



105th Annual Meeting

March 18, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Our Mission:

*Be the voice, resource, and advocate for
farm families and agriculture,
while promoting stewardship for
today and future generations.*

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau®
105th Annual Meeting
March 18, 2025

Welcome

Call to Order

Pledge & Invocation

Notice of the Meeting

Minutes of the 104th Annual Meeting

Financial Report

Report on Election of Directors

Recognition

President's Report

Manager's Report

New Business

Adjournment

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Board of Directors

Officers:

John Mitchell, President
Cody Book, Vice President*
Jessica Bubert, Secretary
Sid Moate, Treasurer

Remaining Directors:

Amanda Anderson	Phillip Raines
Matt Bullard	John Reid
Jeremy Doetch	Kevin Shedd*
Curt Greenlee	Brian Sisson
Angie Grotjan*	Clay Sohner*
Scott Mueller	

* Directors whose term expires or resigned

Staff

Ann Marie Cain, FBCM.....	Manager
Diane Cleland.....	Ag Literacy Coordinator
Sam Burbach.....	Ag Literacy Educator
Gwen Babler.....	Ag Literacy Educator
Sarah Fitzgerald.....	Ag Literacy Educator
Angi Litow.....	Ag Literacy Educator
Holly Wiltfang	Consumer Engagement Director & Ag Literacy Educator
Sandy Mitchell.....	Membership Secretary/Bookkeeper
Sheri Lee.....	Administrative Assistant

2024 Team/Committee Chairs

Education Team.....	Amanda Anderson
Internal Affairs & Member Relations Team.....	Sid Moate
Young Leader's Committee.....	Emily Backeberg
Legislative Team.....	Kevin Shedd



**104th Annual Meeting of the
Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau
Rockford, Illinois**

The 104th Annual Business Meeting of the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau was held at the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau building, Rockford, Illinois and by Zoom on March 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by President John Mitchell, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Board Members Cody Book, Jessica Bubert, Matt Bullard, Curt Greenlee, Angie Grotjan (virtual), John Mitchell, Sidney Moate, John Reid, Kevin Shedd, Brian Sisson, and Clay Sohner were present. Ann Marie Cain, Manager and Farm Bureau members John Cleland, Jeremy Doetch, Scott Mueller, and Tom Walberg were also present.

The Official Notice of the Annual Meeting was read by Secretary, Jessica Bubert. Ann Marie Cain, member of the Credentials Committee, certified that a quorum of the voting members was present in person, participating by video conference, or by proxy and that official business could be conducted. Jessica Bubert reported that we received 144 valid proxies naming the President to cast votes on their behalf.

President John Mitchell then announced that the minutes of the 103rd Annual Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Meeting held on March 15, 2023, were printed in the annual report. As no member requested that the minutes be read aloud, President Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the 103rd Annual Meeting Minutes as printed. A motion was made by Matt Bullard, seconded by Sid Moate, and passed to approve the minutes as printed.

President John Mitchell called upon Board Treasurer, Sid Moate, to give the Financial Report. The Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities, as printed in the annual report, were presented as well as the Financial Report for the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation, which was also included in the annual report.

President John Mitchell acknowledged the members of Nominating Committee: Amanda Anderson, Matt Bullard, Curt Greenlee and Sid Moate. President John

Mitchell then called on Sid Moate, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to report on the actions of the Nominating Committee and the election results.

Sid Moate reported that Jessica Bubert, Jeremy Doetch, Scott Mueller, John Reid and Brian Sisson have been elected by ballot to serve on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors for the ensuing three-year period. The Nominating Committee hereby certified that they are voting members in good standing and are duly qualified to serve on the Board of Directors of the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau. A motion was made by Kevin Shedd, seconded by Cody Book, and passed to approve the report and actions of the Credentials Committee. Sid Moate turned the meeting over to President John Mitchell.

President, John Mitchell thanked Jeremy Franseen for his nine years of service and Trevor Olson for his five years of service to the Farm Bureau.

President John Mitchell then asked for a motion to give authority for the Board of Directors to appoint voting delegates to the IAA Annual Meeting to be held in December 2024. A motion was made by John Cleland, seconded by Scott Mueller, and passed. President John Mitchell referred to the printed President's and Manager's Reports. President John Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the actions of the Board of Directors for the past fiscal year. The motion to approve the Board's actions was made by Sid Moate, seconded by Matt Bullard, and passed.

President Mitchell then asked the members if there was any other business to come before the meeting. As there was no other business, a motion was made by Brian Sisson, seconded by Kevin Shedd, and passed to adjourn the business meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Jessica Bubert, Secretary

**Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau
Statement of Financial Position
12/31/2024**

<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,484	\$ 11,843
Short-Term Investments	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 27,223	\$ 24,104
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 11,395	\$ 10,687
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 47,102	\$ 46,634
<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
Long-Term Marketable Securities	\$ 1,797,080	\$ 1,780,815
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 1,797,080	\$ 1,780,815
<u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET</u>	\$ 148,653	\$ 155,366
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 1,992,835</u>	<u>\$ 1,982,815</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 120	\$ 60
Accrued Salaries	\$ 578	\$ 3,873
Corporate Income Taxes Payable	\$ 8,063	\$ 2,403
Other Taxes Accrued and Payable	\$ 4,754	\$ 8,073
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 13,515	\$ 14,409
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 1,979,320	\$ 1,968,406
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 1,992,835</u>	<u>\$ 1,982,815</u>

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau
Statement of Activities
12/31/2024

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Membership Dues	\$ 94,358	\$ 96,682
Interest and Dividends, Net of Fees.	\$ 57,128	\$ 59,997
Realized/Unrealized Gain	\$ 99,273	\$ 146,453
Gain (Loss) on Disposition of Fixed Assets		
Franchise Income	\$ 209,093	\$ 185,934
Rental Income	\$ 68,801	\$ 59,049
Commerical Dept. Income	\$ 4,631	\$ 2,548
Fee for Service to Insurance	\$ 87,114	\$ 76,985
Grants & Contributions	\$ 47,877	\$ 34,428
Insurance Proceeds		
Prime Timers Income	\$ 12,463	\$ 7,500
Reinstatement Fees and Other	\$ 470	\$ 560
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$ 681,208</u>	<u>\$ 670,136</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
General Mtgs., Travel, & Salaries	\$ 411,674	\$ 373,406
Building	\$ 33,629	\$ 33,373
Office	\$ 51,784	\$ 48,256
Publicity	\$ 6,472	\$ 7,306
Activities & Programs	\$ 66,460	\$ 64,109
<u>TOTAL GENERAL FARM BUREAU</u>	<u>\$ 570,019</u>	<u>\$ 526,450</u>
Extension Contribution	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Cost of Services to Insurance Co	\$ 3,219	\$ 3,266
Commerical Department	\$ 3,151	\$ 3,156
Rental Property Operations	\$ 57,261	\$ 56,825
	<u>\$ 78,631</u>	<u>\$ 78,247</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 648,650</u>	<u>\$ 604,697</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets before income taxes	\$ 32,558	\$ 65,439
Federal & State income taxes	\$ 21,644	\$ 18,964
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>\$ 10,914</u>	<u>\$ 46,475</u>
Net Assets- Beginning of Year	\$ 1,968,406	\$ 1,921,931
<u>Net Assets- Year End</u>	<u>\$ 1,979,320</u>	<u>\$ 1,968,406</u>

A Year of Continued Progress for Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau



Another successful year has concluded for the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau. It has been my honor to continue serving as your President. My sincere gratitude extends to our dedicated members, board, and staff for their unwavering support throughout the year.

Our mission remains central: be the voice, resource, and advocate for farm families and agriculture, while promoting stewardship for today and future generations. Our Board of Directors and advisory members continue to work diligently through three key committees: Legislative, Education, and Internal Affairs & Member Relations.

The Legislative Team built upon its strong relationships with local legislators. The refined quarterly meeting format, featuring individual meetings with county board leaders and staff, along with Democrat and Republican legislative roundtables, proved highly effective. The "Adopt-an-Acre" program, initiated last year, continued to provide legislators with firsthand experience of crop cultivation, culminating in charitable donations to local food pantries. We remained active on local issues, including zoning regulations for agricultural structures, land use planning, rural broadband, surface water management, and the ongoing implementation of statewide standards for wind and solar projects.

Looking forward to 2025, we anticipate significant progress with the Family Farm Preservation Act in Springfield, which continues to garner support from multiple local legislators. This potential legislation represents a crucial step in addressing estate tax challenges faced by family farms.

Our Education Team sustained its impressive growth and impact. The Ag in the Classroom program continued to extend its reach, engaging tens of thousands of students. We are focused on expanding our public outreach, effectively communicating our story to consumers through a variety of in-person, online, and media avenues. The Education Team's crucial role in our major events, including county fairs, the Farm Breakfast, and Ag All Around Us, ensures

widespread community engagement. This group also introduced the “Master Farming Roundtable” education series this year. Please do not hesitate to reach out with topics that you would value more information about as we seek to serve as a resource for our members!

The Internal Affairs & Member Relations Team maintained sound financial management, enabling the successful execution of our programs. We continued to make necessary improvements to our facilities, ensuring they serve our members effectively. This year we were able to update the roof and insulation at our Boone County Fairgrounds building. And when you visit the WBFB building, look up! LED light upgrades have followed our stewardship mindset and brightened up the exterior as well.

Our Young Leader committee continues to focus on promoting farm safety initiatives and fostering connections with FFA and 4-H, our future agricultural leaders. We also expanded our travel opportunities for members, including tours and events, fostering camaraderie and shared experiences. Be on the lookout for some fun events to fellowship together!

The Foundation Board continued its invaluable support for local scholars and the Ag in the Classroom program, reinforcing our commitment to education and community development.

Finally, I express my deepest appreciation to our Manager, Ann Marie Cain, and our exceptional staff, whose dedication and expertise are essential to our success. As I have had the opportunity to become more involved in Illinois Farm Bureau work on the state level, it is apparent that our staff, board, and members at Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau are not only the top of the state, but the top in the state!

Thank you for the privilege of serving you. We look forward to a successful 2025.

John Mitchell, President

Looking Back at 2024

Ag Literacy

Our Agriculture in the Classroom staff welcomed back Samatha Burbach to our Ag Literacy team. Take a moment to learn more in the 2023-2024 Winnebago-Boone Ag Literacy Annual Meeting Report.



(Shown L to R: Angi Litow, Sara Fitzgerald, Gwen Baker, Holly Wiltfang, & Diane Cleland)



Check out our Ag Literacy YouTube channel. Take one of our many virtual farm tours at [WBFB AITC - YouTube!](https://www.winnebago-boone.org/Ag-Literacy-YouTube)

Visit our Kids Corner at <https://www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/kids-corner.html> for monthly activities for you and your family.

Legislation

The Farm Bureau Legislative Team continued to build relationships with our local legislators on the farm and off the farm, in Rockford and in Springfield.

February: Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau leaders attended the 2024 IFB Governmental Affairs Conference. The Legislative Reception provided an opportunity to discuss local issues, concerns, and the potential impacts the proposed bills will have on the agricultural industry with our Representatives and Senators.



L to R: John Mitchell- WBFB President, Representative Joe Sosnowski- 69D, Senator Andrew Chesney-45D, Adopt-a-Legislator Representative Tracy Katz Muhl- 57D, Ann Marie Cain- WBFB Manager, Brent Pollard- IAA District 2 Director, & Representative John Cabello- 90D

L to R: John Mitchell- WBFB President, Senator Steve Stadelman- 34D, Ann Marie Cain- WBFB Manager & Representative Maurice West- 67D



L to R: John Mitchell- WBFB President, Senator Dave Syverson- 35D, Brent Pollard- IAA District 2 Director & Ann Marie Cain- WBFB Manager

July: Representative Joe Sosnowski traveled out to Book Cattle and Grain for our Adopt-a-Acre program this summer. Representative Sosnowski helped harvest soybeans this fall and donated the proceeds, matched by the Farm Bureau to the Harvard Community Food Pantry.



August: Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau members welcomed Representative Tracy Katz Muhl as our new Adopt-a-Legislator. Members traveled into Northbrook for a tour of Rep. Katz Muhl's district in August. We toured the Historic Wagner Farm in Glenview and Horchers Florist and Greenhouses in Wheeling. In November,

Representative Tracy Katz Muhl, staff, and family traveled to Boone County for a tour of Hildebrandt Dairy Farm and the Ramsay Farm. Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau had the honor of presenting Rep. Katz Muhl with her Friend of Agriculture Award.



October: The Mitchell Dairy and Grain hosted a farm tour for Congressman Eric Sorensen. Farm Bureau members presented Congressman Sorensen with the Friend of Agriculture Award.



Members of the Legislative Team and Advisory members along with representatives from DeKalb, McHenry and Stephenson County Farm Bureaus met at Shedd Farms to recognize Senator Andrew Chesney, Senator Steve Stadelman, Senator Dave Syverson, Representative John Cabello, Representative Tony McCombie, Representative Joe Sosnowski, and Representative Dave Vella as Illinois Farm Bureau Activator's "2024 Friends of Agriculture" between October 16th and October 18th.





We encourage you to get more involved with your local legislators at the county, state, and national level. Reach out to them when issues arise that will affect agriculture and take a moment to *THANK THEM* for supporting agriculture.



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POLICY DEVELOPMENT
Illinois Farm Bureau
 It starts with **YOU**

Step 1: **YOU** have an idea, need or problem. Share it with **YOUR** county Farm Bureau (CFB) staff.

Step 2: After **YOU** share **YOUR** idea with CFB staff and it's deemed appropriate for statewide policy, work with CFB staff to research the topic, develop a policy resolution, and gather support from county leadership.

Step 3: Submit **YOUR** policy resolution through **YOUR** CFB office for review by the state Resolutions Committee.
If approved

Step 4: Farmer delegates from across the state will debate and vote on **YOUR** policy resolution at the IAA Annual Meeting.
If approved

Step 5: **YOUR** policy resolution becomes Illinois Farm Bureau policy.

Step 6: POLICY IN ACTION! Illinois Farm Bureau works on **YOUR** behalf to accomplish policy at the county level, in Springfield and Washington, D.C.

Policy Development

It is important that we hear from you regarding your concerns and suggestions on what direction your organization should take on issues at the county, state, and national level. Policy Development starts with you.

Local Affairs

The Legislative Team met with Winnebago County Chairman Joe Chiarelli, Boone County Chairman Rodney Riley and administrative staff from both counties to discuss local issues impacting agriculture. Issues ranged from infrastructure improvements, water quality, economic development, renewable energy projects, local ordinances, and more.

WBFB participated in the Boone County Broadband Breakthrough program and represented our farming members in the discussions to bring broadband to the rural areas.

The Boone County Board approved the National Agriculture Day Resolution at the Committee of the Whole- Finance meeting on March 14th. Chairman Riley invited Farm Bureau up front and read the resolution to the meeting participants. Winnebago County Chairman Chiarelli (*shown on the right*) issued a proclamation in honor of National Agriculture Day on March 19.



The Farm Bureau continues to work with our county government on issues in the two counties.

Education & Outreach



February: To help develop Advocates for the future, the Farm Bureau continues to invest in our youth by partnering up with the Boone and Winnebago County 4-H.

The Farm Bureau sponsored our fifth Public Speaking Training session for thirty-eight 4-Hers. The training invited 4-Her's from the U of I Extension: Boone-DeKalb-Ogle and

Winnebago-Stephenson- Jo Daviess Units to improve their public speaking skills and boost their confidence as a public speaker. Ryan Reever, IFB State Discussion Meet Winner was the guest speaker. Each 4-Her that completed the training and competed in the Boone or the Winnebago public speaking contest received a gift from the Farm Bureau. A total of eight 4-Her's from Boone and two 4-Her's from Winnebago completed the training and competed locally.



WBFB hosted the first event of our Consumer Engagement Series. Holly Wiltfang led the Charcuterie Class and shared ways to create a Charcuterie Board. Local farmers, Todd Aves and Phillip Raines, talked about their operations and answered the twenty-four participants' questions. This event was funded in part by the Illinois Farm Bureau Consumer Engagement Grant.

The Farm Bureau, in partnership with the Illinois Farm Bureau, hosted our annual Belvidere Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Breakfast Before Business. Bill Howell, Adkins Energy, spoke on green methanol. Approximately 65 people attended the event. Farm Bureau volunteers served breakfast prepared by the Steam Plant Restaurant.



WBFB partnered with Carroll, Lee, Ogle, and Stephenson CFBs to host a Farm Transition Planning Seminar with Dr. Ron Hanson. Dr. Hanson shared insights on business management, common mistakes, decision-making processes, and more during

the event, enabling farm families to seamlessly carry forward their family farming legacy.

March- Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau, Conserv FS, and Black Hawk Fire District co-sponsored an Anhydrous Ammonia Training for Emergency Responders on Saturday, March 9th at the Farm Bureau. Nineteen Emergency Responders from Boone Co. # 2, North Boone, Byron, Rockford, and Win-Bur-Sew participated in the training. Illinois Fire Service Institute provided the training. Following classroom instruction, Randy Lamb, Conserv FS-Rockford, gave a facility tour of the fertilizer plant. The training officers from different stations expressed interest in future ag-related trainings.



Answering consumers' questions about food production, food safety and food labeling is one of Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau's top priorities. The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau and WBFB Agriculture in the Classroom partnered with the Discovery Center Museum to host our 6th Annual Ag All Around Us event to celebrate agriculture. Stations covered various agricultural topics, including goats, dairy and butter churning, honeybees and pollinators, poultry, corn, soybeans, sheep, worms, and kids play farm. Approximately 1,000 people attended on Saturday, March 16, 2024, and talked with local farmers and family members about food and fiber production.

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau would like to thank Lockwood Park, the Belvidere FFA and Durand FFA students, and all the volunteers for volunteering their time to provide agricultural experiences for the museum visitors. This event was sponsored in part by the Illinois Farm Bureau Consumer Engagement Grant.

July: The Farm Bureau hosted a Farm Bureau Night at the Rockford Rivets. Sixty-four members enjoyed a night out at the ball game and watched the Rockford Rivets take on the Kalamazoo Growlers.



At the second Consumer Engagement event, ten participants learned how to build a beautiful 6-inch bouquet with locally grown flowers from Greenlight Acres Floral. Farm Bureau's Flower Arrangement Workshop was held on July 20th. This event was funded in part by the Illinois Farm Bureau Consumer Engagement Grant.

Farm Bureau kicked off the first of our three part Master Farming Roundtable series with guest speaker, Sonjay Sofat, IFB Director of Environmental Policy. Sonjay discussed how environmental policy impacts members' farming operations. In December, Talon Becker, Commercial Ag Specialist with U of I Extension, shared agronomy practices to improve members' farming operations. The series wrapped up in February 2025 with transportation updates provided by Justin Krohn, Boone County Engineer, and Carlos Medina, Winnebago County Engineer.

August: Farm Bureau went to the Boone and Winnebago County Fairs for family farm fun. Fairgoers enjoyed Football and Farmers. Visitors learned about how farmers raise the items needed to make uniforms, footballs, food, and everything in between, as well as fun facts about honeybees and baby chicks. Members enjoyed a ice cream cone.



October: Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau partnered with ADM-Seward, Central Grain Co.- Belvidere, Delong's- Garden Prairie; Farm City Elevator- Caledonia, and Maplehurst Elevator- Cherry Valley. Thank you to the local Elevators' staff for helping us hand out 475 Harvest snack bags to our local farmers and their employees as they worked hard to bring in the harvest. The bags were packed by some of our youth volunteers.



Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau hosted a soy candle class with Farm to Wick on October 26. This was the final event in our 2024 Consumer Engagement series. Alice and Amy from Farm to Wick, DIY Soy Candle Making, shared their knowledge of how to create the perfect scent and provided instruction on how to burn candles to help make them last longer. Over lunch, eighteen participants learned about the process of harvesting Midwest grown soybeans into soy wax and why using soy wax is a better choice when burning candles. Alice and Amy also shared how they started their small business. This event was funded in part by the Illinois Farm Bureau Consumer Engagement Grant.



Stewardship

The Farm Bureau continued to watch our half-acre wildflower prairie plot grow.

To help promote pollinators, Farm Bureau partnered with Boone County Conservation District, Lockwood Park, and Atwood Park. Our partners received educational signs containing information on how to identify bees vs wasps, Monarchs, types of pollinators and what they are attracted to, pollinators' role in a plant's life cycle, and Colony Collapse Disorder. A set of signs are posted seasonally around the Farm Bureau pollinator plot.

In addition to our sign campaign, the Farm Bureau offered Mason Bee Station House Kit grants to local teachers. The grant program was promoted to teachers that are actively involved in our Ag in the Classroom program. Four K-5th grade teachers received Mason Bee Station House Kits containing a station set-up guide, the bee house, cocoons, and bee extractant. The Mason Bee Stations were put up at Conklin, Haskell STEM, Keith Country Day School, and Lathrop Elementary schools. Approximately 200 students enjoyed installing the houses, learning about the Mason Bees, and their importance to our environment and our food supply.

Travel Time

Farm Bureau hosted day trips to Circa 21 and The Fireside Theatre, as well as spent the day aboard the Celebration Belle, cruising the Mississippi River. Farm Bureau partnered with Tri-State Travel to tour the Canadian Rockies, Lethbridge & Calgary Stampede in July. Farm Bureau partnered with Lindstrom Travel to cruise Europe on the Danube Explorer. Looking for a day trip or a little bit more of an adventure. Join the Farm Bureau on our next trips.

Visit our website <http://www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org/trips-and-tours.html> or check out the Calendar of Events for our upcoming trips.



February: Eleanor Aufdenkamp attended the 2024 IFB Young Leaders Conference.

April: YLs designed, purchased, and packed 200 first aid kits with farmers in mind. The first aid kits were packed in a small clear waterproof zipper bag and contained items one would not typically have with them like a tourniquet, bleed stop, gauze wrap, and trauma shears. Also included in the kit was a mental health wallet card, emergency contact pocket, and an informational insert on how to “Stop the Bleed” which included a list of the kit’s contents and sponsors. These kits were distributed to farmers as they picked up fertilizer at the local FS plants.

June: The Young Leader Committee partnered with Culvers of Winnebago and hosted a Donate While You Dine event to help support the local food pantries. The Young Leaders brought out farm friends, farm equipment, activities and held a Basket Raffle. Thank you, Young Leaders and Culvers of Winnebago, for helping us raise \$600 for our local food pantries!

The Young Leaders donated their time to help support the WBFB Foundation by selling 50/50 tickets at the Farm Breakfast. They raised just over \$460 for ag education.





August: Emily Backeberg and Aaron Mitchell competed in the District 2 Young Leaders Discussion Meet on August 21st at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau. Topics included ways young farmers and ranchers can diversify their farm portfolio and how can Farm Bureau support them; and how can Farm Bureau collaborate with others to increase domestic energy production, minimize loss of farmland and protect private property rights.

September: WBFB YL's held their 3rd Annual Farm Safety Expo for the Boone and Winnebago FFA in honor of National Farm Safety Week. Presenters talked to over 80 students from Belvidere FFA, Belvidere North, Durand FFA, North Boone FFA, and Pecatonica High School FFA about Farm Safety. Students learned about Emergency Preparedness, Emergency First Aid/Stop the Bleed, and Fire Safety. They also heard from a panel of farmers who have experienced various agricultural related injuries. Jessica Bubert joined the FFA students for lunch and discussed opportunities available through the Young Leader program. This event was sponsored in part by Illinois Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial.



November: The Illinois Farm Bureau District 2 Young Leader Committees from Carroll, Ogle, Stephenson, Jo Daviess, and Winnebago-Boone counties held a Hay Donation Drive on Saturday, November 30. Farmers in the northwest region of the state partnered together to send hay to North Carolina to assist livestock producers affected by Hurricane Helene earlier this fall.

Overall, the donation efforts collected 169 round bales, 29 large square bales and 280 small square bales from area farmers to be sent to North Carolina. The District 2 Young Leader Committees would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Frankfother Trucking Inc, for their supply of trucks and drivers; Carroll Service Company and Stephenson Service Company for their in-kind donation of fuel; Helm

Group for their in-kind donation of operators and machines to load/unload bales; and Polo Co-op for their monetary support to the cause. We would also like to thank the individuals who donated money to the cause through each respective county farm bureau office. Last, but certainly not least, we'd also like to thank the more than 20 farmers in the region who donated hay to this project to assist producers in need.

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Young Leaders program provides opportunities for individuals ages 18-35 years to fuel their passion for agriculture.

Whether you're a full or part-time farmer, ag professional, college student, or supporter of the industry, there is a place for you in Young Leaders. Email wfbmanager@winnebagoboonefarmbureau.org if you would like to be added to our Young Leader's email list. Members on Facebook can join the Young Leaders at www.facebook.com/groups/WinnebagoBooneYoungLeaders

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WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU

We would like to take a moment to remember those members we lost this past year.

Voting members who have recently passed, you will be missed!

Allen Asche - Pecatonica
Melinda Croisant - Rockton
Roy Croisant - Rockton
Roger Cummings - Rockford
Richard Daniels - Belvidere
Hazel Doty - Pecatonica
Brad Dummer - Pecatonica
Fay Ellwanger - Garden Prairie
Judith Ann Freedlund - Winnebago
Warren Freedlund - Winnebago
Richard Garner – South Beloit
Kay Glenny - Rockford
Sara Jones – Pecatonica
Frank Lyford - Belvidere
Luceba Pfluger - Garden Prairie
Robert Razim - Caledonia
Robert Rogers-Durand
Shirley Sweet - Durand
Anna Willson - Rockford

** Associate members, who were previously voting members or actively involved in Farm Bureau*

(Please accept our apologies if we missed anyone.)

Membership Report (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024)

Winnebago- Boone Farm Bureau

<u>Total Members</u>		<u>Voting Members</u>	
August 31, 2023	7,778	August 31, 2023	1,068
August 31, 2024	<u>7,804</u>	August 31, 2024	<u>1,078</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	26	Net Increase or (Loss)	10

Illinois Farm Bureau

Total Members

August 31, 2023	364,452
August 31, 2024	<u>365,535</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	1,083

Voting Members

August 31, 2023	75,959
August 31, 2024	<u>73,264</u>
Net Increase or (Loss)	(2,695)

An additional membership classification called a “Professional Member” is available for an individual who does not have a substantial financial interest in the production of agricultural products such as a farm owner/operator or full-time on farm employee (at his or her election) with \$2,500 gross farm income per year but is employed in an ag-related occupation (at his or her election). A professional membership may have the right to vote and serve on the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Ideally, every farm/landowner or operator in the two counties should be a Farm Bureau member. We will continue working to encourage those that are not members to join.

We appreciate our COUNTRY Financial representatives’ efforts to help us grow our membership, while meeting the insurance needs of our members.

The Farm Bureau would like to take moment to recognize Ann Marie Cain, Farm Bureau Manger, for 25 years of service and Sandy Mitchell, Membership Administrator and Accounting, for 25 years of service.

Also included in this report are a list of upcoming programs and a list of member benefits and discounts.

We thank each of you for your patience and the continued support you have given the organization this past year. We know that as a nation we continue to face many challenges. As an organization, we too, continue to face new challenges. Winston Churchill once said, “A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; and optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty”. Let’s all be optimists and see the opportunities that lie ahead. Success comes when we all work together. With your help and continued support, together we can lead this organization, and help our nation through these difficult times to a brighter future.

WINNEBAGO-BOONE AG LITERACY ANNUAL MEETING REPORT 2024-2025



Ag In the Classroom Highlights

September 1, 2024-March 31, 2025

- AITC estimates that we will have 57,450 student interactions for the 2024-2025 school year!
- AITC has embryology programs in 39 classrooms this spring 2024.
- AITC has Adopt-A-Classroom programs in two area schools.
- AITC attended career fairs for high school and middle school students.
- Over 500 students attended fall and spring agriculture field trips to Lockwood Park.

Upcoming Events

Summer Ag Institute for Teachers

June 16 & 17, 2025



2025 Summer Events

Lockwood Park AgVenture Summer Camp
Belvidere Park District Summer Camp
EIEIO Event at Discovery Center Museum
Boone and Winnebago County Fairs



Welcome to our 2024 Summer Interns

My name is Nico Castillo. I am from Poplar Grove, IL and I'm interning at Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau®. I enjoy watching sports, going to the gym, and spending time with friends and family. I've been a part of 4-H and FFA for multiple years and have raised and shown poultry for the last 14 years. I am currently a Junior enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville where I am studying Animal Science and Ag Business. My plans for after college are to work in the poultry industry.



My name is Ada Haner and I recently graduated from Stillman Valley High School. I raise poultry including ducks, chickens, turkeys, and guineas. I am the fourth generation to work on my family's grain farm and a third generation FFA member. I have a deep passion for agriculture and believe that being a part of the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® will give me the opportunity to not only share my knowledge of agriculture but to enhance my knowledge of agriculture. I will be attending the University of Illinois

Urbana-Champaign in the fall for Agricultural and Biological Engineering.



- Ag in the Classroom ♦ Adopt-a-Classroom ♦ Summer Ag Institutes
- ♦ Summer Camps & Schools ♦ Farm Breakfast
 - ♦ Fundraising ♦ Consumer Outreach
 - ♦ County Fairs and more!

WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU INTERNSHIP

AGRICULTURAL FIELDS OF STUDY

Location: Rockford, Illinois

Dates: May-August 2026

Pre-requisites: Graduating high school senior or current college student, enrolled in a college/university for the upcoming semester studying Agriculture, Ag Communications, Ag Marketing, or Ag Education

Requirements: Approximately of 25 hrs./week
(days with occasional evenings and weekends)

Salary: \$16/hour

Responsibilities:

- Promote and facilitate Ag-in-the-Classroom and Consumer Education projects
- Assist with Summer Ag Institute for teachers
- Assist with public relations efforts through social media, newsletters, press releases and other correspondence
- Coordinate activities and volunteers for the County Fairs
- Assist with fundraising for the comprehensive Ag Ed program in Boone and Winnebago counties
- Other duties as assigned

Contact: Ann Marie Cain, Manager at 815-962-0654 or
email wfbmanager@winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org

Applications are available at www.winnebago-boonefarmbureau.org

Annual Application Deadline is March 1st.





*1925 S Meridian Rd,
Rockford, IL 61102*

<https://www.winnebago-boone-farm-bureau.org/foundation.html>

*Our Mission:
Promote awareness and understanding
of the diverse industry of agriculture
through outreach and education.*

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation

Board of Directors

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Nick Miller, Rockton
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Andy Smith, Poplar Grove
Ron Waldschmidt, Davis

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Ann Marie Cain, FBCM..... Manager
Sandy Mitchell.....Accounting



Back Row (L to R):
Ron Waldschmidt,
Nick Miller, Mike Rathbun,
Sid Moate, John Cleland

Front Row (L to R):
Maren Reid,
Carl Dumoulin,
Dr. Linda Oshita, &
Andy Smith



Statement of Financial Position
12/31/2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 104,607	\$ 102,311
Short-Term Investments	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 104,607	\$ 102,311

INVESTMENTS

Long-Term Marketable Securities	\$ 117,765	\$ 108,632
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 117,765	\$ 108,632

<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 222,372</u>	<u>\$ 210,943</u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS

Retained Earnings	\$ 210,857	\$ 184,966
Net Income	\$ 11,515	\$ 25,977
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 222,372</u>	<u>\$ 210,943</u>

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation
Statement of Activities
12/31/2024

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
AITC Designated Contributions	\$ 15,565	\$ 3,280
Fundraising Contributions	\$ 11,174	\$ 12,995
IFB Transition Payments	\$ -	\$ -
Dues Notice Income (EFT)	\$ 8,830	\$ 9,677
Income Dues Inserts	\$ 1,000	\$ 330
Dues Notice Income (E-Com Stand Alone)	\$ 3,670	\$ 3,980
Fundraising Events	\$ 1,120	\$ -
Scholarship Contributions	\$ 5,950	\$ 6,175
Contributions (unrestricted)	\$ 325	\$ 1,076
Grants	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Farm Breakfast Income	\$ 20,310	\$ 26,788
Tractor Trek	\$ 8,695	\$ 8,014
Raffle Income	\$ -	\$ -
Unrealized G/L on Investment	\$ 9,133	\$ 11,854
Misc. Income	\$ 20	\$ 55
Interest/Dividends	\$ 774	\$ 680
CD Interest	\$ -	\$ -
Saving Interest	\$ 16	\$ 11
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$ 87,581</u>	<u>\$ 84,915</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Ag in the Classroom	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000
Scholarships	\$ 21,000	\$ 16,500
Auditing Fees	\$ 1,050	\$ 788
Professional Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising Letter Campaign	\$ 10,935	\$ 5,699
Fundraising Event Expenses	\$ 689	\$ -
General Expenses	\$ 1,117	\$ 336
Printing Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,134	\$ 400
Farm Breakfast Expenses	\$ 11,151	\$ 11,811
Tractor Trek	\$ 4,076	\$ 3,491
Raffle Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 76,152</u>	<u>\$ 59,024</u>
<u>NET INCOME</u>	<u>\$ 11,429</u>	<u>\$ 25,891</u>



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

JAYNE & KEN FRANSEEN FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Ellie Hildebrandt
South Beloit, IL



Evelyn Rudy
Capron, IL



Dakota Schober-Kramer
Poplar Grove, IL

BRIAN LYONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Holly Daly
Pecatonica, IL

LAWRENCE & HAZEL MCCOLL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Amber Lee
Durand, IL



Rachel Proctor
Durand, IL



Tyler Lee
Durand, IL



Abigail Muck
Caledonia, IL

GARY SHEDD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



Brady Dolan
Durand, IL



Lydia Grommes
Roscoe, IL



Dellana Muck
Caledonia, IL



Morgan Richardson
Capron, IL



Nickole Ryan
Belvidere, IL



Emma Walberg
Belvidere, IL



Dawson Shank
Byron, IL



Mason Yunk
Poplar Grove, IL

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation awarded scholarships to the following students that are enrolled in a college or university and are majoring in an agricultural field of study.

Lawrence & Hazel McColl Memorial Scholarships

Amber Lee (Durand), freshman at Lake Land College, is majoring in Ag Business. She is the daughter of Scott and Casey Lee.

Rachel Proctor (Durand), freshman at Highland Community College, is majoring in Natural Resources and Conservation Management. She is the daughter of Brett and Jill Proctor.

Gary Shedd Memorial Scholarships

Tyler Lee (Durand), junior at Western Illinois University, is majoring in Animal Science and Beef Production. He is the son of Scott and Casey Lee.

Abigail Muck (Caledonia), junior at Kansas State University, is majoring in Animal Science-Bioscience and Biotechnology. She is the daughter of Dale and Suzette Muck.

Brian Lyons Memorial Scholarship

Holly Daly (Pecatonica), freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, is majoring in Animal Science. She is the daughter of Carrie and Dave Daly.

Jayne and Ken Franseen Family Memorial Scholarships

Ellie Hildebrandt (South Beloit), freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, is majoring in Agricultural Education. She is the daughter of Karla and Don Hildebrandt.

Evelyn Rudy (Capron), junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is majoring in Environmental Science. She is the daughter of Katie and Carl Rudy.

Dakota Schober-Kramer (Poplar Grove), freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, is majoring in Agricultural Education and Crop Sciences. She is the daughter of Theresa and Dale Worley.

Foundation Scholarships

Brady Dolan (Durand), senior at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, is majoring in Agriculture Markets and Management. He is the son of Ben and Darcy Dolan.

Lydia Grommes (Roscoe), freshman at Illinois State University, is majoring in Chemistry. She is the daughter of Edward and Tamara Grommes.

Dellana Muck (Caledonia), junior at South Dakota State University, is majoring in Agronomy and Ag Business. She is the daughter of Dale and Suzette Muck.

Morgan Richardson (Capron), junior at Western Illinois University, is majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Vet. She is the daughter of James and Cathy Richardson.

Nickole Ryan (Belvidere), junior at Iowa State University, is majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Vet. She is the daughter of Jack and Marilyn Ryan.

Dawson Shank (Byron), junior at Iowa State University, is majoring in Agronomy. He is the son of Carmen Allen-Shank.

Emma Walberg (Belvidere), junior at Judson University, is majoring in Agriculture Business. She is the daughter of Thomas and Pamela Walberg.

Mason Yunk (Poplar Grove) is in the Professional Program in Vet Medicine at South Dakota State University. He is the son of Scott and Debbie Yunk.

Ellie Hildebrandt, Evelyn Rudy, and Dakota Schober-Kramer received an additional scholarship from the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation.

We want to congratulate each of the scholarship recipients and wish them the very best as they pursue their degrees. The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation is proud to be able to assist these students with their college education.

The funds for the scholarship awards come from the support of our members and income generated from interest. If you would like to make a contribution to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation for the purpose of providing scholarships, we would encourage you to do so.

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization; therefore, your donation is tax deductible within IRS guidelines. If you would be interested in donating to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation, contact the Farm Bureau office at 815-962-0654 and we will be glad to assist you in the process.

Farm Breakfast

Approximately 1200 people attended Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Foundation's 25th Annual Farm Breakfast held at Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, on Saturday, June 22nd. Kids of all ages enjoyed the horse drawn wagon rides provided by local horse teams; the antique tractors from the N. IL Vintage Tractor and Engine Association; petting zoo provided by Belvidere FFA; kids games provided by Boone County 4-H; barrel rides provided by The Lindberg Pumpkin Patch; 50/50 raffle provided by the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Young Leaders; and the wonderful activities provided by Discovery Center Museum, NIL Reg. Groundwater Protection Planning Committee, Turtle Tek Robotics Team, Agriculture in the Classroom. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.

Like us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/WinnebagoBooneFarmBreakfast>) for more photos and information on future Farm Breakfasts.





THANK YOU!

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& SONS
EXCAVATING | JEFF'S
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| COUNTRY
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PUMPKIN PATCH |
| EDWARDS APPLE
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| MIDLAND
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Hosts

2023	Johnson-Five Holsteins	2009	James & Marilyn Turner
2022	Friendly Franseen Acres	2007	Kevin & Julie Aves
2019	Luckey Dairy Farm	2006	Gregg & Pat Borchardt
2018	Hildebrandt Farms	2005	Brent Mueller
2017	Family Af-Ayr Farm	2004	Kevin & Julie Aves
2016	Aves Dairy Farm	2000	Fred & Ann Hildebrandt
2015	Friendly Franseen Acres	1999	Joedy & Mary Ulrich
2014	Friendly Franseen Acres	1998	Dale & Lisa Fitzgerald
2013	Johnson Farms	1997	Ron & Sylvia Mueller
2012	Susie's Garden Patch		
2010	Ward View Farm		



26th Annual Farm Breakfast

June 21, 2025

6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

At the
Luckey Dairy Farm
1704 Kelly Rd
Caledonia, IL

To Benefit:



Tractor Trek

The Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® Foundation hosted their 4th Annual Tractor Trek on Saturday, September 14, 2024, to help support the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program, scholarships, and internships. Thirty-six antique tractor enthusiasts joined us as we traveled approximately 40 miles through scenic northwestern Winnebago County, southern Wisconsin, and northeastern Stephenson County raising over \$4,600 for agriculture education. Thank you to our Planning Committee, Sponsors, Drivers, Hosts, and Volunteers for a great day. Special Thank you to our members, and Joan Rabe for the wonderful photos that captured the 2024 Drive for Ag Education.



Visit:
<https://www.winnebago-boone-farm-bureau.org/foundation-events.html>

for mor information on upcoming events!

2025 Program and Activities Calendar

- Mar. 20 Farm Breakfast Planning Committee- 10:30 a.m. at Luckey Farm
- Mar. 21 Ag All Around Us at Discovery Center Set-up- 2 p.m.
- Mar. 22 Ag All Around Us at Discovery Center- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Apr. 2 Young Leaders Meeting- 7–8:30 p.m. at FB
- Apr. 3 SWCD Working Group Meeting- 9:30-11:30 a.m. at East Side Transfer Center
- Apr. 9 WBFB Foundation Scholarship Review Committee- 6 p.m.
- Apr. 9 WBFB Foundation Board- 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 18 Office Closed- Good Friday**
- Apr. 26 WBFB Foundation Paint Party- 9-11:30 a.m. (rescheduled)
- May 26 Office Closed- Memorial Day**
- May 28 Travel: Circa 21 presents “Chicago”
- May 31 Farmer Pop-up Event: Raines Honey Farm at Choices’ Natural Market
- Jun. 3 Education Team- 7:30 a.m. at the IL Machine Shed
- Jun. 3 Farmer Pop-Up/Culvers Share Night (Winnebago)- 5-8 p.m.
- Jun. 7 IFB Summer Tour- SAVE THE DATE
- Jun. 9 Republican Roundtable Legislative Team Meeting- 6 p.m. at IL Machine Shed
- Jun. 11 WBFB Foundation Board- 6:30 p.m.
- Jun. 12 IAA Foundation Golf Outing- Pontiac, IL
- Jun. 20 Farm Breakfast Set-up- 10 a.m. at Luckey Farm
- Jun. 21 Farm Breakfast at Luckey Farm- 6:30-11 a.m.
- Jun. 30 Resolutions due
- Jul. 4 Office Closed- Independence Day**
- Jul. 16 Travel- Celebration Belle River Cruise

- Aug. 6-10 Boone Co Fair
- Aug. 9-13 Travel- Tri-State Michigan and More Tour
- Aug. 13-17 Winnebago Co Fair
- Aug. 26 Travel- Farm Progress Show
- Sep. 1 Office Closed- Labor Day**
- Sep. 8 Democrat Roundtable Legislative Team Meeting- 6 p.m. at IL Machine Shed
- Sep. 10 WBFB Foundation Board- 6:30 p.m.
- Sep. 13 5th Annual Tractor Trek
- Sep. 17-28 Travel- Lindstrom Travel Hawaiian Cruising in Paradise
- Oct. 13 Resolutions due
- Nov. 4 ELECTION DAY
- Nov. 12 Travel- Marriott Theatre
- Nov. 13-16 Travel- Tri-State Travel Ozark Country Christmas in Branson, MO
- Nov. 27-28 Office Closed- Thanksgiving**
- Dec. 6-9 IAA Annual Meeting- Hyatt, Chicago
- Dec. 10 WBFB Foundation Board- 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24-25 Office Closed- Christmas**
- Dec. 26, 29-30 Office Closed to walk-ins
- Dec. 31- Jan. 1 Office Closed- New Year's**

Hours:

Member Services are available M-F from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 815-962-0653

Walk-In Service is available M-TH from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

and Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon or by appointment.

Benefits and Discounts

Bowling Cards: One free game of bowling with each paid game at Forest Hills Lanes.

All About Eyes: 20% off Buy One, Get One Free complete pairs of glasses (excludes designer frames). Eye exams for \$40.00 or a contact lens exam for \$69.00. Located at 6430 E. State St., Rockford.

LASIK Surgery: Up to savings of 45% off the national average price for traditional LASIK. For more information, call 1-866-977-3012 or visit www.QualSight.com/-ILFB

Prescription Service Discounts: Save at more than 2000 Illinois pharmacies. (This is not an insurance policy & does not provide insurance coverage. Discounts are available exclusively through participating pharmacies.)

Prescription Discounts: With Illinois Farm Bureau's two prescription programs to choose from, you're sure to find one to meet your needs. You and your immediate family can instantly save on both brand name and generic drugs. Plus, there is no limit to how many times you can use the card. To get the most out of this member-only discount, get both prescription cards and ask your pharmacist which is the best deal for you.

Saving is easy. Simply present the ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card the next time you or a family member fill or refill a prescription and receive instant savings. No paperwork or claim forms to fill out. To learn more, visit <https://www.scriptsave.com/> and log in with your IFB Group number. If you don't have your IFB Group number, contact us at 309-557-2689.

- Enroll and print a card
- Find a participating pharmacy near you
- Look up prescription costs

Questions? Call Customer Care at 1-800-700-3957

Benefits and Discounts

The SingleCare discount program partners with 35,000+ pharmacies to offer savings of up to 80% on prescriptions.

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- Print the savings card
- Find a participating pharmacy near you
- Look up prescription costs

Questions? Call customer service 1-800-974-3130

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Grainger: Illinois Farm Bureau members get deep discounts on equipment and supplies AND enjoy free standard ground shipping when ordering items online, over the phone or at your local Grainger branch. It's as Easy as 1-2-3

1. IL Farm Bureau Grainger Account Number - 853007128
2. Head to Farm Bureau - Grainger Industrial Supply (choose Business Use and place 853007128 in the account box at the bottom of the screen) or call 1-800-GRAINGER to get started.
3. Start Shopping

Case IH Discounts: Illinois Farm Bureau members save \$500 per unit on the purchase or lease of Case IH Maxxum® and Vestrum® tractors; self-propelled windrowers and large square balers. A \$200 per unit incentive is available for Case IH Farmall® C series utility, U series utility, A series utility and 100A series tractors; Farmall® C series compact and Farmall® A series compact tractors; Farmall N series and Farmall V series tractors; Other hay tools, including round balers, small square balers, disc mower conditioners and sicklebar mower conditioners.

Benefits and Discounts

John Deere: Members receive an upgraded John Deere Rewards membership (Platinum 1) unlocking EXTRA DISCOUNTS on equipment, parts, and merchandise. Check out the savings on the following equipment categories:

Commercial Mowing -- \$200 to \$1,700 off

Residential Mowing -- \$50 to \$150 off

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Tractors -- \$100 to \$300 off

Compact Construction -- \$550 to \$1,400 off.

Visit <https://www.ilfb.org/membership/benefits/#jd> for more information. (Must be a valid Farm Bureau Member for 30 days with a valid email address.)

Caterpillar: Eligible Illinois Farm Bureau members* can save up to \$2,750 on the purchase or lease of eligible Cat® compact track loaders, compact and small wheel loaders, skid steer loaders, small dozers, backhoe loaders, mini hydraulic excavators and telehandlers. Also, receive an additional \$250 credit on select work tool attachments purchased with new Cat machines (Promotion excludes Buckets, Forks, Thumbs, and Coupler attachments). These discounts can be combined with any current retail discount, promotion, rebates or offers available through Caterpillar or its dealers, with the exception of the Cat NCBA membership incentive.

<https://www.ilfb.org/membership/benefits/#cat>

FORD- \$500 Bonus Cash: \$500 Exclusive Cash Reward is exclusively for active Farm Bureau members who are residents of the United States. \$500 Exclusive Cash Reward on the purchase or lease of an eligible new 2024/2025/2026 Ford Maverick®, Ranger®, F-150®, Super Duty® (to F-550) or F-150 Lightning® and Final Pay Units. This incentive is not available on Ranger Raptor®, F-150 Raptor, F-650® and F-750® Super Duty. This offer may not be used in conjunction with most other Ford Motor Company private incentives. Some customer and purchase eligibility restrictions apply. Must be a Farm Bureau member for 30 consecutive days prior to purchase or lease and take new retail delivery from an authorized Ford Dealer's stock by January 3, 2026. See your authorized Ford Dealer for qualifications and complete details.

NAPA: 10% discount at any participating NAPA auto parts store. Excludes tax, special orders & delivery costs.

Benefits and Discounts

Rental Car Discounts: Savings up to 35% off base rates with “PAY NOW” at AVIS and Budget, receive a member discount on everyday low rates at Alamo, National, and at Enterprise. Visit www.myifb.org for more information.



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Great Wolf Lodge: Save up to 30% off. Advance reservations required. For reservations at any location, call 1-800-905-WOLF (9653) or visit <https://www.greatwolf.com/illinois?rd=true>. If you don't have your IFB corporate code, contact us at 309-557-2689.

Hotel Discounts: Save up to 20% at the Choice Hotels & Save up to 20% off “Best Available Rate” at Wyndham Hotel Group **Advance reservations required** Visit <http://www.ilfb.org/membership/benefits/> for more information.



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IL Machine Shed Restaurant: 10% Discount on Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner. Show Membership Card when paying bill.

La Costa Bora: 10% discount on food only. Located at 426 S. State Street, Belvidere, IL.

Dairy Queen Grill and Chill of Rockford: 10% off on order that is \$10 or more. Located at 2222 S Perryville Rd, Rockford, IL (this location only).

Susie's Garden Patch: 10% discount on produce bought at the farm. Located at 10258 U.S. 20, Garden Prairie, IL.

Seasonal Fruit Programs: Southern IL Peaches and Holiday Nuts and More Sales. We also sell nuts, candies, and local honey year-round.

Soil Testing: Mail in lawn & gardens kits are available.

Water Testing:

Well Water: Testing Kits and analysis forms are available at the Farm Bureau office during office hours. For the most current information contact the City of Rockford Water Department at 779.348.7151.



Formed in 1951, the IAA Credit Union serves the financial needs of the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Family of Companies. This includes employees and members of the IFB, COUNTRY Financial employees and clients, GROWMARK and others, as well as family members and retirees of those groups.

We are a not-for-profit cooperative offering a full line of INNOVATIVE financial products to meet your lending and savings needs whether personal or commercial. By joining IAACU, Illinois Farm Bureau members will receive:

- Free Checking, Free Online Banking, and Free Mobile Banking.
- Competitively priced products and PERSONALIZED service from a national mortgage lender!

Benefits and Discounts

- Great rates and a simple digital signing process to finance your next auto purchase or to refinance your current loan.
- Commercial lending products designed for business owners in the state of Illinois.

IAA Credit Union strives to be the First Choice for all of your financial needs! If you'd like more information on becoming a member or the services we offer, please visit www.iaacu.org or call 800-676-2541.

Calendars & Farmer Almanacs: Farm Bureau members can pick up scenic or antique tractor calendars at the office in the fall. These are free to members while supplies last.

Please Note: Discounts are always subject to change.

Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® does not intend this to be an endorsement of any of the professionals, businesses by whom, or products on which, discounts are offered to our members, and assumes no liability for any services rendered under this program. Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau® will consider requests from other professionals and businesses who might wish to provide discounts to our members.

Benefits and Discounts

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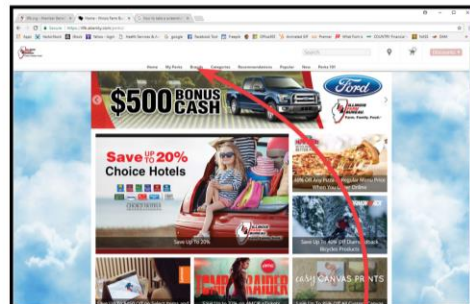


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#4: Once you are in, select "Browse Our Discounts".



#5: This page shows you savings offers.
You can search by brand or by the 14 categories if you are looking for something specific.

Benefits and Discounts

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Download the IFB Member Benefits App to start saving today.

iPhone

#1: Go to the App Store



Search for: "Illinois Farm Bureau Member Benefits"

The App looks like this:

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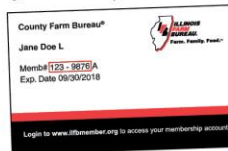


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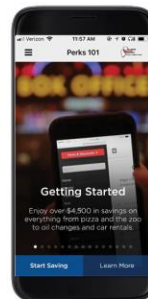
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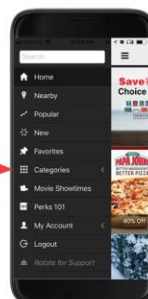
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#5: The home page shows you savings offers. To view all 14 categories, select the three black bars in the upper left corner.



#6: On the next screen select "Categories".



Benefits and Discounts

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Login in on ilfb.abenity.com to start saving today.

Internet Browser

#1: Go to your internet browser and type in: ilfb.abenity.com

#2: The home page looks like this:



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Android

#1: Go to the Google Play Store



Search for: "Abenity"

The App looks like this:



Select: Install

#2: Once the app is installed, select "Open"

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A) **Sign In** (you will be asked to sign in if you have an abenity login) Type in your user name and your membership number which can be found on your card.

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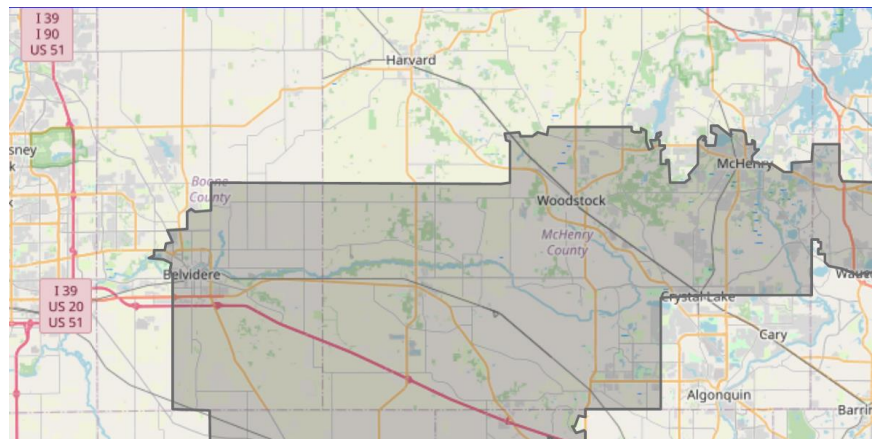
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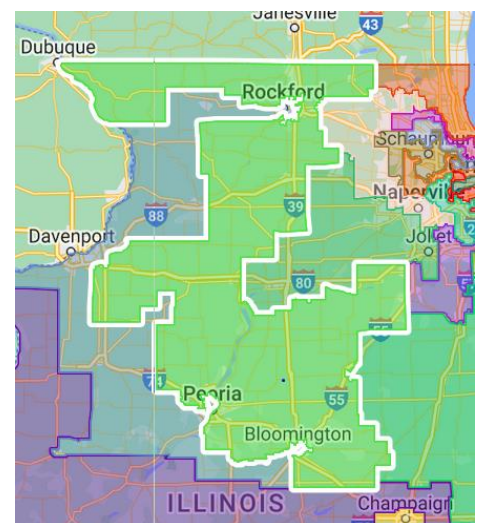
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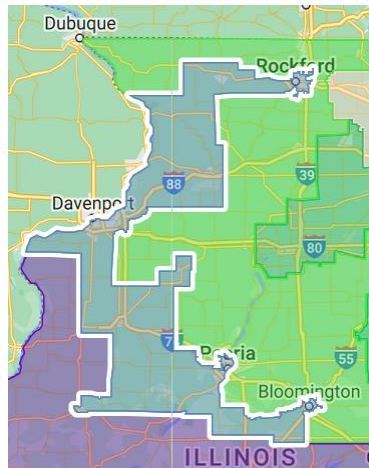
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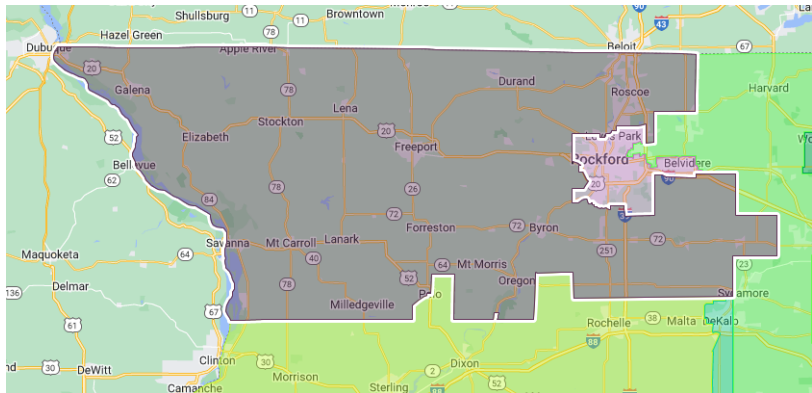
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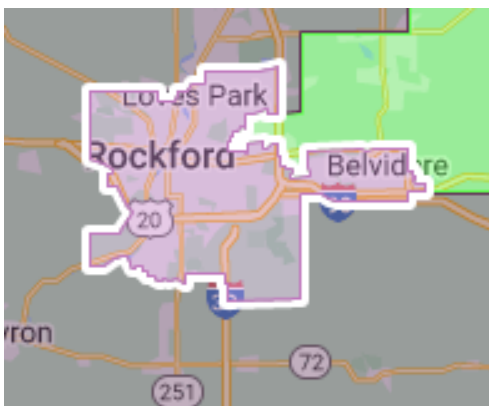
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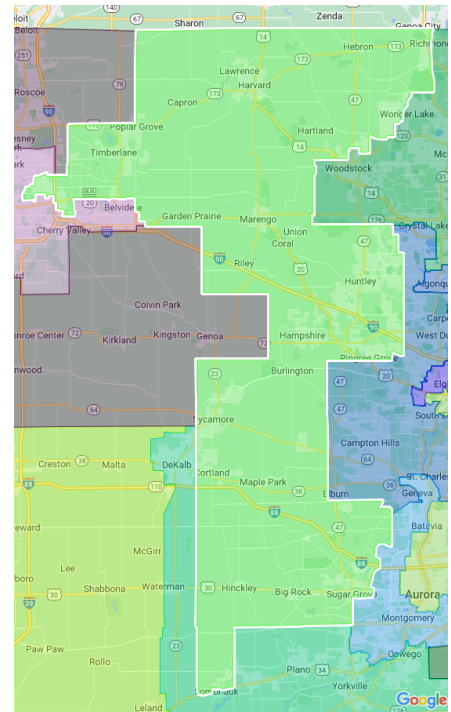
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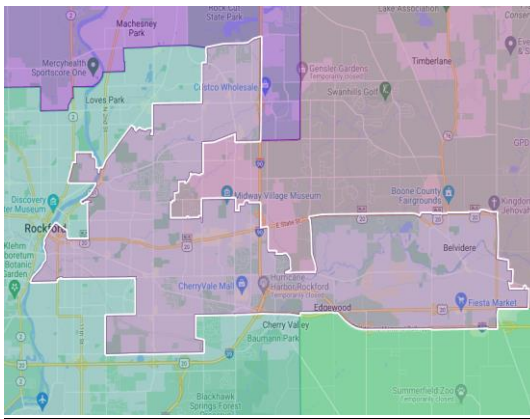
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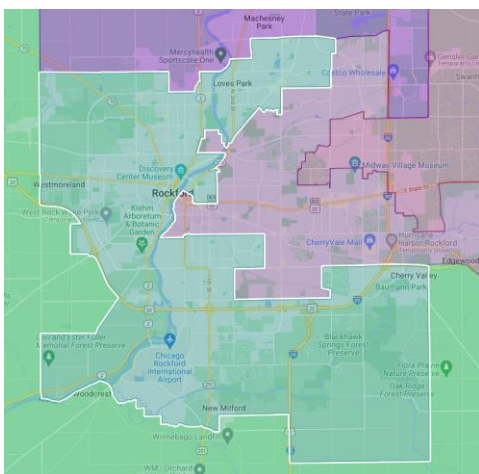
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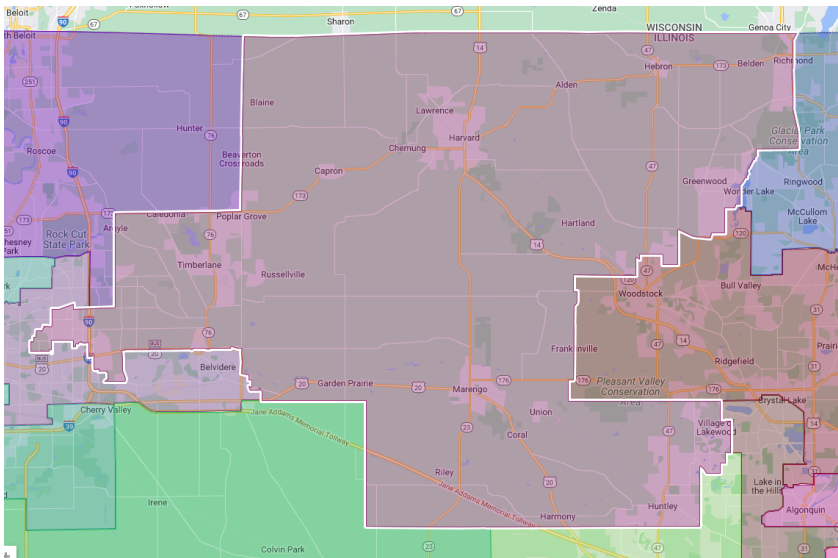
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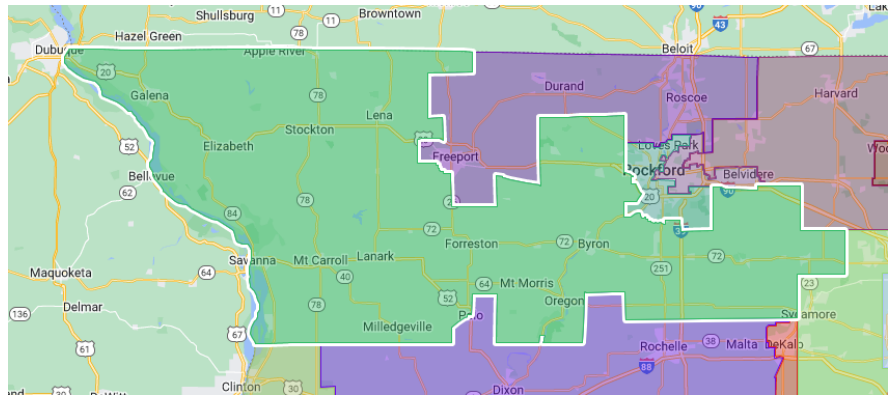
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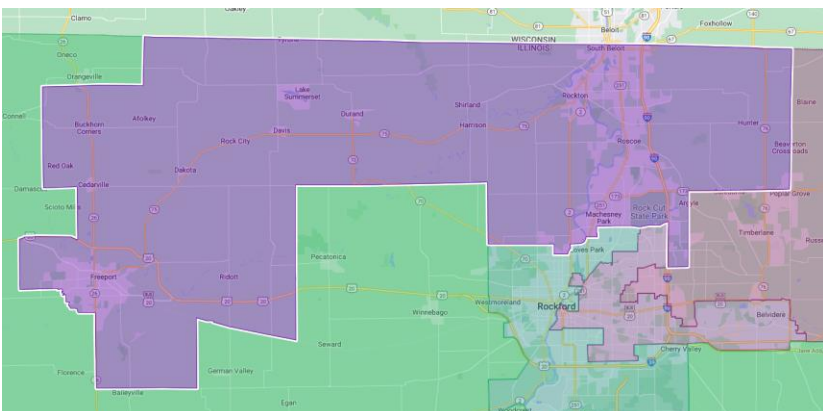
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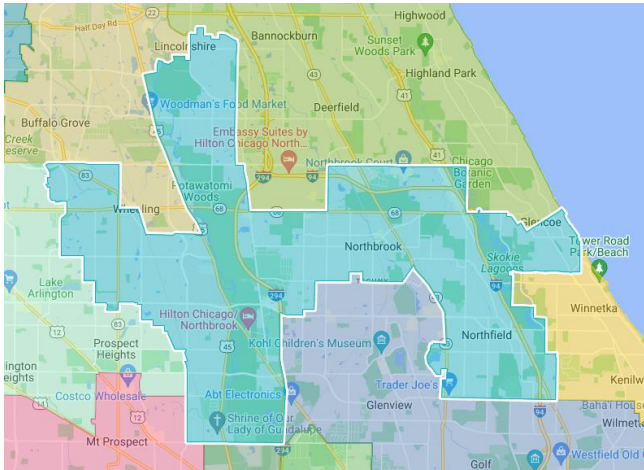
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