WOODFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU
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DIGITAL INSIGHT *Brief*

September 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

The past several weeks have been busy at Woodford County Farm Bureau as we wrapped up our summer programming and jumped into a full slate of fall activities.

September has kept us moving as well. We've been back in local schools with Ag in the Classroom programming and expanded our rural road safety outreach this fall, reaching driver's education students at Roanoke-Benson, Eureka, and Metamora high schools. These programs are just a few of the ways we work to connect agriculture with our broader Woodford County community.

Harvest is now underway across the county, which also means more farm equipment on our rural roads. Whether you work in agriculture or simply share the road with those who do, a little extra patience and awareness can go a long way toward keeping everyone safe.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, local officials, schools, businesses, and community partners who continue to support our work. We appreciate the many ways you help us strengthen agriculture and the communities we all call home.

Upcoming Events

October 6 *MR Farmer Breakfast 8:00am*

Oct TBA *Women's Committee: Burrito Breakfast Delivery @ Roanoke Grain Elevator*

Oct 12 *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 Health Department will host a tire collection on Monday, October 26, from 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at the Olio Township Building in Eureka. Appointments are required. Residents interested in participating should call the Health Department at 309-467-3064 to schedule a time.

State

The Illinois General Assembly is preparing to return to Springfield for its fall veto session. As lawmakers return, Farm Bureau continues to prioritize passage of the Family Farm Preservation Act, which would reform Illinois' estate tax and provide relief for qualifying farm families.

National

The U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry advanced the Agricultural Act of 2026 out of committee on September 16, marking another step toward completing a new Farm Bill. With the House having passed its version earlier this year, attention now turns to negotiations between the House and Senate as lawmakers work toward a final Farm Bill that can pass both chambers.

Ag in the Classroom

Ag in the Classroom is back for another school year! We are heading into classrooms this October for our 1st Quarter lessons on Corn. Our first graders will work through a biodegradable packing peanut challenge, while our 4th graders will get to take home some oobleck in a bag. 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 is busy planning our next hands-on workshop—a glass-blown ornament class just in time for the holiday season! Participants will have the opportunity to create their own unique glass ornament to take home and enjoy for years to come. Registration information will be available soon, so be sure to follow our social media pages for all the details when they are released. We hope you'll join us for a fun and festive evening!

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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