

## Nutrient Stewardship Field Day Set for August 8th

Join the Clinton County Farm Bureau on Saturday, August 8th, for our 2026 Nutrient Stewardship Field Day at Sugar Creek Valley Farms (12555



**Jason Mauck**  
Featured  
Speaker

Poettker Road, Aviston, IL). The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude around 2:00 p.m., with lunch provided for attendees.

This year's featured speaker is Jason Mauck from Indiana. Known nationally as "Farming Weird," Mauck is a pioneer in regenerative agriculture and innovative relay-cropping systems that integrate cash and cover crops to improve soil health, efficiency, and profitability. Attendees will learn practical strategies for building healthier soils while maintaining productive farming operations.

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## Yield Survey and Market Outlook slated for Aug. 25

The Clinton County Farm Bureau (CFB) will host its annual Yield Survey Dinner on Tuesday, August 25, at the Farm Bureau office in Breese.

Members of the Clinton County Farm Bureau Marketing Committee will spend the day conducting the annual fall yield survey of the county's corn crop. The evening program will begin

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## Adopt-a-Classroom Program returns for 2026-27 School Year

The Clinton County Ag in the Classroom (AIRC) program, a partnership between the Clinton County Farm Bureau and the Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District, is inviting community members, businesses, and organizations to invest in the future of agriculture by participating in its Adopt a Classroom program for the 2026-27 school year.

Led by a dedicated volunteer committee, the Ag in the Classroom program brings agriculture

and conservation education to local students through engaging, hands-on lessons. The program primarily serves first- and fourth-grade classrooms, introducing students to where their food comes from, the importance of agriculture, and the role farmers play in caring for the land and natural resources.

Through the Adopt a Classroom program, a

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## County Fair Support



Several Clinton County Farm Bureau Board members attended the dedication ceremony for the new 618 Event Center at the Clinton County Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 12. As a proud Grand Marshal Sponsor of the new facility, the Farm Bureau continues its longstanding support of the Clinton County Fair. In addition to sponsoring award banners for all 4-H livestock show winners, every livestock exhibitor received a complimentary Farm Bureau t-shirt. The Clinton County Farm Bureau Young Leaders also hosted free family activities and distributed prizes during Thursday evening's Family Night festivities.



## Native Plant Workshop held to encourage pollinator habitats



The Clinton County Farm Bureau recently used Pollinator Conservation Grant funds to support a native plant workshop and giveaway to encourage pollinator habitats in home landscapes. Master Gardener/Master Naturalist Laurie Henderson and Deanna Ratermann presented a program at the Clinton County Extension Office on selecting, planting, and caring for native plants and the many benefits they provide to backyard ecosystems. Following the presentation, 15 participants received a native plant kit to take home, along with information on their specific plants, planting locations, and ongoing care.

# 2026 NUTRIENT STEWARDSHIP FIELD DAY



# AUG 08

## 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

RAIN OR SHINE | LUNCH PROVIDED

## SUGAR CREEK VALLEY FARMS

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**RSVP BY: MONDAY, AUG 3** SCAN QR CODE

**INFO:** [WWW.CLINTONCOFB.ORG](http://WWW.CLINTONCOFB.ORG)

## Mauck

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The program will also feature Lauren Sprung, Director of Sourcing and Supply Chain Development for Regenified, who will present "The Science Behind the Financials." Sprung will discuss how regenerative farming practices impact profitability, farm resilience, and emerging market opportunities for producers.

Additional highlights include a tour of the Clinton County Farm Bureau's cover crop demonstration plots, a farmer panel discussion sharing real-world experiences with regenerative practices, live agricultural drone demonstrations provided by L&R Ag, and a final opportunity to receive up to 40-acres worth of cover crop seed expenses.

Funded in part through a 2026 Illinois Farm Bureau Nutrient Stewardship Grant, this event offers valuable insights for producers interested in soil health, nutrient stewardship, conservation practices, and the future of agriculture.

Registration is requested by Monday, August 3rd. To register scan the QR Code on the graphic on this page.

## Outlook

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with dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by a pre-harvest Market Outlook presentation from Gateway FS, featuring market projections for the 2026 crop. Marketing Committee Chairman Cliff Schuette and

other committee members will then share the results and observations from the county yield survey completed earlier that day.

Tickets are \$5 per person and must be purchased in advance. To reserve your spot, contact the Clinton County Farm Bureau office at (618) 526-7235.



### The Carlyle FFA Chapter announces 2026-2027 Officer Team.

Pictured in the front row (left to right) are Reagan Little, Samantha Vohlken, Avery Self, Ali Schubel, Skylar Pritchett, and Sawyer Johnson. The back row (left to right) includes advisors Courtney Ibendahl and Emily Millburg, followed by Ella Jordan, Cooper Diekemper, Mabry Smith, Maggie Bass, and advisor Tamra Gerstenecker.

The 2026-2027 Carlyle FFA officers and leadership roles include Cooper Diekemper, President; Sawyer Johnson, Vice President; Ella Jordan, Secretary; Mabry Smith, Treasurer; Maggie Bass, Reporter; Ali Schubel, Sentinel; Avery Self, Student Advisor; Samantha Vohlken, Building Communities Chair; Reagan Little, Growing Leaders Chair; and Skylar Pritchett, Strengthening Agriculture Chair.



2026

## YIELD SURVEY & MARKET OUTLOOK

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

**TIME**  
Dinner @ 7p.m. with results & outlook\* to follow

**LOCATION**  
CCFB OFFICE  
1165 N 4<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
BREESE, IL

RSVP BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Contact us at (618) 526-7235  
clintcofb@clintoncofb.org  
Dinner served - \$5 per ticket

  
 \*Market Outlook provided by Gateway FS

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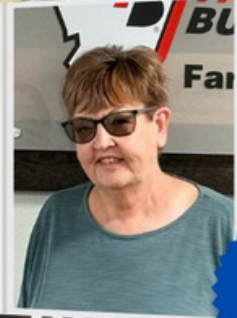
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# DAIRY MONTH

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Both members won a year's supply of milk or ice cream in the form of \$5 gift certificates (52 of them) for Prairie Farms products.



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# FARM GATE

*By Joanie Stiers*



## Gravel Roads & Growing Up

### Agriculture's Next Generation Off to College

On the night before our son's first day of preschool, he suddenly realized that I would be alone without kids for the first time. His big sister would be down the hall in first grade. In 4-year-old confidence, he asked, "What are you going to do all day? Sit at home and eat all our candy?" We laughed ourselves silly, and then I wondered if he truly had concerns for his suckers.

Rather, a half day of preschool resembled a three-hour sprint from bus to washing machine to home office to write articles during normal work hours that didn't involve the kids sleeping. Living an hour roundtrip from town, shopping was equally strategic in this 2010s era that pre-dated grocery pickup.

Our son, now over 6-feet tall, a legal adult and a 2026 high school graduate bound for college, hasn't yet expressed concerns for his Twizzler Bites. My husband and I soon enter that infamous quieter season and commonly field the over-asked question about empty nesting. Truth be told, the season feels less like loss and more like joyful evidence that our kids are thriving.

It helps that my kids will reside in the same town, so life's new rhythm will undoubtedly include a spontaneous two-hour drive for dinner on a weeknight in

Champaign. Different schools. Different majors, but both in agriculture. Living five minutes apart, the kids already have plans to bond as they follow passionate paths. Our daughter loves plants and majors in crop sciences. Our son – with a knack for mechanics and welding – will study agricultural diesel power technology.

Both have open invitations to return to the farm after first gaining a degree and industry experience. Go learn and gain perspective, we told them. Work, network, be challenged, become capable and see the industry beyond the dusty bend in the gravel road at 1550N. Be an employee before an employer. Find people who enrich your life. Have fun while upholding your values. Pray over the road ahead, then go where called and find gratitude in the journey.

Someday, if the timing is right and the calling there, maybe the road to preparation will bring them back home as capable contributors to the farm or entrepreneurs eager to expand the family business. But no matter the surface traveled – gravel, blacktop without a center line or pavement painted for high-traffic places – may they remember their roots, trust their abilities and find fulfillment in their contributions.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West Central Illinois, where they raise corn, soybeans, hay, beef cattle, backyard chickens and farm kids.*

## SOIL TESTING

Soil testing takes the guesswork out of soil improvement, growing plants, and fertilizer recommendations.

- What's wrong with this lawn?
- Why won't my garden grow?
- The flowers need something...
- Why aren't these shrubs performing?
- These crops aren't yielding like they should?

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## COUNTRY Lowering Auto Insurance Rates

COUNTRY Financial announced last month it is reducing auto insurance rates in Illinois by an average of 8%. With this change, total auto insurance filed rate decreases in the state now add up to 18% over the past year.

Insurance rates are influenced by how often accidents happen and how much they cost to repair. Recent data shows COUNTRY clients in Illinois are having fewer accidents, and the overall cost of claims has improved. Because of these positive trends, the company can pass savings on to Illinois drivers.

"We regularly review our claims experience to make sure our rates reflect real-world conditions," said Kelvin Schill, COUNTRY senior vice president, property and casualty operations.

Actual savings will vary from person to person, depending on factors such as driving history, vehicle type, coverage choices and other adjustments.

## COUNTRY Life Insurance named to Ward's top 50 list

COUNTRY Life Insurance Co., a member of the COUNTRY Financial family of companies, has earned a place on the 2026 Ward's 50 list of top-performing life insurance companies. COUNTRY Life has been recognized for the fifth consecutive year.

Ward recognized COUNTRY Life for strong financial results across three key areas over a five-year average (2021-25):

- Safety
- Consistency
- Performance

"Being recognized as a leading life insurance company in a highly competitive market validates our strong performance and reassures current clients they've chosen a trusted organization," said Joel Myers, COUNTRY senior vice president of financial services.

According to Ward's website, Ward Benchmarking is the leading provider of benchmarking and best practices studies for the insurance industry. The company annually analyzes the financial performance of nearly 700 U.S.-based life and health insurance companies to identify the top performers.

As a member of Ward's 50, COUNTRY Life demonstrated ability to grow while maintaining strong capital positions. For more information, visit [bit.ly/COUNTRYlife](https://bit.ly/COUNTRYlife).



### Episode 42 Telling stories from farm country with Sam Goldberg

*Freelance movie producer Sam Goldberg grew up in New York City, but it's rural America that captured his interest as a filmmaker.*

*Beginning in 2019 with his feature film Silo, Goldberg seeks to bridge the urban-rural divide through the power of narrative storytelling.*

*In this episode of Taking Stalk, Goldberg tells host Rita Frazer about a forthcoming release of a six-part limited series titled Perfect Sundays. Set in the heart of rural America, the story chronicles the journey of a multigenerational farm family that seeks to dig their way out of economic challenge and emotional paralysis.*

*To learn more, visit [perfectsundaystv.com](https://perfectsundaystv.com).*

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# 5 Easy Ways to Strengthen Your Savings Habit



Jennifer Killian

Let's be honest, saving money isn't always easy.

We're all wired to enjoy the moment. Whether it's ordering takeout after a long day, scrolling one more time through social media, or making a quick purchase that wasn't in the plan, those small decisions can quickly add up. And beyond everyday

temptations, life has a way of throwing unexpected expenses our way with car repairs, home maintenance, or weather-related emergencies.

With rising costs and continued economic uncertainty, building a strong savings habit isn't just a good idea, it's essential. The good news? With the right tools and a few simple strategies, you can take control of your finances and start building financial confidence.

Here are five practical tips to help you get started:

## 1. Start with a Simple Budget

Think of a budget as your financial roadmap.

It helps you:

- Know exactly where your money is going
- Identify opportunities to save
- Stay on track toward your goals

A helpful framework to follow is the 50/30/20 rule:

- 50% for needs (housing, bills, essentials)
- 30% for wants
- 20% for savings and debt repayment

The key isn't creating a perfect budget, it's keeping it updated and realistic.

With online and mobile banking, our members can easily monitor spending, track balances, and move money into savings accounts in real-time—making budgeting easier and more actionable.

## 2. Set SMART Savings Goals

Saving without a goal can feel overwhelming. That's why SMART goals are so effective.

Make your savings:

- Specific (what are you saving for?)
- Measurable (how much do you need?)

- Achievable (what can you realistically set aside?)
- Relevant (does it align with your priorities?)
- Time-bound (when do you want to achieve it?)

**For example:**

Save \$1,000 in a year by setting aside \$20 each week.

Breaking goals into smaller steps builds momentum and keeps you motivated.

Accounts like Premier Savings allow you to grow your money faster with competitive rates while still maintaining access to your funds, helping you stay on track toward both short- and long-term goals.

## 3. Take Control of High-Interest Debt

One of the biggest barriers to saving? High-interest debt.

When credit card balances grow:

- More of your payment goes toward interest
- Less is available to save

A smart strategy is the debt avalanche method:

1. Focus on paying down your highest-interest balance first
2. Once it's paid off, move to the next highest

A balance transfer can simplify payments and may help lower interest costs, freeing up more room in your budget to save. IAA Credit Union is currently offering a balance transfer promotion: **5.99% APR for 12 months with no fees.**

## 4. Build (and Protect) Your Emergency Fund

Unexpected expenses aren't a matter of *if* — they're a matter of *when*.

That's why an emergency fund is one of the most important pieces of your financial plan.

A good goal:

- Save 3–6 months of living expenses.

Start small if needed even a few hundred dollars can make a difference.

High-yield savings options like Premier Savings or flexible Money Market Accounts can help your emergency fund grow while still giving you access when you need it.

## 5. Automate Your Savings ("Set It and Forget It")

The easiest way to save? Make it automatic.

Set up recurring transfers from checking to savings so you're consistently building your balance without thinking about it.

Even small amounts add up over time:

- \$10/week = \$520/year
- \$20/week = \$1,040/year

With easy transfers through online and mobile banking, you can automate deposits into:

- Savings accounts
- Club accounts (like Vacation or Christmas Clubs)
- Certificates for longer-term goals

## Bringing It All Together

Saving money isn't about perfection, it's about consistency. By following a simple budget, setting clear goals, managing debt, preparing for emergencies, and automating your savings, you can build lasting habits that strengthen your financial future.

## Start Your Savings Journey Today

At IAA Credit Union, we're here to support every step of your financial journey with:

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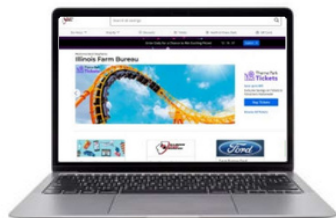
Whether you're just getting started or looking to grow your savings faster, we're here to help you make the most of your membership.

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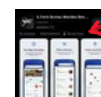
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## Support Local Students - Scan Today to Adopt Your Classroom!

### Classroom

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\$100 tax-deductible donation sponsors one classroom for the entire school year, providing educational materials and supplies for agriculture-based lessons. Donations above \$100 are also welcome and help expand educational opportunities for additional classrooms.

Last year, generous support from local individuals, businesses, and organizations helped sponsor all 52 classrooms. The goal for the upcoming school year is to again provide every participating classroom with the resources needed to bring agriculture to life for students.

#### How the Program Works:

- A \$100 donation sponsors one classroom for the school year.
- Sponsors may choose a specific classroom or be matched with one in need.

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- Sponsors will be recognized in Clinton County Farm Bureau publications, on the Farm Bureau website, and through social media during classroom visits.

Supporting Ag in the Classroom is an investment in the next generation. By helping students understand agriculture's role in their daily lives, sponsors are encouraging agricultural literacy and fostering an appreciation for the farmers and families who produce our food, fiber, and fuel.

To adopt a classroom or learn more about the program, contact Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Susan Kleiboeker at [ccaic@clintoncofb.org](mailto:ccaic@clintoncofb.org) or call the Clinton County Farm Bureau office at 618-526-7235.

**ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM**  
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**OUR PROGRAM'S IMPACT**  
Clinton County AITC saw a total of 5,855 students last year.  
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**TURN THE PAGE**  
to find a list of the classrooms and teachers that are reached by the Clinton County AITC Program

Questions? Contact Clinton County AITC Program Coordinator Susan Kleiboeker at (618) 322-5768 or [ccaic@clintoncofb.org](mailto:ccaic@clintoncofb.org)  
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## CLINTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

2026-2027

|                       | First Grade                                                       | Fourth Grade                                                           |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Albers                | Ms. Wellen                                                        | Ms. Scott                                                              |
| All Saints Academy    | Ms. Mote, Ms. Albers                                              | Ms. McSparin, Mr. Ruble                                                |
| Auiston               | Ms. Lampe, Ms. Markus, Ms. Wilson                                 | Ms. Albers, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Galbiati                                  |
| Bartelso              | Ms. Hilmes                                                        | Ms. Schulte                                                            |
| Beckemeyer (Dist. 12) | Ms. Zahour, Ms. Smith, Ms. Kunkle                                 |                                                                        |
| Breese (Dist. 12)     |                                                                   | Ms. Becker, Ms. Jansen, Ms. Niemeyer                                   |
| Carlisle              | Ms. M. Albers, Ms. J. Albers, Ms. K. Smith, Ms. Lance, Ms. Miller | Ms. Johnson, Ms. B. Smith, Ms. Wademan, Ms. Wreath, Ms. Voss           |
| Damiansville          | Ms. Stiebel                                                       | Ms. Bruggemann                                                         |
| Germantown            | Ms. Peppenhorst                                                   | Ms. Wilken, Ms. Garren                                                 |
| New Baden             | Ms. Haake, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Segelhorst                            |                                                                        |
| North Walmac          | Ms. Holtkamp                                                      | Ms. Tate                                                               |
| St. Rose              | Ms. Brown                                                         | Ms. Cirrincione                                                        |
| Trenton               | Ms. Haag, Ms. Kurtz                                               |                                                                        |
| Trinity Hoffman       | Ms. Redeker                                                       | Ms. Kuper                                                              |
| Wesclin Middle School |                                                                   | Ms. Billhartz, Ms. Boeckmann, Ms. Schnoecker, Ms. Schlimme, Ms. Malone |
| Willow Grove          | Ms. Hodapp                                                        | Ms. Hill                                                               |
| 15 schools            | 26 Classes                                                        | 27 Classes                                                             |

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### Master Showmanship Contest

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

### Parade of Champions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

### Sale of Champions

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

The Parade and Sale of Champions will be held in the Coliseum of Champions.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 | 6:00 PM | JR. LIVESTOCK BARN & OPEN SWINE BARN**

*(Or 30 minutes following the conclusion of ALL Jr. Livestock Shows)*

County Master Showmanship contest winners will showcase their beef cattle, swine, and sheep showmanship skills in an exciting evening of livestock exhibition! The state event will consist of three species contests running simultaneously with a set of judges in each ring. The beef division will be held in the beef ring of the Junior Livestock Barn and the swine and sheep divisions will be in the Open Swine Barn. Top 5 Overall as well as Top 3 Species Division winners will be recognized at the conclusion of the event.



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## Young Leaders donate to local food pantries

The Clinton County Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee recently used funds from their 50/50 drawing during the 2026 Clinton County Annual Meeting to purchase and donate \$600 worth of ground beef to food pantries in Germantown, Trenton and Carlyle. Pictured above with volunteers with the Matthew 25 Food Pantry in Carlyle is Young Leader Member Dylan Guenzburger (on right).



## “Battle of the Brands” Raffle underway

Winners will be announced on September 19 at the Pulling for Agriculture Event

The Clinton County Farm Bureau Young Leaders are igniting some friendly competition with the launch of their “Battle of the Brands” raffle — a unique fundraising effort that combines brand pride,

community support, and a bit of pedal-powered fun. The raffle features three iconic pedal tractors: a John Deere 4440, Massey Ferguson 7720S and a Case IH Magnum - Stars and Stripes.

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**Battle of the Brands**

John Deere 4440, Massey Ferguson 7720S, Case IH Magnum - Stars & Stripes

Proceeds to benefit the Clinton County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship Programs  
\*One of each brand, John Deere, Case IH and Massey Ferguson

Tickets available at the Farm Bureau office or any CCFB Young Leader

Only 400 tickets will be sold at \$10 each, giving participants a chance to win one of these collector-worthy tractors. But it's not just about taking home a prize — it's about brand loyalty.

The tractor brand that sells the most tickets will be crowned fan favorite, and one lucky supporter of that winning brand will receive a \$100 cash prize.

“All proceeds support our Farm

Bureau scholarship program and the Pulling for Agriculture Tractor Pull scheduled for September 19,” said a Young Leader spokesperson.

Tickets are available now at the Clinton County Farm Bureau office in Breese or from any CCFB Young Leader.

Winners — both pedal tractor and cash — will be announced September 19.

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**2026**

**FARMING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION**  
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

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8,500 lb Ltd.  
Pro Stock  
FUHLER TRUCKING



Heavy  
Modified  
WEDEKEMPER'S INC.



11,000 lb  
Pro Farm  
JANSEN FARM EQUIPMENT



Light  
Modified  
COUNTRY FINANCIAL



Pro  
Stock  
METRO AG



9,500 lb  
Pro Farm  
MIDWEST TRACTOR SALES

## "KING OF CLINTON COUNTY" CLASSES & SPONSORS

- 7,500 lb Farm Stock
- 10,500 lb Farm Stock
- 12,500 lb Farm Stock
- 20,000 lb Farm Stock
- 12,500+ (MITTP)
- SIPL 5,500 lb Top Cut
- SIPL 5,500 lb - 10 MPH
- SIPL 12,500 lb - 15 MPH
- SIPL 13,000 lb - 10 MPH
- Multiple Truck Classes
- FACTORY DIESEL • FACTORY GAS • HOT STREET GAS
- SUPER STOCK GAS • WORK STOCK DIESEL



## PLATINUM SPONSORS:



## BRONZE SPONSORS

- 1NB BANK • CLINTON COUNTY CHIROPRACTIC • CLINTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
- EXPRESS LUBE CARLYLE • FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS • FCB BANKS
- GERMANTOWN TRUST & SAVINGS BANK • M & E AUTO BODY • PRAIRIE STATE GENERATING
- THE EQUITY • THE MASCHHOFFS • WILKE TRUCK SERVICE, INC.

## ALL DAY ADMISSION:

\$20 (ages 18+) • \$10 (ages 11-17) 10 & under FREE

Active Clinton CFB member households  
get \$5 ADULT ticket discounts when  
purchased in advance from the  
Farm Bureau office starting September 1.

**FREE  
PARKING**

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE  
FROM COUNTY  
FFA CHAPTERS

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