
Schedule

Tour Coordinator – Jim Mackey/Bobby Dowson

The tour will begin in Springfield, Illinois early Monday morning September 29th, 2014. All participants should be in Springfield by Sunday evening, September 28th.

**Monday, Sept 29th**

8:30 AM      **IL Grain Tour Kick-off** – Illinois Department of Agriculture  
              Welcome – Introduction of Participants - Review Itinerary –  
              Illinois Agriculture Presentation – Meet the Director, Pictures

11:00 AM     University of Illinois Farm – See crops, harvest progress, discuss farm practices  
              Tim Seifert operates a 2300 acre grain operation.  Tim is District 9 Director of the Illinois  
              Soybean Association, Auburn Township Trustee, District 6 Director of the Sangamon County  
              Farm Bureau, and past District 10 Director of the Illinois Corn Marketing Board and member of  
              the Industrial Committee.

12 Noon      Lunch at the farm

1:00 PM      Tour a local grain terminal.

7:00 PM      Dinner – Hosted by the Illinois Corn Marketing Board / Illinois Corn Growers

**Tuesday, Sept 30th**

8:30 AM      **GSI** - [www.grainsystems.com](http://www.grainsystems.com) for presentation and tour  
              GSI is the world's largest manufacturer of steel farm bins, commercial storage grain bins and  
              grain silos. In addition, they offer the most technologically advanced grain dryers in the industry  
              and a large selection of material handling systems including grain bin sweeps, spreaders, chain  
              loop systems, commercial bucket elevators and conveyors.

11:30 AM     ADM, [www.adm.com](http://www.adm.com), for facility tour, working lunch, and presentation  
              Every day, the 30,000 people of Archer Daniels Midland Company turn crops into renewable  
              products that meet the demands of a growing world. At more than 265 processing plants, we  
              convert corn, oilseeds, wheat and cocoa into products for food, animal feed, chemical and  
              energy uses. We operate the world’s premier crop origination and transportation network,  
              connecting crops and markets in more than 75 countries.

7:00 PM      Dinner – hosted by IL Soybean Association – Bloomington, IL  
              The Illinois Soybean Association strives to enable Illinois soybean producers to be the most  
              knowledgeable and profitable soybean producers around the world. To ensure Illinois soy is the  
              highest quality, most dependable, sustainable and competitive in the global marketplace.  
              Provide leadership to the Illinois soybean industry through commitment, perseverance and  
              honor to achieve maximum profitability for each Illinois soybean producer.
**Wednesday, Oct 1st**

9:30 AM  Marquis Ethanol for tour and presentation

Located in Hennepin, IL, 45 miles north of Peoria on the Illinois River, this facility is currently producing 110 million gallons of ethanol per year. Marquis Energy also produces 330,000 tons of hi-protein bio-energy feed (DDG or Dried Distiller's Grain) and 1.7 million gallons of corn oil. Marquis Energy does all this by purchasing 40 million bushels of corn per year from Illinois producers. [http://www.marquisenergy.com/plants.html](http://www.marquisenergy.com/plants.html)

12:30 PM  Spirit Family Farms - Sheridan, IL, [http://spiritfamilyfarms.com/home.html](http://spiritfamilyfarms.com/home.html)

Tour and working lunch with agronomist

Evening  Dinner on your own – Multiple choices at Harrah’s Casino - Joliet.

**Thursday, Oct 2nd**

9:30 AM  Prairie Creek Grain / Transcoastal Supply

Observe multiple container loadings and full lab testing certification facilities. Presentation from Trans Coastal Supply - Trans Coastal provides export customers with agricultural grains and products such as Yellow Corn, Yellow Soybeans, Hi Pro Soybean Meal, Corn Gluten Meal and Distillers Dried Grains with Solubles (DDGS) from multiple trans-loading facilities, including Prairie Creek Grain Company. [www.transcoastalsupply.com/](http://www.transcoastalsupply.com/) and [www.pcgrain.com/](http://www.pcgrain.com/)

Working Lunch

1:00 PM  Tour either BNSF’s or Union Pacific's Joliet Intermodal Terminal

3:00 PM  Seedburo Equipment Co., [www.seedburo.com](http://www.seedburo.com), tour and view equipment

SEEDBURO Equipment Company is a leading manufacturer and distributor of handling, testing, inspection and grading equipment for the grain, feed and seed industries. Some of these products are the numerous Brass Grain Probes, Boerner Grain Divider and Precision Dividers, Count-A-Pak Seed Counters, Burrows Moisture Testers, SEEDBURO Computer Grain Scales, Ohaus Grading Scales, Official USDA Grading and Inspection Visual Reference Images and Inspection Stations, SEEDBURO Germinators, Pollination bags, Paper toweling, Kimpak paper. We also handle the Capital Safety lanyards, harnesses, Lad Saf climbing systems and the Personal Fall Protection equipment lines.

4:30 PM  Dinner – Sponsored by Seedburo - Chicago Deep Dish Pizza

6:45 PM  Arrive Hotel – Free evening in Chicago

**Friday, Oct 3rd**

8:45 AM  Mercantile Exchange/Chicago Board of Trade – see the opening


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11:00 AM  End of Illinois Grain Industry Tour
Options:

**Arrive early** - You may choose to enjoy additional days in Springfield at your own expense. For participants arriving Saturday or early on Sunday, historic Springfield offers much to see within walking distance of the hotel. Sites include the Illinois State Capitol, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, the Old State Capitol, the Korean War Memorial, Lincoln’s Home National Historic Site, and the Illinois State Museum. [www.visit-springfieldillinois.com](http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com) In addition, the Route 66 Mother Road Festival and Car Show is in downtown Springfield from Sept 26-28, [http://www.route66fest.com/](http://www.route66fest.com/) (a short walk from the hotel). The State House Inn is offering a special rate for those wishing to book extra nights. State House Inn, 101 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 Contact: Kara Thomas, 217-528-5100, planit@thestatehouseinn.com [http://www.thestatehouseinn.com/](http://www.thestatehouseinn.com/)

**Leave Early** – If you are not interested in the Chicago Board of Trade tour and your schedule requires you to leave Thursday night, October 2nd, you can choose to leave the tour after our last stop at Seedburo. The Seedburo facility is very close to O’Hare International Airport and a short taxicab ride can be arranged. It is best to make us aware of your desire to leave the tour early before the tour starts so bookings can be modified.

**Stay extra days** - You may choose to stay additional days in Chicago at your own expense. [http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html](http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html) The LaQuinta is offering a special rate for those wishing to book extra nights. LaQuinta Inn, 1 S. Franklin St, Chicago, IL Contact: Ta’Vis Broom, 312-558-1020 ext. 5503, Tavis.broom@laquinta.com [www.laquintachicagodowntown.com](http://www.laquintachicagodowntown.com)