage events sponsored by IFGC and cooperating agencies. IFGC is proud to sponsor the IFGC/D. A. Miller Scholarship awarded to a student at the University of Illinois majoring in crop sciences with an interest in forages.

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- provide a formal structure for a statewide association of grape growers (viticulturalists) & winemakers (vintners);
- 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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Illinois Joint Council of Extension Professionals (ILJCEP)

The Illinois Joint Council of Extension Professionals (ILJCEP) consists of the leadership of the four Extension professional associations, and is focused on helping University of Illinois Extension staff members meet the educational needs of citizens and families of Illinois.

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.
ILLINOIS LAMB & WOOL PRODUCERS
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Representing 2,500 producers, the “ILWP” speaks for the sheep interests of Illinois. Organized to assist, promote and develop the industry, the membership consists of commercial producers, purebred breeders, lamb feeders and buyers, wool marketers and equipment suppliers. The ILWP works in conjunction with the UIUC Extension to serve the people of Illinois.

The Association is a non-profit corporation which devotes its energies toward effective promotion of its unique product combination of food and fiber. It works in coordination with both local and national sheep organizations and other state commodity and agriculture groups.

Market research, product development, animal and environmental welfare and producer education have become key areas of industry focus. The lamb foodstand located in the Ag Food Pavilion, hands-on fiber demonstrations and the Costume, Leadline and Shearing Contests are just a few of the activities the public can benefit from at the 2006 Illinois State Fair.

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- 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
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The objectives of the council are:
1. to serve as an advocate for agricultural educators at the local and state levels.
2. 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.
3. to provide a forum to identify and address state issues and concerns relative to all aspects of agricultural education.
4. to facilitate futuristic planning for agricultural education on a statewide basis.
5. 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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The Illinois Milk Producers' Association is an association of dairy cooperatives, independent producers, and affiliated industry personnel. Collectively, IMPA represents more than 80% of the state's milk marketed. IMPA provides legislative, informational, and educational support for Illinois' dairy producers.

"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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Uniting Education & Industry In Agriculture

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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 agriculture 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 Students With Agriculture Purposes (SWAP) Constitution and By-Laws were revised and developed into a state constitution and by-laws. The name of Illinois Association of Community College Agriculturalists (IACCA) was passed unanimously. The IACCA Constitution and By-laws were officially adopted on April 19, 1974.

On February 25, 1989 at the 15th annual conference when the 16 delegates assembled, voted to change the name from IACCA to PAS so that Illinois would be aligned with the National PAS Organization.

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THE GOALS OF THE ILLINOIS RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION ARE:

• To help insure an adequate supply of safe drinking water for all small rural water systems in Illinois.
• To assist water and wastewater systems in meeting all local, state, and federal regulations and to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act.
• To train and educate personnel of rural water and wastewater systems.
• To assist water and wastewater systems in securing adequate financing to build new systems, to expand or improve existing systems.
• To keep water and wastewater systems informed of state and federal legislation that will affect their operations.

IRWA MISSION STATEMENT
To preserve the resources of Rural Illinois through education, training and representation.

The Illinois Rural Water Association is a non-profit association of rural water districts and small municipal water and wastewater systems.

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The Illinois Seed Trade Association (ISTA) is a non-profit organization that forms a state-wide network of top seed industry experts in the areas of research, marketing, sales, management, production, etc. ISTA is a member of C-FAR and has five members participating in the working groups.

One of ISTA's objectives is to aid, advise and assist in the establishment or enactment of equitable laws, rules and regulations for the transaction of business in the seed industry. ISTA also maintains a seed analyst liaison committee which promotes uniform seed testing and analysis procedures in Illinois.

ISTA cooperates with educational and regulatory authorities and other interested agencies to develop sound and effective seed programs to advance agriculture. Two scholarships are presented to University of Illinois students each year who are pursuing careers in crop sciences.

A bi-monthly newsletter, "Illinois Seed News" is issued in cooperation with Illinois Crop Improvement Association. The newsletter gives important meeting dates, reports of latest research and news and legislative information of direct interest to the Illinois seed industry.
The Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers is an organization of professional men and women engaged in the management of farms and the appraisal of rural property. The Society was founded in 1928 and has grown to a membership of over 400. Members of the Society are responsible for managing the production and marketing of nearly 10 percent of the corn and soybeans produced in Illinois.

**Professional Rural Appraisal. . .**
Provides a sound and objective view of the value for rural property:
- to determine income earning capacity;
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- 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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ISTA includes some 60 individual members and represents more than 30 labs and businesses throughout Illinois. We are involved in research funding, information sharing and quality control for the member labs and consultants.

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The Illinois Soybean Board (ISB) manages and invests Illinois soybean checkoff funds in research, promotion and education programs that enhance soybean production and use and support national and international market development. For more information, visit the website www.ilsoy.org.

Membership and advocacy efforts through Illinois Soybean Growers (ISG) support Illinois soybean farmer interests in local areas, Springfield and Washington, D.C. For more information, visit the website www.ilsoygrowers.org.

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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 for 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.

4. **PROGRAMS/SERVICES**
   To provide programs and services that will be responsive to members’ needs and to enhance the members opportunity for increased profitability and a higher quality of life.

5. **LEGISLATION/REGULATION**
   To represent the views of ISGA and its affiliated associations in legislative issues and regulatory actions.

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The Grange was organized in 1867 to improve the quality of life in rural America for everyone. The Grange is a family fraternal, community service organization with a special interest in agriculture, education, legislation and a meaningful way of life. The Grange is America’s foremost Family Fraternity. It is a volunteer, grassroots organization stressing Faith, Hope, Charity and Fidelity.

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.

Today, the Grange continues to work to make life better for everyone. The Grange actively pursues local, state and national non-partisan legislation for the safety, protection and betterment of all persons. Community service and family involvement are the emphasis of all Grange endeavors.

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Along with protecting tax dollars, the Treasurer serves as a consumer advocate and operates programs that invest in communities throughout Illinois and make a tangible difference in people's lives. The Treasurer aims to: increase access to low-interest loans to create good paying jobs and spur economic growth; make home-grown, ethanol-based fuels more available to Illinois motorists; enable families to purchase their first home and save for college; auction off unclaimed property online; provide families of military personnel financial assistance; find new ways to recruit and retain businesses; and fight against unlawful predatory lending practices.

One of the largest investment programs in the nation offered, the Agriculture and Alternative Agriculture Link Deposit Program is available to farmers statewide through thousands of financial institutions, and to date has helped more than 10,000 farmers across Illinois. The program currently has committed over $800 million in state funds toward the agriculture community, etc. and has more than 130 financial institutions participating in the program.

Agriculture is a major component of Illinois' economy and lending operational and long term money at the rate that is attractive to both agriculture lenders and producers assists in keeping the agriculture backbone of Illinois strong. A borrower may receive a loan by completing a simple application form with his/her financial institution and certify that he/she will be using the funds for goods and services related to the production of agriculture and alternative agriculture products.

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Our organization sanctions over 70 tractor and truck pulls in Illinois annually. We work hard to promote vehicle and spectator safety, and we strive to develop and maintain a uniform set of rules in Illinois. Our membership consists of over 340 members, and we appreciate your support in helping us to maintain safety at our sanctioned events.

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The Illinois Water Authority Association (IWAA) is a non-profit, intergovernmental group of water authorities organized in the state of Illinois. The IWAA is dedicated to maintaining local authority and management of groundwater resources in the state.

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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Illinois Wheat Association, founded in 1994, is a member organization representing all aspects of the Illinois wheat industry. Its purposes are:

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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