



# Membership Minute

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## Foundation Awards \$8,970 in Classroom Grants

The Clinton County Farm Bureau Foundation recently gave teachers in the county an opportunity to write a grant to fund supplies, resources, or field trips to help in the instruction of agriculture.

Twenty-eight (28) teachers applied this year for grants of up to \$350 each. The Foundation Board ultimately approved all the applications, for a total of \$8,970 to help local teachers provide education about agriculture and the importance it plays in our everyday lives. Grants were awarded for agricultural field trips, books, consumable supplies, and much, much more.

The Foundation Board would like to congratulate this year's recipients and thank the members of the Clinton County Farm Bureau for supporting and contributing to the Clinton County Farm

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### Adopt-A-Classroom gifts delivered.

Susan Kleiboeker, Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, recently donated 40 sets of gift bags to area first and fourth grade classrooms that were "adopted" in our first "Adopt-A-Classroom" campaign. Forty (40) out of fifty-four (54) classrooms were "adopted" by area businesses and individuals. If you are interested in "adopting" one of the remaining classrooms with a \$100 donation, please contact the Farm Bureau office at 618-526-7235.

## CCFB Awarded \$30,000 NLRs & \$2,500 Pollinator Grants for 2025

Clinton County is one of 18 Illinois county Farm Bureaus that will collaborate on 15 projects state-wide, funded with a total of \$175,000 through Illinois Farm Bureau's (IFB) 2025 Nutrient Stewardship Grant program. Since 2015, Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) has awarded \$1.2 million for more than 130 county Farm Bureau-led nutrient projects that help promote local nutrient stewardship, soil health, and water quality projects. Through the program, IFB takes an active role in supporting county Farm Bureaus and local partners as they develop projects that address farmer needs for research, education

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Mark Litteken and Cliff Schuette discuss cover crop variety performance and soil health improvements while touring a research plot at Sugar Creek Valley Farms in April 2023.

## Foundation Scholarships Available

The Clinton County Farm Bureau (CFB) Foundation is currently accepting applications from our member families. The number and dollar amount of scholarships

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# Adult Ag in the Classroom

## WORKSHOP SERIES

We are excited to bring you a new winter series of "Adult Ag in the Classroom"!  
 ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CLINTON COUNTY AG IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM!

Follow us on Facebook for more information and registration links!

*New Registration link available 1st of month.*




# Grants

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Foundation. To date, your Foundation has awarded over

\$90,000 in classroom grants to Clinton County teachers.

A full list of recipients can be found in the graphic below.

# Congratulations!

## 2024-2025 CLASSROOM GRANT RECIPIENTS

<u>Aviston Elementary</u> Shelly Albers Karen Braundmeier Sarah O'Brien Lisa Hamil Jenna Patterson	<u>Carlyle Grade School</u> Kasey Hanson Jenny Gansauer Michelle Edwards Hannah Smith-Ettleman Susan Howard Patti Timmermann Nancy Nave Laura Hollenkamp Jamie Alexander
<u>Dist. 12</u> Susie Hintz Christina Luebbers Patty Sander Sandra Jansen Allison Netemeyer	<u>Carlyle Junior High</u> Madison Schmitt
<u>Germantown Elementary</u> Cheri Markwell Rose Wilken Susan Knapp	<u>Carlyle High School</u> Jennifer Morence
<u>New Baden Elementary</u> Deb Becker Andrea Junge	<u>Trinity Lutheran School</u> Angie Redeker Sara Kuper

Thank the members of the Clinton CFB for supporting and contributing to our charitable Foundation. Your support allows us to make these grants possible.



# Scholarships

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awarded each year varies depending upon the number of applications received and availability of funds. In 2024, twenty-three (23) students received a total of \$31,500 from scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to \$3,000.

Scholarships are open to graduating seniors and college students who have not yet received their undergraduate degree. Past recipients may re-apply, but no student may win more than two (2) scholarships from the Clinton CFB Foundation.

Detailed requirements are provided on the online application, but scholarship applicants must be from a Clinton CFB member family (minimum 1 year), be a resident of Illinois, and be enrolled in an agriculture-related field of study. New this year, we will be offering specialized Ag Mechanic Scholarship from

proceeds from our first "Pulling for Agriculture" tractor pull held this past September.

A link to the online scholarship application has been sent to guidance counselors and Ag teachers at every high school in the county. Application link is also available on our website: [www.clintoncofb.org](http://www.clintoncofb.org).

Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted online by midnight on March 15, 2025. Students will also be required to participate in an interview with the Scholarship Review Committee, which will be scheduled as part of the online application process.

To-date, the Clinton CFB Foundation has awarded almost 500 ag-related scholarships (totaling \$500,300), an additional \$39,500 in specific Veterinarian scholarships, and over \$90,000 in classroom grants for teachers. As a 501(c)(3) charity, your donations to support our local efforts may be tax-deductible per IRS guidelines.

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## Scholarship Opportunity



**Clinton County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Applications are now available!**

Scan the QR code or visit our website for more information and online application.

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**DEADLINE TO APPLY  
MARCH 15, 2025**

# CLINTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Clinton County Farm Bureau is proud to have provided another year full of service to our members and our community. Here's a brief recap of some of the best highlights...

## January

- We held our 106th Annual meeting where long standing directors, John Schemel (42 years) and Phillip Hemker (12 years) were recognized for their contributions to the organization. We also welcomed new board members, Quinton Huelsmann and Jeremie Stout to our Board of Directors.
- Our Young Leaders delivered the final donation from the 2023 Safety Grant Program to Breese EMS. Money was used to purchase new radio equipment for one of the ambulances.
- Several Directors presented Congressman Bost with the "Friend of Ag" Award.

## February

- Several of our Young Leaders attended the Young Leaders Conference in Springfield. During the conference, attendees could choose from five tracks of workshops and 15 sessions covering topics such as agronomy, commodity markets, grain bin and farm safety, canning, mental health, farming outlook, motivational leadership, niche farming markets, financial advice, an Organizational Member Strategy update, and more!
- The fourth year of Community Impact Grants was kicked off. The Board again committed \$5,000 to this program.
- Members toured ADM in Decatur to learn more about their Carbon Sequestration project with State Representative Charlie Meier.
- Several directors and Young Leaders gathered in Springfield for IFB's Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference. Local, state, and national political leaders and legislators met with Farm Bureau leaders from across the state to discuss IFB's 2024 legislative priorities



*IFB President Brian Duncan talks to more than 400 attendees of IFB's Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference.*



*Clinton CFB's Board of Directors for 2024. Front row (L to R): Manager Brad Conant, Ron Holevoet, Robert Gerstenecker, Jeremie Stout, Quinton Huelsmann, Mark Litteken, Lucas Hanke, and Cliff Schuette. Back row (L to R): Bryan Henrichs, Justin Benhoff, Travis Hemker, Tim Wesselmann, Matt Timmermann, Ray Krausz, Philip Rueter, and Brian Becker.*



*Quinton Huelsmann and Tori Richter graduated from Illinois Farm Bureau's Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) program on March 20th.*

## March

- Young Leaders Committee members toured Hermann Oak Leather in St. Louis as part of a local Ag Industry Tour. The business has been tanning and supplying specialty leathers since 1881.
- Clinton County Farm Bureau donated another \$5,000 to the St. Louis District Dairy Council in support of the Mobile Dairy Classroom. This donation totals \$10,000 of support from the CFB to continue to bring this unique dairy learning experience to area schools.
- Clinton County Farm Bureau Young Leaders, Quinton

Huelsmann and Tori Richter graduate from the Illinois Farm Bureau's Agriculture Leaders of Tomorrow Program.

## April

- An \$8,200 donation was made to the Clinton County Agricultural Association to support the County Fair's livestock and horticulture premium shortfalls for the 2023 fair.
- Cover Crop mixtures and soil health practices took center stage at our Nutrient Loss Field Day that was held at Sugar Creek Valley Farms in Aviston.
- The CFB Board announced \$10,000 in veterinarian scholarships was available for members entering their 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of vet school from the CCFB Foundation.



*Cliff Schuette discusses cover crops at the spring field day.*

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JOIN US FOR A

# Super Bowl

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## CHARCUTERIE CLASS

Friday, February 7 • 6 p.m.

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**\$60** for non-members

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- Four Clinton County FFA Chapters participated in the Annual FFA Quiz Bowl held at Central High School. A total of 40 students competed this year, with each team competing in two preliminary rounds before three teams advanced to the finals. This year's winning teams were: Central Team # 1 (1st place), CORLHS Team # 1 (2nd place), and Carlyle Team # 1 (3rd place).

## May

- Twenty-three students from Clinton County were awarded a total of \$31,500 in scholarships from the Clinton County Farm Bureau Foundation. To date the CCFB Foundation has awarded \$500,300 in scholarships to sons and daughters of farm bureau members.
- Four students from Clinton County were also recognized for winning \$2,000 scholarships from the IAA Foundation.

## June

- With the help of the University of Illinois Extension, a pollinator habitat demonstration plot was established at the Clinton County Fairgrounds in Carlyle. Funding for a portion of the project came from a \$2,000 grant through the Illinois Farm Bureau's Pollinator Conservation Grant Program.



Volunteers help plant the pollinator habitat plot at the Clinton County Fair Grounds.



Teams competing as Young Leaders moderate the annual Quiz Bowl event that included eight teams from four Clinton County FFA Chapters.

- Our first membership newsletter, "Membership Minute" was available to members after the discontinuation of the long standing partnership with the Carlyle Union Banner.
- A total of \$7,600 was awarded to nine (9) organizations in our 4th Annual Community Impact Grant Program. To date \$19,550 has been awarded for 20 community projects through this program.
- Ag Literacy Coordinator, Susan Kleiboecker, hosted 11 area teachers for the Summer Ag Institute. The institute is a hands-on interactive learning experience for teachers to become familiar with modern agriculture and how it can be incorporated into the classroom.
- Our Annual Membership Photo Contest was announced with two categories, "Everyday Life" and "Kid's Corner"
- Kick-off for our first "Pulling for Agriculture" ITPA Tractor Pull was announced. The event was designed to raise funds for the



Nicole with Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center demonstrates how participants are transferred onto therapy horses.



Eleven teachers from across Clinton County participated in the two-day Summer Ag Institute that was offered by the Clinton County Farm Bureau.

Clinton County Farm Bureau Foundation and the establishment of a new Ag Mechanics Scholarship.

## July

- Carly Etter was awarded a \$2,500 veterinarian scholarship through the Clinton County Farm Bureau Foundation's Veterinarian Scholarship Program. Etter is in her second year at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

- Over 85 participants attended our Summer Nutrient Stewardship Field Day to learn about local research on cover crops, soil health, and much more. Presentations included: Agronomist John Pike, IL Nutrient Research & Education Council's Executive Director Julie Hewitt and a regenerative agriculture exchange with members from Jo Daviess County.

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# 12 Days of Giveaways Winners




Dec. 9 - Rebecca Varela	Dec. 15 - Diane Marie Sinclair
Dec. 10 - Maura Timmermann	Dec. 16 - Jen Elias
Dec. 11 - Rose Wilken	Dec. 17 - McKenzie Diekemper
Dec. 12 - Amy Hilmes Holthaus	Dec. 18 - Lynette Sherman
Dec. 13 - Jane Beckmann	Dec. 19 - Crystal Timmermann
Dec. 14 - Karri Marie	Dec. 20 - Grace Toennies

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- This year the Clinton County Farm Bureau served as Platinum Sponsor for the Clinton County Fair. We also sponsored livestock shows by donating 40 Showmanship and Grand Champion award banners to all livestock show winners and every kid showing livestock received a free exhibitor t-shirt. On "Hero's Night" our young leaders offered additional free activities and prizes.
- Clinton County Farm Bureau President Mark Litteken and Director Rob Gerstenecker joined 21 other members in Washington, D.C., to lobby on behalf of the Illinois Farm Bureau for positive agriculture policy and to build relationships with their legislative officials.
- Several Young Leaders joined members from District 16 for a St. Louis Cardinals Game.
- Clinton County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee member, Kali Michael, attended the 2024 Young Leader Ag Industry Tour in Costa Rica. This experience offered a unique opportunity to explore agriculture beyond the corn and soybeans that define the Midwest landscape. The tour aims to broaden participants understanding of global agricultural practices and their impact on economies and communities around the world.

## August

- Farm Bureau leaders from Clinton County met with State Representative Eva-Dina Delgado in her Illinois' 3rd District in Chicago as part of the Illinois Farm Bureau's (IFB) "Adopt-A-Legislator" Program.
- Our third annual "Gift of Blue" applications were made available to area FFA Members. This program is an opportunity for first year students to receive their FFA Blue Corduroy jacket free from the Clinton County Farm Bureau.



Farm Bureau support at the Clinton County Fair.



Congressman Mike Bost joined AITC Coordinators from around Southern Illinois during a tour of Excel Bottling Co.

- Winners from the 3rd Annual Membership Photo Contest were announced after online voting helped pick the "People's Choice Award" and local photographers decided First and Second Place winners.
- Clinton County Farm Bureau hosted the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom District 5 Coordinators meeting. AITC staff shared program ideas along with networking opportunities. The group toured the Excel Bottling Plant where they unexpectedly had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Mike Bost.
- CCFB Young Leaders donated \$600 of ground beef to area food pantries in Germantown,



Young leaders from Clinton County attended the Ag Industry Tour sponsored by the Madison County Farm Bureau.

Trenton and Carlyle. A portion of the funds used to purchase the beef was from the 50/50 drawing from the 2024 county annual meeting.

- Members of the Young Leader Committee delivered the first donation from their 2024 Farm Safety Grant Program with a \$1,700 donation to the Breese Fire Protection District. The donated funds were used to purchase a variety of Milwaukee battery-powered tools, lights, chargers, a vacuum, in addition to assorted lengths of ropes for rescue harnesses and rigging.
- Several members of the Clinton CFB Young Leaders Committee attended a local version of the

Ag Industry Tour sponsored by Madison County Farm Bureau. Members from several counties toured Rolling Oak Alpaca Ranch in Makanda, Flamm Orchards in Cobden, and wrapped up the tour with lunch at Blue Sky Winery in Makanda.

## September

- The "Pulling for Agriculture" ITPA and King of Clinton County Tractor Pull raised over \$8,000 for the Clinton County Farm Bureau Foundation. Funds will be used to establish an ag Mechanic Scholarship through the Foundation.
- Annual Yield Survey conducted estimating an average corn

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Clinton County leaders also visited a community garden space in Rep. Delgado's district that was converted from an unused soccer field.



Blaine Gardner and Caleb Eversgerd, Ag students from Carlyle High School, worked with Clinton CFB Director Ron Holevoet to make yield estimates on the 2024 corn crop during the Farm Bureau's annual Yield Survey on September 11th.



Josh Diekemper competes during the "King of Clinton County" tractor pull during the day.



Darin Ratermann of Bartelso driving his "Full Boar" International on the way to a 1st place finish in the 9,500 lb. Limited Pro Stock class during the ITPA Tractor Pull portion.

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- yield of 188.27 for the county.
- Applications became available for the 2024-2025 school year for classroom grants available to Clinton County teachers for activities relating to agriculture. To-date, the Clinton County Farm Bureau Foundation has awarded over \$83,652 in classroom grants to teachers.
- We announced our first ever Bookmark Contest for kids ages 12 and under with a theme of "What agriculture means to you."
- Over 350 Clinton County 6th graders participated in Progressive Ag Safety Day sponsored by the Clinton County Farm Bureau's Agriculture in the Classroom program. The goal of this program is for students to go home and talk to their families about how to stay safe when a dangerous situation arises.

### October

- Winners of our first Bookmark Contest were announced. With over 60 entries it was hard for our judges to pick winners!

- Plans for our new winter "Adult Ag in the Classroom" workshop series were announced. Proceeds from the series benefits the Clinton County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom program. The Ag in the Classroom Program provides monthly agricultural lessons to all first and fourth grade students in the Clinton County Schools.
- The "Adopt-A-Classroom" campaign kicked off offering the opportunity for local businesses or individuals to support the Ag in the Classroom Program by "Adopting" a classroom to offer additional lessons and activities to area first and fourth grade classrooms.

### November

- Tori Richter was appointed to fill a vacancy in District 1 after Bryan Henrichs resigned from the position in mid-October after serving on the board for 8 years.
- 54 Clinton County FFA Students were awarded the "Gift of Blue" as part of the 3rd annual FFA Jacket Essay Contest.



Students learned about hazards associated with manure pits and lagoons that are common in Clinton County with Erick Monken from the Maschhoffs.

- Members of the Clinton County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee delivered the second donation from the 2024 Farm Safety Grant Program with a \$1,300 donation to the Beckemeyer Fire Protection District. Donated funds were used to purchase a variety of Milwaukee battery-powered tools including lights, pole saws and batteries.
- Official notice was given on the 107th Annual Meeting to be held January 21, 2025 at the Albers American Legion. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with business meeting to follow.

"Adult Ag in the Classroom" program. Attendees enjoyed a hands-on experience of creating their own wreath. Chris Lueking, Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator, with the University of Illinois Extension, lead the workshop. All proceeds from this series supports our Ag in the Classroom Program.

- \$8,970 was awarded to twenty-eight (28) Clinton County teachers from the 2024-2025 Classroom Grant Program.
- We wrapped up our first "Adopt a Classroom" campaign with 40 of the 54 classrooms being adopted by area businesses or individuals. Holiday gifts were delivered to each of the "adopted" classrooms thanks to their generous sponsors.

### December

- Thirty-five participants attended the first workshop in our winter series of our new



Students from Germantown First Grade show off their classroom gift from their adopted classroom donation.

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Please join us at the Bank of Springfield Center on January 29-31, 2025. Register before January 17th to receive the pre-registration discount. It also pays to be a member of either Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Specialty Growers, or Illinois Farmers Market Association to receive the member discount. After January 17th online registration closes and prices will increase.

**Pre-Registration Cost: Member:**  
\$100 | Non-Member: \$225

**In person cost starting after January 17th:**  
Member: \$200 | Non-Member: \$325

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:** <https://web.specialtygrowers.org/atlas/events/2025-everything-local-attendee-registration-202211/register>

**BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM**

A room block is available from January 28, 2025 – January 31, 2025 at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield – a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. 701 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701. This hotel connects to the conference center and also has a parking garage attached. Please book your rooms by January 14, 2025. Room Rates: \$123/night (plus tax). Bookings at: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ifbeverythinglocalconference/>

## NLRS

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and outreach, and implementing best management practices for nutrient loss reduction.

The Clinton County Farm Bureau (CFB) was awarded a \$30,000 matching grant for our 2025 project that will continue to explore the influence of manure management and cover crops on reducing nutrient losses. To-date, Clinton CFB has received Nutrient Stewardship Grants totaling \$194,575 as part of this

effort.

The 2025 project will continue our research on comparing cropping systems using cover crops and livestock manure, offer free manure nutrient testing, and invite farmers to learn about NLRS practices at field day(s) and additional outreach and educational efforts. This year's grant will also introduce some new ideas and opportunities, including a "Soils 101" producer meeting, cover crop seed subsidies to encourage adoption, and even a new local Soil Testing program for gardeners and homeowners to

illustrate how everyone can be part of the Nutrient Stewardship effort.

In addition to IFB's Nutrient Stewardship Grant, 10 county Farm Bureaus will work together on 7 Pollinator Conservation Grant projects in 2025. This grant program will once again provide CFBs and farmer leaders with opportunities to engage in pollinator-focused projects such as planting habitat plots, providing education and outreach opportunities, and others. For 2025, Clinton County is receiving \$2,500 to continue to develop pollinator habitat

demonstration plots to study the habitat's potential as a buffer for invasive species. We will again work with volunteers from the Extension Master Gardener/Master Naturalist programs to implement additional pollinator habitats near participating schools and Ag programs.

Now in our 10th year participating in IFB's Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program, the Clinton CFB is continuing to provide numerous education and outreach opportunities, primarily focused on manure management, cover crops, and soil health. As part of the multi-year research project with Illinois Farm Bureau, the Clinton CFB has committed almost \$390,000 in local nutrient stewardship research to-date.

The Clinton County Farm Bureau and our project collaborators look forward to continuing local efforts to focus on today's challenges in agriculture, including nutrient loss reduction and improved water quality. These inventive projects both educate and present new data to area farmers as we work together to move the needle on the state's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy goals.

For more information on Clinton CFB's environmental efforts and upcoming Field Days and events, you can learn more on our website at: [www.clintoncofb.org/resources/#nutrient-stewardship](http://www.clintoncofb.org/resources/#nutrient-stewardship)

**Clinton County Farm Bureau's**  
**107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**  
**Meal served at 6:30 p.m.**  
**\$5 per person.**  
**Business Meeting to Follow**  
**Location - American Legion Post 1026,**  
**(600 N Bertha, Albers, IL 62215)**  
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**by Monday, Jan. 13, 2025**  
**to the Farm Bureau Office**

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# Clinton CFB honored during Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Clinton County Farm Bureau was recently recognized for its outstanding programming during the 110th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau.

At its annual meeting, IFB recognizes outstanding achievement by individual members and county Farm Bureaus (CFBs). Counties compete for awards with other counties of similar membership size. Awards are given for five county groups, with Clinton County falling under Group IV—counties with 2,821 to 5,620 members.

Awards were evaluated under the County Activities of Excellence (CAE) program. The CAE program recognizes CFBs for program excellence, encourages and assists CFBs in setting goals and priorities, inspires and promotes innovative

programming to meet member needs, promotes programming in key areas and provides a resource to counties for the purpose of developing new programs. CAE recognized programs carried out between Sept. 1, 2023, and Aug. 31, 2024.

The Excellence Awards are given to the county with the most outstanding project for each program area. A gold, silver, and bronze Excellence Award was given in each membership group and program area. The eight program areas are: Ag Literacy, Farm Income and Development, Health and Safety, Advocacy, Local Affairs, Engagement and Outreach, Membership Value and Foundations and Fundraising.

Clinton County Farm Bureau was recently awarded in four of



Clinton CFB President Mark Litteken with IFB President Brian Duncan, recognizing the organization's four (4) program area awards at the 2024 IFB Annual Meeting.

the eight program areas, including the following projects:

- Health & Safety (Silver) – Properly Securing Agricultural Transports
- Advocacy (Bronze) -

- CFB Foundations & Fundraising (Bronze) – Supporting Agriculture Education
- Local Affairs (Bronze) – Exploring Carbon Capture & Storage

## Thank you for your membership!

### To our Voting Members,

We would like to personally thank you on behalf of the board and staff for renewing your membership with the Clinton County Farm Bureau®. We commend you on your continued resilience, determination, and energy. We value your commitment as we partner for a strong agriculture present and future.

As your partner, your Clinton County Farm Bureau offers great resources, information, and programs for essential support for you and our other members, farmers and farm owners, workers, small businesses, parents and youth, and affiliated companies. We love being a strong partner to you.

We continue to see firsthand the important role farming and agriculture plays every day in Clinton County and in our country. We continue supporting area food, fiber, and fuel producers to help provide high-quality, farm fresh products to local consumers. We view this as important work.

We thank you for your membership and we look forward to serving you in the year to come!



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renewal link.**

### To our Associate Members,

It has been our true pleasure serving you and your membership needs during this past year. We hope you will renew your \$20 membership for another year to take advantage of your membership value.

Clinton County and Illinois family farmers seek to provide you, your family, and families across our great country and beyond with safe, wholesome, sustainable food supply.

Your Farm Bureau membership provides you and your family:

- Access to local farm and food producers
- The opportunity to support Illinois farm families and food security
- Information about farming and your food
- Programs, education, events and more
- Agriculture in the Classroom for local students, teachers and parents
- 300,000+ discounts (abenity link or member center)
- And much more! Check out [www.clintoncofb.org](http://www.clintoncofb.org)



# THANK YOU



Thank You to the following businesses and individuals for "Adopting" a classroom through the 2024 Adopt-A-Classroom Campaign

*Pingsterhaus Dairy Care*

*Shaina Rakers*

*Brenndon & Tori Richter*

*Hilmes Dairy Farms*

*Brian Becker*

*Scott Credit Union*

*Traditions Portrait Design*

*Jared Guenzburger*

*Meyer Electric*

*Benhoff Developmental Therapy*  
Pamela Benhoff

*John Niemeyer*

*Riechmann Brothers*

*Hoffman Seed House*

*Wesselmann Farms*

*Gerstenecker Farms*

*Farm Credit Illinois*

*Dylan Guenzburger*

*Rhett Leary*

*Farmers State Bank*

*Gateway FS*

*Germantown Savings Bank*

*Huels Oil Company*

*Windy Hill Meadows*

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*Carlyle 4th Grade Parents*

*Lucas & Vanessa Hanke*

*Lucas Buchmiller*

*Ken & Christy Billhartz*

*Mike Jansen*  
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