WOODFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU
Farm. Family. Food.

DIGITAL INSIGHT Brief

June 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

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to attend the MERGE Conference (Managers Engage, Retain, Grow, and Excel), where Farm Bureau managers from across Illinois shared ideas on strengthening our organizations and the communities we serve.

One message stood out to me: meaningful relationships matter. At Woodford County Farm Bureau, we are proud to currently serve just over 900 farmer members. According to USDA Census data, Woodford County is home to nearly 1,000 farms and thousands of farmers, producers, and agricultural workers who help feed and fuel our communities. That means there is still room for our organization to grow stronger, louder, and more impactful together.

Farm Bureau has always been built on three things that matter: impactful advocacy, trusted information, and meaningful development. Whether it's advocating for agriculture through issues like the Farm Bill, providing reliable information through publications like FarmWeek, or hosting local programs and workshops that bring people together, our goal is to create value that truly supports our members and rural communities.

We are proud to be the largest grassroots organization in Woodford County, and our voice becomes even stronger when more people are involved. As agriculture remains the backbone of Woodford County, strong communication between local officials and the agricultural community helps ensure we make informed decisions that benefit everyone. Thank you for your continued partnership and for your service to the residents of Woodford County. We look forward to working together throughout the rest of the year.

Upcoming Events

July 7	*MR Farmer Breakfast 8:00am*
July 18-23	*4-H Show @ Farm Bureau Park*
July 21	*Kiddie Tractor Pull @ Farm Bureau Park Pavillion 2:30pm*

**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

Governor Pritzker recently signed legislation updating Illinois' Farmland Assessment Law, establishing guardrails around the capitalization rate used to calculate farmland values. The changes are expected to help stabilize farmland assessments over time while continuing to support Illinois' agricultural economy.

State

The Illinois General Assembly concluded its regular spring session, with Illinois Farm Bureau now focusing on implementation of recently passed legislation and preparing priorities for the upcoming veto session. Advocacy efforts also continue in support of the Family Farm Preservation Act and other policies that protect the long-term viability of family farms across Illinois.

National

The U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee has released its discussion draft of the 2026 Farm Bill, beginning the next phase of negotiations on key agricultural priorities. Meanwhile, Congress continues discussions on supplemental farm assistance and workforce legislation aimed at strengthening agriculture through updated H-2A visa reforms and long-term risk management tools.

Ag in the Classroom

Summer Ag in the Classroom programs are in full swing! Our June dairy and homemade ice cream activities wrapped up last week, and we're grateful to Front Street Creamery in El Paso for providing free scoop tickets to participants at their library. In July, we'll be popping into all things popcorn. Be sure to check out when we'll be at a library near you!

Women's Committee

The Women's Committee continues to bring members and the community together while showcasing agriculture and building connections among women in ag. We had a great time with the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners and Menu 309, who hosted the most recent Herbs and Mocktails workshop at Farm Bureau Park. Contact the office or Women's Committee Chair Jenna Nicholson to get involved.

Young Leaders

The Young Leaders group focuses on developing leadership skills, building professional networks, and connecting young adults in agriculture ages 18 to 35. The Young Leaders will host the annual Kiddie Tractor Pull at the 4-H show on Tuesday, July 21st at 2:30pm. 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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