WOODFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU
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DIGITAL INSIGHT Brief

August 2026

Welcome! We are excited to introduce this new update format alongside our Woodford County Review newsletter. Through Digital Insight Brief, members, community partners, and local leaders can stay informed on important updates, programs, and initiatives impacting agriculture and rural life in Woodford County.

Manager Minute

August was another busy month for the Woodford County Farm Bureau as we wrapped up summer and began looking ahead to fall.

We welcomed more than 250 members and guests to our annual Member Appreciation Picnic, where we had the opportunity to celebrate another year of serving our members and the agricultural community. We were also pleased to welcome Congressman Darin LaHood and several of our local elected officials and community partners who joined us for the evening.

I also made my long-awaited return to the Illinois State Fair, where I volunteered with Illinois Specialty Growers and had the opportunity to connect with Farm Bureau members and colleagues from across the state. Back home, we welcomed our Adopted Legislator for a visit to Woodford County and recognized her as a Friend of Agriculture for her support of issues important to Illinois farmers.

As summer comes to a close, our attention is turning to the new school year. Ag in the Classroom is returning to local schools, with 1st and 4th grade students learning about corn, pumpkins, beef and soil through hands-on STEM lessons. We also recently hosted a professional development workshop for local teachers to share more of the agricultural resources available for their classrooms.

There is plenty more ahead this fall, and we look forward to continuing to connect agriculture with our members, schools and communities throughout Woodford County.

Upcoming Events

Sept 1	*MR Farmer Breakfast 8:00am*
Sept 3	*Women's Outreach: Holiday Gifts Workshop 6:00pm*
Oct 1	*Farm Bureau Park closes for the season*

**Register for workshops by calling 309-467-2347 or by email woodfordcfb@gmail.com*

**All workshops are held at the FB Building, 117 W Center St, Eureka, IL 61530 unless otherwise noted*

**Unless otherwise noted, events are open to both Farm Bureau members and community partners.*

Government Affairs

Local

The Woodford County Board approved a six-month moratorium on accepting data center special-use and building permit applications while county officials study the potential impacts of these developments. The pause, which runs through February 16, 2027, will allow the county to gather public input and develop comprehensive regulations addressing land use, economic impacts, infrastructure and other considerations before future applications are considered.

State

The 2026 Illinois State Fair was another successful showcase for Illinois agriculture, bringing together farmers, families, and policymakers from across the state. During the Fair, Gov. Pritzker also committed to continuing efforts toward meaningful estate tax relief, an important priority for Illinois farm families and the future transfer of family farms.

National

Congress returned home for its traditional August district work period, giving lawmakers an opportunity to connect directly with constituents. We appreciated Congressman LaHood joining us at our annual Member Appreciation Picnic and spending time with our members and community.

Ag in the Classroom

Ag in the Classroom is back for another school year! This year, 1st and 4th grade students throughout Woodford County will participate in hands-on STEM lessons focused on corn, pumpkins, beef and soil. We are always looking for additional volunteer teachers to help bring these fun, agriculture-based lessons into our local classrooms.

Women's Committee

The Women's Committee invites members and guests to join us for our next hands-on workshop on September 3. Participants will learn how to make five homemade favorites—vanilla extract, cookie mix in a jar, simmer pot bags, herbed butter, and candied nuts, while creating take-home projects, sampling recipes, and gathering ideas for thoughtful homemade gifts. The class is free for members and $20 for non-members.

Young Leaders

Our Young Leaders are rebuilding their committee this year, and we're looking for farmers and ag professionals ages 18–35 who want to get involved. Young Leaders offers opportunities for networking, education, leadership development, community involvement and connecting with others in agriculture throughout Woodford County. If you're interested in joining the Young Leaders group or getting involved, please contact our office for more information.

A monthly snapshot of Farm Bureau activity, advocacy, and community engagement in Woodford County.

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