



ADAMS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

100th
Anniversary

1914 — 2014

Congratulations on 100 years!

We look forward to working together over the next 100 years to provide the quality service that our Farm Bureau members deserve.



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FINANCIAL

FARM BUREAU HAS MADE BIG STRIDES DURING ITS ONE HUNDRED YEARS IN THE COUNTY

Organized in 1914, Adams County Farm Bureau Has Brought Farmers Together

In 1914, the organization of county farm bureaus was first made possible when a bill known as the Smith-Lever act provided federal funds for this purpose. Likewise in Illinois the state legislature made it legal for the county board of supervisors to appropriate funds to the extent of \$5,000 a year to aid in this work. Early in the organization the Bureau sought this aid, but since 1920 it has not been necessary to ask for this assistance.

EARLY HISTORY IN ADAMS COUNTY

To John E. Meatheringham of Camp Point is given the credit for being the first Adams county farmer to catch the vision of the advantage and possibilities to be derived from the Farm Bureau movement. This was due, perhaps, to the inspiration he received from W.G. Eckhardt, the first farm adviser in the state of Illinois, and also a personal friend of Mr. Meatheringham when the two were students at the University of Illinois. The following extract from a paper written by Mr. Meatheringham while the work was news shows clearly that he had caught the vision of what might be accomplished through such a farmers' organization.

"These are some of the reasons why I consider the organization should exist: To avoid losses by misapplication of scientific methods, to render assistance in buying and selling, to avoid undue margins of profit often exacted by middlemen, often locating buyers for what the farmer may have for sale- an organization for efficiency, making the county practically the Adams County Farm Improvement- a means of expressing the mind of the farmer on all matters in which the farmer is concerned, and which he has no other means of expressing effectively."

Mr. Meatheringham first presented his idea for or-

ganizing a Farm Bureau at a session of the Adams County Farmers' Institute, of which he was president, at Camp Point, January, 1914. His audience was so impressed with the suggestion, that a number of the farmers were willing to contribute \$100 a year towards the support of the organization. In June following, a mass meeting of farmers was held in Quincy, when the Adams County Farm Improvement association was formed. Temporary officers were elected and authorized to complete the organization and make arrangements for employing an adviser.

FIRST OFFICERS

H.F. Chittenden, president; J.B. Thomas, vice president; L.G. Hoke, secretary; and A.B. Leeper, treasurer. Sixty members were secured at this time and directors were appointed for each township who were to solicit members in their respective townships.

For the next two years the success of the Adams County Farm Improvement association was due as much to the interest of C.F. Perry, secretary of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce and the banks of the city and county as well as to the efforts of the farmers themselves. The C.B. & Q Railroad also saw that an aggressive agriculture would be to its benefit and contributed \$200 a year to our support. A large number of business firms were also enlisted.

It was not until April 1915, that an adviser was secured. "Farmer" E.W. Rusk of Missouri was selected for the job and proved to be the right man for the place. During the period when farmers were asked to put forth their very best efforts to meet the demands of war, as a place to come for advice and help, the Farm Bureau office was second only to the county exemption board in the minds of the country boys who were drafted, or who enlisted, for service.



**H.F. Chittenden,
1st President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1915-1917**

**D.H. Myers,
2nd President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1918-1930**

**J.E. Meatheringham,
3rd President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1931-1933**

**Frank H. Shriver,
4th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1934-1945**

**Edwin Weber,
5th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1946-1951**

FINANCE HARD PULL

Financing the new organization was ever a hard, up-hill pull. The executive committee met each month to make and outline plans and to pay bills. Each meeting practically exhausted the funds, and it was always a question as to whether there would be enough for the month to come.

"Farmer" Rusk resigned October 1, 1919, to take up other work. F.A. Gougler, another Missourian, was then employed to carry on the work, and time has proven that no mistake was made in this selection.

WORK OF THE FARM ADVISER (Written in 1923)

At first the adviser devoted most of his time to making farm visits to assist members with their various problems; but as membership increased and the demands for his services became so great, it was found that more people could be reached through meetings and demonstrations. However, considerable time is still given to personal assistance through farm visits and consultations in the office.

The aim of the Farm Bureau in its early history was

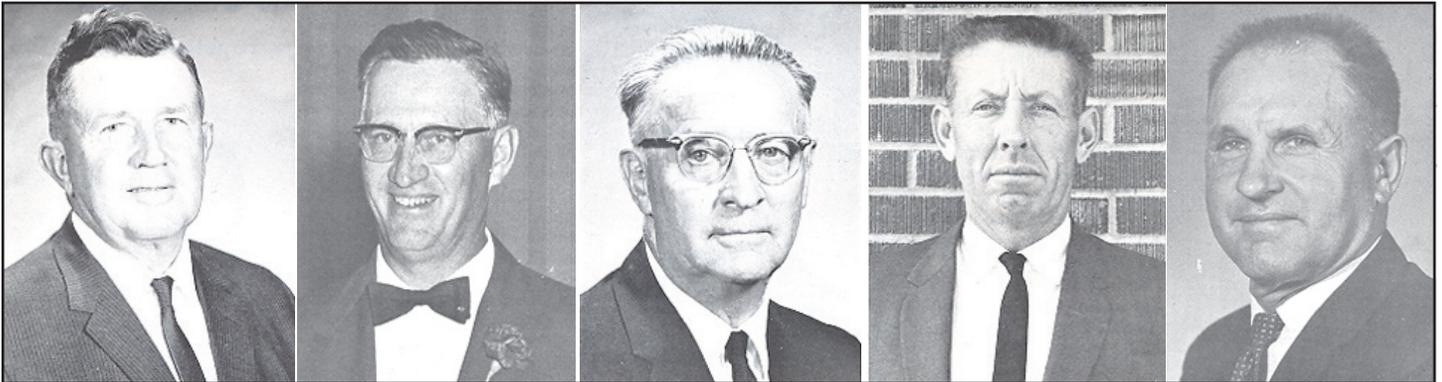
to promote better agricultural method and to improve community life. While these projects still claim the greater part of the adviser's time, he is now giving much service to securing better marketing conditions for farmers.

Co-operative marketing of farm products is at present receiving much attention throughout the county, state and nation as a means of solving the existing economic problems of the farmer. Much has already been accomplished, and the promotion of co-operative marketing will be a part of the Farm Bureau program this year.

A few other projects for the year are: soil improvement; eradication of tuberculosis in dairy herds; better farm seeds; promotion of interest boys and girls in farm life; development of community leadership and interest.

ACHIEVEMENTS (Written in 1923)

Three successful co-operative marketing associations have operated in Adams County: The Adams County Shippers' Association, The Quincy Co-operative Milk Producers' Association, and the Western Illinois Fruit Exchange.



Carson Heitholt,
6th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1952

James Gunn,
7th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1953-1955

Wilmer Cornwell,
8th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1956

Lowell Knox,
9th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1957-1960

Harold Mealiff
10th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1961-1968



Dale Donley,
11th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1969-1973

Dean Sims,
12th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1974-1977

David Duncan,
13th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1978-1981

James Weisenborn,
14th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1982-1985

Randy Sims,
15th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1986-1989

They were organized under the direction of the Farm Bureau. Each of these associations has made outstanding records in its work, and all have been of inestimable service to farmers of the county.

It would be impossible to enumerate the many achievements of the Farm Bureau. Some of the chief accomplishments have been: soil improvement and management by the use of fertilizers; drainage; growing legumes and crop rotation; increasing the numbers of purebred livestock on farms; increasing the use of balanced rations for livestock; controlling insect and diseases of field, garden and orchard crops; and increasing the use of better seeds.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The original Farm Bureau organization was governed by an executive committee of seven men and a board of directors composed of one man from each township. Later a new constitution was adopted which provided for an executive committee of nine men and an agricultural council made up of township or community representatives. In 1920 a change was again made in the committee- it was to consist of four officers and a representative from each of

the twenty-two townships.

Today the Executive Committee consists of the four officers of the Farm Bureau and one other member chosen from the Board of Directors at the organization meeting of the Board following the annual meeting.

Twenty-two presidents have headed the local farm bureau. They were: H.F. Chittenden, 1915-1917; D.H. Myers, 1918-1930; J.E. Meatheringham, 1931-1933; Frank H. Shriver, 1934-1945; Edwin Weber, 1946-1951; Carson Heitholt, 1952; James Gunn, 1953-1955; Wilmer Cornwell, 1956; Lowell Knox, 1957-1960; Harold Mealiff, 1961-1968; Dale Donley, 1969-1973; Dean Sims 1974-1977; David Duncan, 1978-1981; James Weisenborn, 1982-1985; Randy Sims, 1986-1989; Arthur Tenhouse, Sept. 1989; Wilfred Dittmer, 1989-1993; Randy Dickhut, 1993-1999; Gary Speckhart, 1999-2001; John Schmidt, 2001-2007; Terry Smith, 2007-2013; and Rick Edwards, 2014- present.



**Art Tenhouse,
16th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1989**

**Wilfred Dittmer,
17th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1989-1993**

**Randy Dickhut,
18th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1993-1999**

**Gary Speckhart,
19th President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
1999-2001**

**John Schmidt,
20th President
of Adams County
Farm Bureau,
2001-2007**



**Terry Smith,
21st President of
Adams County
Farm Bureau,
2007-2013**

**Rick Edwards,
22nd President
of Adams County
Farm Bureau,
2013- Present**

WHY JOIN THE FARM BUREAU?

By A.R. Waite, Written in 1923

Why organize?

Why better yourself? Why not discard your horses for oxen, throw away your steel plow for one of wood? Why not live as they did in old King Tut's time-3000 years B.C..? Hoe the ground down after it has been plowed with a crooked stick? Or be a shepherd and let the sheep trample your grain in Mother Earth? True enough, you could exist, many good men did, but would you? Don't your horses require feed? Doesn't your steel plow require sharpening? But, you willingly paid these additional expenses because you are about to produce more corn and wheat.

True to American efforts, you have organized your productive machines in the past few years and produced and over-produced. But what are you going to do with this over-production? Can the law of supply and demand take care of it? What does the manufacturer do with his over-production? He markets it. Perhaps you have thought little about this. You have evaded this vital question and let the other fellow speculate.

Organization has kept the wheels of industry turning for the past hundred years. More than that, organized efforts have brought about the cheap productive costs to the manufacturer. Why won't it work for you? It will. Already in Denmark, which, until recently has been considered backward, it has brought about an economic change through organized marketing whereby a man can rear a large family from the income off ten acres.

The Farm Bureau has sponsored co-operative Live Stock Shipping association, which has saved the farmers thousands of dollars; co-operative Fruit Exchanges, and co-operative Poultry and Egg Shipping associations.

Like any other organization, the Farm Bureau requires "feed" to survive. But it has saved you money. You are not willing to turn the calendar back 5000 years because of the feed a horse requires, and the upkeep of modern machinery - **they save you money.**

Then, since the Farm Bureau has saved you money, and it now is in a better position than ever before to make you money through organized marketing, are you willing to cast it aside because of the "feed" it requires in the way of dues, and turn the Farm Bureau calendar back 5000 years?

Onward, Farm Bureau!

Membership

It is interesting to note records indicate that in 1917 the total membership was 289 each paying a yearly dues of \$10. By 1923 there were 1,660 members of the Adams County Farm Bureau and dues had been increased to \$15, the additional \$5 was to finance the Illinois Agricultural Association and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

In 1964 we had 2,228 members who paid \$25 a year; \$8 of which went to the Illinois Agricultural Association and \$1 to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Today we have 5,540 total members of which 1,681 are farmer members who pay \$50 a year dues; \$19 of which goes to the Illinois Agricultural Association and \$4 finances the American Farm Bureau Federation.



Fall Round Up Committee
D.H. Myers Farm, 1916

Farm Bureau History by Wilfred Dittmer

Written for the 75th Anniversary book

Farm Bureau in Adams County has its roots dated back to June 3, 1914 when the first Adams County Soil Improvement Association was tentatively organized by a mass meeting of farmers held in the Quincy Chamber of Commerce Building, at which meeting the following officers were elected: President- H.F. Chittenden; Vice President- J.B. Thomas; Secretary- L.G. Hoke; Treasurer- A. B. Leyser.

This organization was started for the betterment of agriculture, which eventually extended into many new fields. The improvement of agriculture covered a multitude of activities from better seed selection, to better fertility, to soil conservation, crop rotation, co-operative purchasing, co-operative selling, a voice in government, and the list goes on.

By 1915, several counties in the state had organized under various names. Of the first ten counties, four were named Soil and Crop Improvement Association, two Soil Improvement Associations, two Agricultural Improvement Associations, and two were named Farm Bureau. So in January 1916, a state organization meeting was called and all interested counties invited. This was to be the meeting of the Illinois State Association of County Agriculturists because each County Organization had by this time employed their own "Farm Advisor", a well qualified and educated man to "advise" farmers on the newest techniques available at that time. The enthusiasm moved swiftly at this meeting to form a state organization. A committee of farmers was appointed to consider a state association with the Farm Advisors being available for consultation only, and to report back at a later date. This was very soon amended to report back that same evening. At the appointed time, the committee reported to the entire group which got right down to work, adopted the name Illinois Agricultural Association, and set the annual dues for each county at \$100.00. A President and Secretary were elected and instructed to go ahead and "perfect" the organization.

Thus was set in motion the mightiest force that had ever appeared in Illinois Agriculture. It was to bring profound changes for all farmers in Illinois.

Farm papers were enthusiastic. Who can foretell the power of such an organization of leading farmers of the state with hearts set on rural betterment, and with selfish interests far in the background.

Prairie Farmer Magazine commented "The work of organizing was done by the officers and representatives of the local association with the help of the County Advisors. It is planned to make the Illinois Agricultural Association a strong, statewide organization that will have the strength and the purpose to work for the interests of Illinois farmers in every possible way. There has been a great need for such an association in Illinois and farmer interest has suffered for lack of it. One of the most powerful effects of this association will be its wholesome influence on Illinois politics. While it will not be partisan in any sense, it will stand for better and more businesslike state government. Farmers can and will accomplish almost anything by working together."

The wheels continued to roll swiftly. On March 15, 1916, a meeting to 'perfect' the organization was held at the court house in Ottawa. A Constitution and set of by-laws were adopted, new permanent officers elected, and representatives of thirteen County Associations signed up as members of the State Organization. Adams was one of the original thirteen counties. Adams later dropped their state membership because of lack of funds but were re-affiliated at a later date.

Adams County owes much credit to its growth to one of the original organizers of a state organization, namely Samuel H. Thompson, an Adams County native. He had been a member of the Executive Committee and at the seventh Annual Meeting of the I.A.A. in Springfield in 1922, he was elected State Vice President. A very qualified man having been elected to the Illinois General Assembly in 1916, he had rendered valiant service to agriculture in the State Legislature and he knew precinct politics. The Association continued to thrive and at the next (eighth) Annual Meeting of the I.A.A. in Chicago in January of 1923, Vice President Samuel H. Thompson was elected President.



Leadership at the State Level

The Adams County Farm Bureau has been well represented throughout the years on the Illinois Farm Bureau board of directors. Adams County is part of District 9 which encompasses Adams, Brown, Hancock, McDonough, Pike and Schuyler counties. M. Ray Ihrig served on the Board of Directors from 1933-1940.



Lowell Knox served on the state board from 1974- 1981

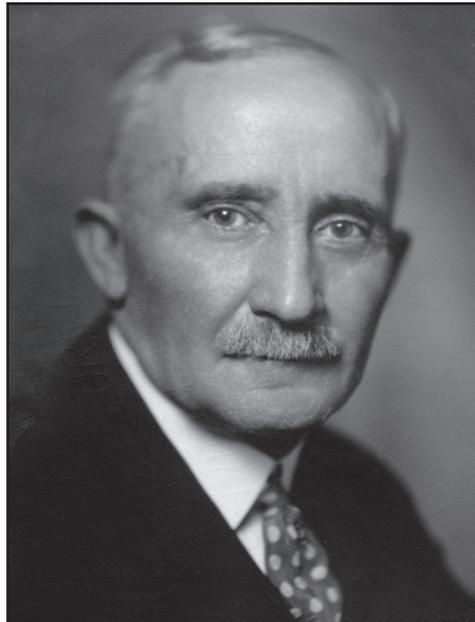


Randy Sims served on the state board from 1993 - 2003



Gary Speckhart is currently serving his first term elected in 2013

Leadership at the National Level



**S.H. Thompson:
1921, Board of Directors,
1922, Vice President of IAA
1923-1925, President of IAA**

Young Farmers History

The Young Farmers Committee was started in 1969. The charter members to this group consisted of : Dave Duncan, Dean Dedert, Larry Jenkins, Larry Loos, Steve Kaiser, and Wendell Wray. Accomplishments of this group include the starting of a chemical can pickup program in 1977 and the organization of a hazardous waste pickup program in 1988. They have continued to be active in the 1990's and beyond helping with used tire collections and various FFA activities. The group also designed a pedal tractor sled which is the highlight for many kids at the Fair and other picnic events throughout the county.

Throughout its history, Adams County has been honored to have several of its young farmers represent IFB District 9 on the state committee: Dave Duncan 70-73, Alan

Tenhouse 78-79, Art Tenhouse 79-81, Randy Dickhut 85-89 and Chairman of state committee in 1989. Erin Musick 94-97 and Paul Musick 97-01.

Records indicate that in 1978 a full voting board seat was established for the Young Farmer county chairman, they are as follows:

Alan Tenhouse	1978
Phil Kock	1979 - 1980
David Dickhut	1981 - 1982
Randy Dickhut	1983 - 1984
David Dedert	1985 - 1989
Terry Woodward	1989 - 1992
Martha Nall	1992 - 1993
Joe Althoff	1994 - 1996
Matt Grimes	1997 - 2003
Ryan Rabe	2004 - 2007
Ryan Meyer	2008 - 2011
Adam Kestner	2012 - 2014
Justin Oberling	present



Erin and Paul Musick of Golden, IL. (circa 1994) on a Young Farmers Tour of Southern Agriculture in Louisiana.



Mike and Martha Nall at the Dixon Springs, U of I Experiment Station on Young Farmers Tour, 1993.



A young puller struggles to pull the sled during the Kiddie Pedal Pull sponsored by the Adams County Farm Bureau Young Farmers at the Fair.

Women's Committee

Starting in 1978 the Women's Committee chairman served on the board of directors. This was in place until the county women's committee disbanded in 1992, a year before the State women's committee was dissolved. After this time, women have served on our board of directors as a district director throughout the years.

The women's committee was a very integral part of the program of work for the county Farm Bureau. They put on commodity promotions at the grocery stores, held safety programs in the county, numerous contest and activities promoting farming within the community. The committee was always sell represented at the State Women's committee Conferences. Following is a list of Women's Committee Chairman that were also on the Farm Bureau board of directors:

Marjorie Robertson	1978 – 1981
Aleen Mittelburg	1981 -- 1984
Margaret Allison	1984 -- 1985
Jane Dedert	1985 – 1987
Marjorie Robertson	1988 – 1991

Mrs. Theodore Reich (Vickie) from Liberty, IL served on the State Women's Committee from 1965-1976. Mrs. Roy Sharrow (Beulah) from Golden, IL served on State Women's Committee from 1958-1962.

Dorothy Musick was very active in the Women's committee and also served on the State Women's committee. There was many more women's committee Chairman throughout the years and women who made a viable contribution to the success of this organization. Unfortunately the records for such information and time constraints did not allow for anymore information than what is available on this page.



Left to right: Mrs. Theodore Reich, Liberty, Illinois Farm Bureau Women's Committee member; Mrs. Darvin Musick, LaPrairie; and Mrs. James Weisenborn, Rt. 3, Quincy attend the 1975 Illinois Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Conference in Peoria.

Left to right: Mrs. Theodore Reich, Liberty, Illinois Farm Bureau Women's Committee member; Mrs. Darvin Musick, Augusta; and Mrs. Raymond Dodd, Quincy attend the 1976 Illinois Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Conference in Springfield.



Legislative Activities

The Legislative Committee has always been one of the most active committees with the Adams County Farm Bureau. For years the Vice Presidents serves as Legislative Chairman.

Communicating with our elected officials at the state and national levels is still a high priority. We continue to evolve in the way we communicate with our elected officials. Letters were replaced with faxes which have been replaced with emails. The phone call is still an effective way to get our message out to our elected officials on issues that are important to agriculture. Taking trips to Springfield and D.C. to meet with them on their own turf has become a common plan of work for this committee.

The Illinois Farm Bureau started a program over 10 years ago connecting downstate county Farm Bureau's with "adopted" legislators in the Chicago area to relate to them about agricultural issues which should help them in the decision making on rural oriented bills. Adams County was signed up for this program and has been participating over the past 10 years. State Representative John D'Amico of the 15th District in Chicago is our county's adopted legislator. We have been up to his district for a tour and lunch with the Representative on several occasions as well as inviting him to dinner with our county while at the IAA meeting in Chicago. This is a successful program in the state to help spread the word about agriculture to those making the decisions in Springfield.

For the past 16 years we have taken a group of Farm Bureau leaders to Washington D.C. every other year to meet with elected officials, departmental agencies, Embassies, and educational tours including the White House, Monuments, Arlington Cemetery, and the FBI headquarters.



1999



2001



2009



2013

LAWMAKERS VISIT FARMERS

City Legislators Tour Adams County Farms

At the Illinois Agricultural Association annual meeting last November, State Representative Paul F. D'Amico, a Chicago lawyer, indicated that city legislators would welcome an opportunity to visit downstate farms to see firsthand some of the day-to-day challenges facing Illinois farmers.

Kath L. Willey, farm editor of The Quincy Herald-Herald, heard D'Amico's remarks and followed up on the idea by organizing a tour of farms near Quincy for city legislators on March 5. Willey's letter of invitation to the legislators emphasized that "we are not bringing you here to do any fundraising; we have nothing to sell... our only purpose is to try and promote a greater understanding between urban and rural philosophy, problems, and life in general."

As a result, seven state representatives from Chicago, one from Quincy, and one from Jacksonville spent the entire day visiting farms in Adams County. They met and talked with farm people, viewed modern and traditional farming methods, and even drove licensed farm machinery.

The agenda featured activities on three farms: beef, hog, and dairy operations—each offered considerably from each other as to size, buildings, and machinery types.

At the first farm, members of the Russell Martin family told how their size and effort is involved in raising beef cattle. At the second farm, FS Services President, Mike Sim and his brother, Steve, who farm in partnership, told how they produce 1,200 hogs a year. They demonstrated grain drying and handling equipment and discussed the importance of farm cooperatives and how much capital investment is required in commercial farms today.

The third stop was the Richard Scullin dairy farm where legislators saw latest milking facilities and learned about artificial breeding.

The response of the legislators, Rep. D'Amico, a Democrat and former majority whip, made these comments that were typical:

"This has been one of the most productive days of my whole life. In 40 years, I don't think I had so much fun as I've spent on a farm. I had no idea what was involved in a typical farming operation. These are important businesses, much more complicated than the nostalgic farms shown in the movies. These farms are operated by serious, intelligent people... the kind of people who would be successful in business in the city."

Merlin Morris, right, answers some practical questions on beef production asked by Rep. Paul F. D'Amico, Chicago.

The tour started at the Russell Martin farm where hogs and pastured Hereford cattle make up the livestock enterprise.

In the driver's seat of a self-propelled combine is Rep. Robert F. McPhee, Chicago. At right is Merlin Sim, FS Services president, who served as one of the hosts.

Reopening the day's events, farm editor Kath L. Willey, farm editor of The Quincy Herald-Herald, dairy farmer Donald and Richard Scullin, and Rep. Paul F. D'Amico.

At mid-day, each legislator was invited to a farm home for a "typical farm dinner." Frank Sim, Mr. and Mrs. Willey Scullin, and Rep. D'Amico are shown at Quincy, Mrs. Scullin is a granddaughter of the late General H. Thompson, an early leader of Illinois Farm Bureau.

Public Relations

The Adams County Farm Bureau is fortunate to be located in the media center for the area with a daily newspaper, 2 TV stations and a variety of radio stations. The county Farm Bureau also publishes an eight page newspaper delivered once a month to all 5,500 members in Adams County.

During the 1990's Adams County joined forces with all the Farm Bureaus in the TV market reaching out to Missouri and Iowa to create Tri-State Ag. We pool our money and then have the state Farm Bureaus match the donations from the counties and place agricultural advertising on both TV stations during the newscast at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. We try and reach out to the non-farm consumer to tell the positive story of agriculture. This has been an extremely successful venture and continues today.

The County Farm Bureau has also developed a facebook page at www.facebook.com/adamscountyfarmbureau. This is only the beginning of how we will communicate in the future with our members. Currently we email out grain bids to over 100 members each afternoon, this was preceded by the farm data units that farmers subscribed to

in order to get up to date market information. This was also preceded by the market lines that you could call in on to hear a prerecording of that days markets.

A new initiative that we started, patterned after the Illinois Farm Bureau's Illinois Farm Families program, is designed to educate today's consumer. Western Illinois farm families likes to introduce consumers to the people who grow food. Farming looks different today – and many wonder how it all works. We're opening our doors to give non farming consumers a look at who we are, what we do and how we grow food for all our families. We host groups of moms from the Quincy area (we call them Field Moms) on our farms. They bring along their cameras and notepads and share with you, right here on WatchUsGrow.org, what they see, hear and learn on the farm. Host farmers in the District 9 area open their doors and share what's happening on their farms; planting, animal agriculture and all the way through to harvest. If you know a mom interested in visiting one of our farms, or if you'd rather just follow the Field Moms as they explore our farms, you can watch what happens on WatchUsGrow.org.



Growing your food with care.

www.watchusgrow.org

Adams County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION

History of the Adams County Farm Bureau Foundation

The Adams County Farm Bureau Foundation was established in 2006 by the Adams County Farm Bureau. The Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation organized to promote agriculture in Adams County. The mission statement of the Foundation is "to carry out charitable, literary and educational work that benefits Adams County farm families and agriculture."

Goals: Provide scholarships to persons studying agriculture and related fields; Support Ag in the Classroom which helps to educate the youth in Adams County about agriculture; Promote, fund, and conduct seminars and schools for educational and scientific leadership purposes in the field of agriculture.

The board of directors of the Adams County Farm Bureau also serves as the board of directors on the Foundation board. We have been fortunate to be able to fund the foundation on member donations through our dues collection process. Each year we raise around \$7,000 from our membership. Memorial donations have also played a key role in funding our foundation. The foundation also solicits many grants and donations from various agricultural companies and community groups with like minded goals.

To date we have awarded \$36,000 to local students in the form of scholarships to assist them in attaining the goal of higher education. The following is a current list of those past winners.

Past Scholarship Winners

2008: Angela Mckittrick, Jacob Kircher, Laura Genebacher, Denise Donley

2009: Angela Mckittrick, Bryan Schullian, Kelsey Martin, Jenna Weitnauer, Adam Tallcott

2010: Alexea Neisen, Sarah Sprague, Katherine Parker, Denise Donley, Adam Talcott

2011: Grant Dempsey, Greg Kirlin, Brittany Speckhart, Alexia Neisen, Sarah Sprague

2012: Joseph Ehrhardt, Mackenzie Buyck, Matthew Duesterhaus, Katherine Parker, Deanne Donley

2013: Mackenzie Buyck, Matthew Duesterhaus, Gabriella Dempsey, Andrew Doyle, Logan Simon

The Foundation board decided to offer a summer intern program to enhance the Ag in the Classroom programming by assisting Sharon Knorr in summer ag institutes, preparation for the upcoming school year and also assisting with 4-H duties especially during fair time. The board also wanted to give area students hands on experience in a field of study they were interested in so that they could gain valuable experience while still in college.

Following is a current listing of the past interns that have been involved with the program over the past summers. This internship is based on approximately 300 hours of service totally approximately \$2,500 in salary over a ten week period of the summer.

Summer Internship winners

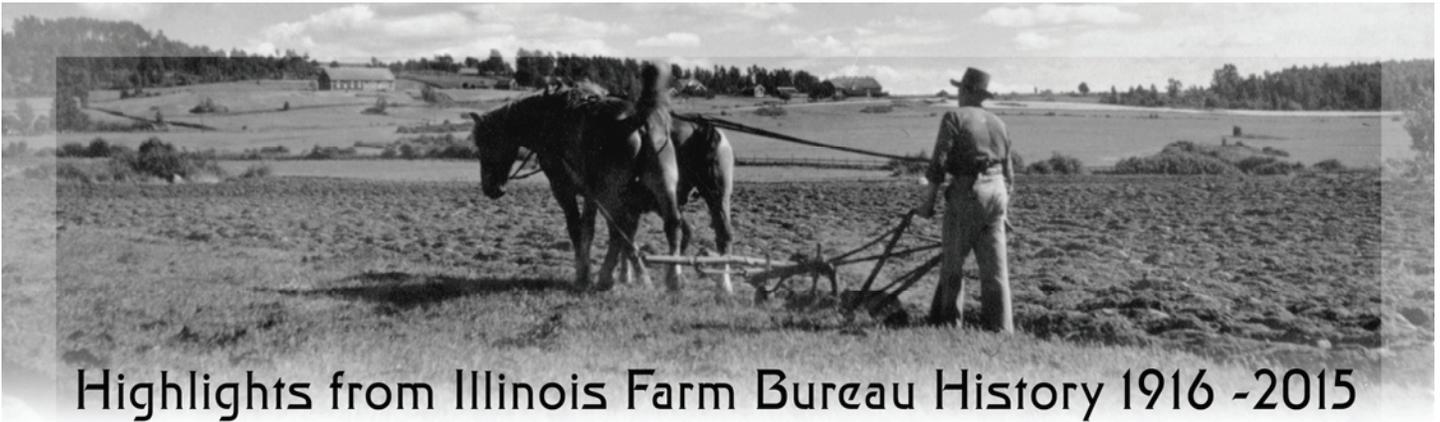
2009: Lynn Neisen

2010: Rachel Shriver

2011: Deanne Donley

2012: Jamie Ellerbrock

2013: Jamie Ellerbrock



Highlights from Illinois Farm Bureau History 1916 -2015

Agricultural Adjustment Act — Throughout the 1920s the IAA and the American Farm Bureau Federation advocated an effective national farm program to address shrinking foreign markets, over production, and depressed prices for farmer's product. In 1933, one of the first New Deal responses to the Depression was the Agricultural Adjustment Act (A.A.A.), and an important administrator was former IAA Executive, Chester Davis.

Illinois Pure Seed Act — The first major legislative victory of the IAA in 1920 after its incorporation was passage of the Pure Seed Act. After this law was enacted, seed manufacturers and dealers were required to meet standards of quality and consistency which assisted farmers in increasing yields.

Formation of the IAA — Representatives of 13 county agricultural associations (four of which were named, at that time "Farm Bureau") formed a federation called the Illinois Agricultural Association on March 16, 1916, to represent members in Springfield. In 1919, the federation of county agricultural associations was ended and individual farmers became members of the IAA.

Constitution's Gateway Amendment — From 1870 until 1951 it was virtually impossible to change the Illinois Constitution. Change in the Constitution was deemed necessary to reduce reliance of the State on property taxes. In 1951, the IAA led the reform movement to amend the Constitution making it easier for citizens to change this document.

Defeat of Sales Tax Extension — In an effort to obtain more revenue for the State of Illinois, The Illinois Department of Finance announced that the state sales tax applied to sales of breeding livestock and livestock feed. In a campaign led by the IAA, this expensive tax was defeated in 1941.

IAA Leadership in Changing How Illinois Finances Education — From 1940 on, one of the earliest and continuing projects of IAA is the support of quality public education funded in a fair and equitable manner. Support of the first income tax in the late 1960s and the successful drive for the adoption of the new Constitution in 1971 were important steps to attain the goal CHIEF (Changing How Illinois Education is Financed), begun in 1988, is an additional step.

Grain Embargoes — Fifty Illinois farmers, along with other farmers from throughout the U.S., made a successful trip to Washington, D.C. in 1975 in response to the need for personal contacts with Congress to lift price-lowering embargoes. Thousands of Illinois farmers also wrote letters to Congress. These efforts helped put an end to unnecessary embargoes.

Launch of RFD Illinois — Formation of a statewide radio network in 1967 ensured quantity and quality farm news and reports on state and national affairs of interest to farmers. This network supplemented services being reduced by commercial broadcasters.

First IAA Trade Mission — In an effort to increase markets for Illinois grain, President Kuhfuss led a delegation to England in 1964. Freshly picked sweet corn was delivered fresh to London. Governor Kerner said, "I commend the Illinois Agricultural Association for what it has done in the field of increasing Illinois exports."

IAA Building in Bloomington — Following Voting Delegate direction to locate IAA headquarters in the middle of the part of Illinois (1958) in 1961 the IAA headquarters moved from its offices at 43 East Ohio Street in Chicago to its newly constructed building in Bloomington.

"Freedom to Farm" — In a time of shrinking budgets and increased bureaucracy, the IAA with other farm groups led the effort for a new farm program in 1996. The resultant Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform ("FAIR") Act was a new concept on government's approach to agriculture.

Ethanol — Faced with opposition to Ethanol use (which competes with petroleum-based methanol) from the major oil companies in 1986, the IAA and other farm commodity groups publicized the advantages of Ethanol. Work was begun on Federal Environmental Regulations that would encourage the use of Ethanol.

Farmland Assessment Law — Inflation, court ordered reassessments, and valuation based on sales price of farmland were raising real property taxes toward \$60 per acre, per year. On direction of the IAA delegates, the IAA undertook a successful campaign to have farmland assessed on its productivity as farmland (income generation) rather than sales value. This effort led to the passage of the Farmland Assessment Act in 1977.

Public Outreach and Education — The Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) Program expanded significantly during the 1990s. More students and teachers than ever before have learned about the importance of agriculture in their everyday lives. Through the IAA Foundation and Campaign AITC hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions helped reach impressionable young minds, and those accomplishments continue.

Educating millions about agriculture became possible when IFB and county Farm Bureaus partnered in 2000 with Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry to build and fund a \$2.3 million agricultural display — "The Farm."



FINANCIAL

COUNTRY Life and COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Companies are owned and controlled by the Illinois Agricultural Association and by Farm Bureau members in Illinois. These are companies that were started and continue to be controlled by the farmers themselves. The insurance program in Adams County has been managed by nine individuals who have served as Agency Managers since these companies began writing insurance in our county. These nine individuals are:

J.C. McClean	4/08/1929 - 7/01/1933
C. E. Sharrow	7/01/1933 - 2/09/1937
Harvey McNaughton	2/10/1937 - 12/31/1961
Sheldon Dornink	1/01/1962 - 2/01/1964
Sylviere DeSutter	2/01/1964 - 9/30/1984
Michael Still	10/01/1984-7/31/1989
Robert Hintz	8/01/1989 - 4/30/1994
William Burlend	5/01/1994 - 6/30/2013
Shahna Magee	7/01/2013 - Present

It has been through the efforts and direction of these individuals, the cooperation of the various boards of directors and the membership in general, that the insurance programs are being further in the county.

In January 2013, A.M. Best, the independent industry rating company, affirmed A+ Superior ratings for property/casualty and life/health companies within COUNTRY.

The evaluation was based on financial strength, operating performance and market profile. The rating serves as a benchmark for comparing stability of insurers.

COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company and COUNTRY Life Insurance Company have been included in Best's highest rating category for more than 75 consecutive years.

Through the first half of 2013, COUNTRY Mutual insured more than 48,275 Illinois farms.

More than 16,900 farm policies qualified for the multi-policy discount, saving Illinois farmers about \$4 million in annual insurance premiums.

COUNTRY Mutual provided Crop Hail coverage through August 2013 to more than 3.2 million acres in Illinois, representing about \$2.1 billion in coverage.

As of June 30, 2013, COUNTRY had received 817 Crop Hail claims and \$307,000 in claims has been paid to date.

COUNTRY Life Insurance Company and COUNTRY Investors Life Assurance Company issued \$3.4 billion in individual life insurance through June 30, 2013, and paid more than \$82 million in death benefits. The two companies had more than \$35.8 billion in force in Illinois and more than \$67.7 billion in force in the United States.

Assets under management of COUNTRY Trust grew by \$458 million from \$2.3 billion in June 2012 to \$2.8 billion in June of 2013.

COUNTRY Trust services are available through COUNTRY Investment Solutions Representatives. Those Representatives include; Fred Witte, Gerald Rolves, Doug Greenwell, Robert Kroencke, Jeff Kroencke, Rich Mealiff, Julie McAllister, Eric Ervin, and Noi Sonethongkham.

Our agency force continues to strive to meet our client's needs. We believe that there are three kinds of service your Representative should deliver; advising you on the coverage that best meets your individual need, following through to make sure that your insurance program keeps up to date with your changing lifestyle through our Financial Reviews, and assisting you with any claims. We look forward to providing the quality service that our Farm Bureau members deserve.

The Adams County Agency staff includes; Shahna Magee as Agency Manager and Tammy Rees as her Agency Office Assistant. Our Financial Representatives include; Fred Witte, Doug Greenwell, Robert Hultz, Jeff Kroencke, Eric Ervin and Noi Sonethongkham in Quincy, Gerald Rolves in Camp Point and Robert Kroencke in Liberty. Richard Fessler has his office in Payson, Rich Mealiff is in Mendon and Julie McAllister has her office in Ursa.

We thank you for the privilege of serving you and will strive to continue to provide you improved service and products in the future.

IN HONOR OF PAST AND PRESENT

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS

Adams County Farm Improvement Association - June 3, 1914 - September 7, 1918

Adams County Farm Bureau - September 7, 1918

BEVERLY

Wm. Funk, 1915-1919; Vacant, 1920; Geo. A Hendricks, 1921-1923; Russell Waters, 1924-1926; Wm. Funk, 1927-1933; Vacant, 1934; Russell Waters, 1955; Vacant, 1956; Russell Waters, 1957-1970; Marvin Hull, 1971-1982; Dale Loos, 1983-1984; Marvin Hull, 1985-2002

BURTON

Geo. C. Dean, 1915-1920; L.D. Weisenberger, 1921-1924; Henry Spangler, 1925-1932; Geo. Doole, 1933-1934; Adolph Hillebrenner, 1935; Ray Sims, 1936-1937; Earl Sims, 1938-1942; Elmo Pierce, 1943; Ralph Geisel, 1944-1948; Delbert Cutforth, 1949-1952; Clinton Henry, 1953; Geo. Doole, 1954-1958; Theo. Reich, 1959-1969; C. Richard Baker, 1970-1979; Randy Sims, 1980-1981; Arthur Tenhouse, 1982-1985; Roger Genenbacher, 1986-1987; Gary Baker, 1988-1995; Dan Hugenberg, 1994-2013; Chris Ehrhardt, 1993-2000; Mike Sorrill, 2003-present; Ben Hugenberg, 2013-present

CAMP POINT

L.G. Hoke, 1915-1919; Henry Bastert, 1920; Alex Thompson, 1921; Zelma Morton, 1922-1924; Wm. Steiner, 1925; Vacant, 1926; Harold Farlow, 1927; Glen Sickles, 1928; Harry Bruns, 1929-1930; Lee Rhea, 1931-1932; F.A. Bastert, 1933-1938; Robert McClintock, 1939-1947; W.Z. Morton, 1948-1955; Geo. McClintock, 1956-1958; Walter Leenerts, 1959-1960; Lee Farlow, 1961-1964; Roy Perry, 1965-1966; Max Dickhut, 1967-1986; Randy Dickhut, 1983-1999; Randy Dickhut, 1987-1989; Gary Evans, 1990-1996; Ann Hunsaker, 1993-1995; Dean Moore, 1994-1996; Eric Cassens, 1993-1998; Jim Lewis, 2000-2001; Adam Kestner, 2011-2014; Jon Myers, 2004-present

CLAYTON

Russell Davis, 1915-1919; J.E. Meatheringham, 1920; J.L. McMurry, 1921-1924; J. E. Meatheringham, 1926-1930; J. L. McMurry, 1931-1937; Harry Bowman, 1938-1953; Roscoe Bennett, 1954-1955; Earl Higley, 1956; Victor Bowman, 1957-1959; Vacant, 1960; Robert Carstens, 1961-1965; Gail Smith, 1966-1973; Rudolph Miller, 1974-1981; Melvin Ihnen, 1982-1993; Paul Musick, 1993-2003; Pam Lefferinghouse, 1995-1999; Sam Markert, 1996-2004; Herb Eidson, 2001-2005; John Heinecke, 2001-2002; Steve Moore, 2003-2005; John Brady, 2008- present

COLUMBUS

P.J. Deege, 1915-1919; J.B.Thomas, 1920; W.G.Koch, 1921; P.J. Deege, 1922-1923; Jacob Muder, 1924-1925; H.F. Brackensiek, 1926; Jacob Muder, 1927; Albert Wilkey, 1928; Jacob Muder, 1929-1946; Ralph Helmreich, 1947-1950; Lester Hussong, 1951-1952; Howard Nall, 1953; Merle Koch, 1954-1955; Donald Muder, 1956-1957; Howard Nall, 1958; Russell Vollbracht, 1959; Ray Callahan, 1960; Edward Dittmer, 1961-1965; Elmer Humke, 1966-1979; James Callahan,

1980-1981; Warren Loos, 1982-1985; Bruce Linnemeyer, 1986-1993; David DeMoss, 2002-2012

CONCORD

Vacant, 1915-1920; J. Floetman, 1921; Chipman Ratcliffe, 1922-1923; Chas Gamm, 1924-1926; Vacant, 1927; Geo. Vollbracht, 1928-1929; Omer Kestner, 1930; Geo. Vollbracht, 1931-1935; John Vollbracht, 1936-1939; Loren Kestner, 1940; Ralph Hanke, 1941-1954; Ed Niekamp, 1955-1956; Dale Walker, 1957; Russell Seibel, 1958-1959; Loren Kestner, 1960-1982; Terry G. Smith, 1983-1988; Roger Sharrow, 1989-1994; Terry Smith, 1996-2013

ELLINGTON

L.F. Alison, 1915-1919; Geo Wissman, 1920; L.F. Alison, 1921-1924; Ed Wittler, 1925-1933; Willis Seward, 1934-1943; Ray Thyson, 1944-1959; L.A. Carolan, 1960-1967; James Weisenborn, 1976-1977; Dean Dedert, 1978-1983; Alan Drebes, 1984-2009; Jane Dedert, 1991-1995; Carolyn Dedert, 1996-1998

FALL CREEK

C.H. Rankin, 1915-1920; Geo. Spencer, 1921; C.A. Kaiser, 1922-1925; Fred Schnellbecher, 1926-1939; Oren Lawrence, 1940-1942; C.A. Kaiser, 1943-1950; Carson Heitholt, 1951; Marion Kaiser, 1952-1956; Keith Robertson, 1957-1959; Edwin Speckhart, 1960-1975; Steven Kaiser, 1976-1981; Gary Speckhart, 1982-1989; Stuart Kaiser, 1990-1991; Bill Speckhart, 1991-2001; Gary Speckhart, 1994- present; Brent Speckhart, 2001-2007; Rick Edwards, 2007- present;Shane Miller, 2013- present

GILMER

J.W. Henry, 1915-1919, S.H. Thompson, 1920; Wilbur Myer, 1921-1923; Roy Myers, 1924; John M. Longlett, 1925-1932; Louis Durst, 1933-1934; Ray Thompson, 1935-1937; Walter Hillenbrenner, 1938-1941; A.F. Richards 1942-1951; Dan McFarland, 1952-1954; Carl Wilkey, 1955-1957; Albert Sorrill, 1958-1961; Harold Reinebach, 1962-1967; William Duncan, 1968-1978; Wilfred Dittmer, 1979-1989; Dan Schullian, 1990-1994

HONEY CREEK

C.M. Henry, 1915-1919; W.B. Lawless, 1920; John Grisby, 1921; C.M. Henry 1922-19523; Henry Reuschel, 1924; J.H. Morton, 1925-1930; Henry Reuschel, 1931-1932; Elmer Cornwell, 1933; Lawrence Hyer, 1934-1938; Ralph Morton, 1939-1940; Robert Hunter, 1941; Ralph Morton, 1942-1955; Donald Mealiff, 1956-1962; Clyde Elston, 1963-1965; Walter Heubner, 1966-1967; Lowell Tenhouse, 1968-1977; Robert W. Bastert, 1978-1983; Loyd Tenhouse, 1984-1999; R. Wm. Schafer, 1990-1998; Louis Janssen, 2007- present; Brandon Niekamp, 2012-2014

HOUSTON

W.A. Taylor, 1915; T.S. Carlin, 1916-1917; W.A. Taylor, 1918-1919; Vacant, 1920; H.F. McGinnis, 1921; Ray Leach, 1922-1927; Ray Ihrig, 1928-1930; Ray Sharrow, 1931-1941; Ray Ihrig, 1942-1947; James Gunn, 1948-1952; Lowell Knox, 1953-1956; Russell Wallace, 1957-1959; Hubert Sharrow, 1960-1973; George Reuschel, 1974-1981; Lyle Waner, 1982-

1991; Karl Aden, 1996-2010; Brad Cassens, 2005- present; Andrew Flesner, 2012- present

KEENE

E.P. Poling, 1916-1917; C.T. Aaron, 1918; Anderson Donley, 1919-1920; L.I. Randle, 1921-1925; Anderson Donley, 1926-1936; Roy Arnold, 1937-1938; John Mealiff, 1939-1946; James Gunn, 1947; Albert Arnsman, 1948-1954; Harold Mealiff, 1955-1960; Rolland Wittler, 1961-1967; Gilbert Bottorff, 1968-1974; Gerald Tenhouse, 1975-1978; Donald Wittler, 1979-1988; Bernie Woodworth, 1989-1992; Darwin Carol, 1999-2000; Gary Donley, 1999-2011

LIBERTY

G.W. Zehender, 1915-1919; C.O. Frey, 1920; Clifford Lierly, 1921-1924; Scott Wheeler, 1925-1927; Vacant, 1928; Fred Simon, 1929-1930; Henry Vollmer, 1931-1936; Leonard Hyer, 1937-1938; Milton Hofmeister, 1939-1941; Dewey B. Cave, 1942-1945; Henry Wiewel, 1946-1947; Philip Balsler, 1948-1954; Walter Wiewel, 1955-1957; Melvin Henning, 1958-1960; Philip Balsler, 1961; Merle Longlett, 1962-1965; Forest Baucom, 1966-1969; Gary Tenhouse, 1970-1972; Louis Vollmer, 1973-1974; Merle Longlett, 1975-1982; Dale Tenhouse, 1983-1984; Robert Hyer, 1985-1994; Jeff Tenhouse, 1995-2003; Ryan Meyer, 2007- present; Ron Cramsey, 2005-present

LIMA

A.B. Leeper, 1915-1920; A.E. Waite, 1921-1931; Vacant, 1932-1933; Raymond Leeper, 1934-1938; Fred Keene, 1939-1942; Albert Vinson, 1943-1946; Sydney Lubker, 1947-1950; Maurice Conover, 1951-1953; Leslie Knox, 1954-1956; L.E. Asher, 1957-1959; Norman McAllister, 1960-1965; Paul Stratton, 1966-1967; Otis Doyle, 1968-1983; Curtis Asher, 1984-1985; Carl Adair, 1986-1993

McKEE

Vacant, 1915-1920; E.C. Cutforth, 1921; Vacant, 1922-1923; C.E. Lierley, 1924; Vacant, 1925; W.W.Witt 1926; A. Mixer, Sr., 1927; Frank Kestner, 1928; Turner Padgett, 1929-1932; Peter Helmreich, 1933-1934; J.C. Padgett, 1935-1946; Lilburn Cutforth, 1947-1969; Bernard Heberlein, 1970-1973; Donald Roberts, 1974-1975; Richard J. Cramsey, 1976-1981; Richard G. Cramsey, 1982-1983; Robert H. Kirgan, Jr., 1984-1986; Brad Kestner, 1987; Marvin Meyer, 1988-1995

MELROSE

E.D. Humphrey, 1915-1919; Russell Hurleman, 1920; L.B. Mast, 1921-1925; J.W. Loos, 1926-1927; Casper Mast, 1928; Herbert Loos, 1929-1930; Wm. Kiem, 1931-1932; G.J. Bockhold, 1933-1936; Fred Loos, 1937-1941; Henry Summer, 1942-1947; Eldan Knoblock, 1948-1970; Roy Dodd, 1971-1980; George Willer, 1981-1986, Raymond Deters, 1987-1996; Kent Deege, 2000-present

MENDON

D.H. Myers, 1915-1917; H.F. Chittenden, 1918-1919; J.B. Frisbe, 1920; W.E. Wright, 1921-1923; Fred Evans, 1924; Geo. Evans, 1925-1930; Frank Shriver, 1931-1932; Fred Turner, 1933-1937; Gerald Finlay, 1938; Fred Shupe, 1939-1941; Walter Cramm, 1942-1948; Alva Mixer, 1949-1954;

Paul Rabe, 1955-1957; Walter Cramm, 1958; Herbert Dedert, 1959-1969; David Duncan, 1970-1975; Ray Muegge, 1976-1982; Joesph Rabe, 1983-1987; Dean Woodruff, 1988; Richard Mealiff, 1989-1990; Steve Loos, 1992-1998; David Muegge, 1998-2006; Doug Duncan, 2000-2009; Jeff Venvertloh, 2009- present

NORTHEAST

C.W. Paxton, 1915; Geo Flesner, 1916-1920; W.L. Eyman, 1921-1924; C.P. Miller, 1925-1928; J.H. Paxton, 1929-1930; John H. Osterman, 1931-1933; Vacant, 1934; H.B. Ihnen, 1935-1939; Claus Bienhoff, 1940-1943; Elmer Paxton, 1944-1946; C.P. Miller 1947-1948; Edw. Gronewold, 1949-1956; Lawrence Leenerts, 1957-1959; Darwin Musick, 1960-1975; Marvin Musick, 1976-1982; Larry Gronewold, 1983-1986; Kevin Bienhoff, 1987-1988; Kenneth Leon White, 1989, Aldo Humke, 1991-1993; David Fritschle, 1990-1996; Keith Miller, 2005-2011; Clint Frese, 2010-2012

PAYSON

Ed. N. Larimore, 1915-1920, Perry Journey, 1921-1923; Fred Uhland, 1924-1925; Perry Journey, 1926-1929; Paul Reinebach, 1930-1963; Richard Arnsman, 1964-1974; Albert Speckhart, 1975-1982; Gary Fesler, 1983-1992; Ed Terstriep, 1992-1998; Brent Mast, 1998-2002; Tim Maiers, 2003-2008; Adam Albsmeyer, 2011-2013

QUINCY

W.E. Lancaster, 1915-1919; S.H. Thompson, 1926; L.O. Grieser, 1931-1933; S.H. Thompson, 1934-1950.

RICHFIELD

L.E. Baker, 1915-1919; Vacant, 1920; Emil House, 1921; H.O. Larimore, 1922; Vacant, 1923-1928; O.R. Baker, 1929-1933; A.F. Kabrick, 1934-1938; Claude Bower, 1939-1940; Floyd Phillips, 1941-1942; Archie Waters, 1943-1946; Clyde Pierce, 1947-1948; Wm. Nations, 1949-1956; Wm. Redman, 1957; Wendell Hull, 1958-1964; Charles Kill, 1965-1973; Paul Hildebrand, 1974-1985; Daniel Obert, 1986-1987; Charles Bent, 1988; Kenneth Blazer, 1989-2011; Pat Hildebrand, 1993-present

RIVERSIDE

W.C. Chatten, 1915-1919; F.W.C. Mulch, 1920; J.E. Earel, 1921; Vacant, 1922-1923; J.J. Wellman, 1924-1934; J.E. Earel, 1935-1937; Wm. Baker, 1938-1956; Albert Venvertloh, 1957-1959; Alfred Dedert, 1960-1982; Harold Baker, 1983-1992; Larry Ippensen, 1992-present; Bobby Baker, 2009- present; David Dedert, 1998- present

URSA

W.B. Duncan, 1915-1917; D.H. Graham, 1918; Roy Grieser, 1919-1921; Wm H. Shriver, 1922-1926; Charles Schnelle, 1927-1930; Bert Woodruff, 1931-1939; Edwin Weber, 1940-1945; Wilmer Cornwell, 1946-1954; Wm. L. Shriver, 1955-1957; Carrol Burke, 1958-1961; Arthur Heinecke, 1962-1967; Gerald Cornwell, 1968-1973; Larry Jenkins, 1974-1981; Allen Shriver, 1982-1986; Larry Jenkins, 1987-1991; Larry Baker, 1995-2009; John Schmitt, 1993- present; Brad Duncan, 2011- present; Kent Shriver, 1998-present; Ryan Rabe, 2004-present; Brian Muegge, 2009-present

ADAMS FS, INC.

Adams FS, Inc. was originally organized as Adams Service Company in 1930. The following men have served as Presidents of the Board of Directors: Fred Schnellbacher, Jr. - 1930-1942; Ray Sims - 1942-1946; Paul Reinebach - 1946-1961; Lowell Knox - 1961-1982; Darrell Mixer - 1982-1991; Don Sorrill - 1991-1994; Lowell Tenhouse - 1994-1998; Jim Doane - 1998-1999; Wilfred Dittner - 1999-2001.

Wilmer Cornwell served as the first Manager; he was succeeded by James Eyman in 1935. Mr. Eyman was replaced by M.H. Voss in 1938. Mr. Voss held that position until 1965 when J.J. Lurkins was hired. Mr. Lurkins was succeeded by Robert C. Hopping in 1979. He held that position until March 1986 when Loren Taylor, the present General Manager, was hired.

In the beginning only Petroleum Products were handled. Feed was introduced in 1941 with LP Gas following in '62.

Adams Service Company and Adams County Shippers Association merged in June 1964. Plant Food, Seed and Chemicals were then part of the Product Line. Customized Buildings were brought in to the Product Line in 1976.



The Company's Annual Sales in the beginning were \$100,000. Sales this fiscal year (1989) will top \$7,500,000.

In the Fall of '88, Adams FS, Inc. entered into an Agreement with seven other Member Companies to form a new Feed Marketing Unit. The Unit is called Western Illinois FS Feeds. It sells, manufactures, and distributes FS Feeds in seven counties.

In 1989, Adams FS, Inc. had 34 full time employees working out of the facilities at Paloma, Golden, Kingston, Ursa and Payson.

The historical timeline of Adams FS, Inc. was written previously though 1989 for the 75th anniversary of The Adams County Farm Bureau. Many changes have taken place in the last 25 years as we now reach the Adams County Farm Bureau 100th anniversary.

Adams FS, Inc. maintained operations under the management of Loren Taylor from March of 1986 until July of 2001. During that time Darrell Mixer, sitting president, stepped down at the end of his term in 1991 and took the vice president seat. Don Sorrill became president until he retired in 1994 and was succeeded by Lowell Tenhouse. Lowell retired in 1998 and William James Doane served from April of 1998 through April of 1999 when Wilfred Dittmer took over as president and helped guide the company through a merger process.



The proposed merger would unify Schuyler Brown FS, Inc., Pike County Service Company, Fulton FS, Inc., and Adams FS, Inc., to form Two Rivers FS, Inc. Effect August 2001 the new company began doing business. The general manager was Ron Tomhave of Pike County. The new board president was Chet Esther Jr. Adams County had representation of Wilfred Dittmer, Gary Speckhart and Mike Nall. Darren Sims replaced Wilfred Dittmer in 2010. After the retirement of Ron Tomhave, Keith Hufendick became the new general manager in January 2011.

The new company had a twelve year span of growth and also expanded operations into northern and western Missouri. In 2002 sales totaled over 81 million with one million in patronage distribution. In 2013 sales grew to over 173 million with patronage distribution of over 4.2 million!



During 2012-2013 the Two Rivers FS board, Growmark, and Lincolnland FS board conducted a merger study. After the study was completed a vote to the shareholders



Left to Right: Cornwell, Cutforth, Reeder, Cain, Hillebrenner, Schnelle, Bennett, Worman, Aden, and Dawson.

ers was presented and passed. Effective December 1, 2013, the two companies formed Prairieland FS, Inc., one of the largest and strongest companies in the Growmark system.

The intent is to serve our farmer owners even better. Every year the bar is raised and this will continue. The new company is headed up by Keith Hufendick.



The new board officers are as follows:

From Lincolnland FS, Inc. board:

President - Joe Pickrell

Treasurer - Jeff Harrelbrink

From Two Rivers FS, Inc. board:

Vice President - Chet Esther Jr.

Secretary - Darren Sims (Adams County)

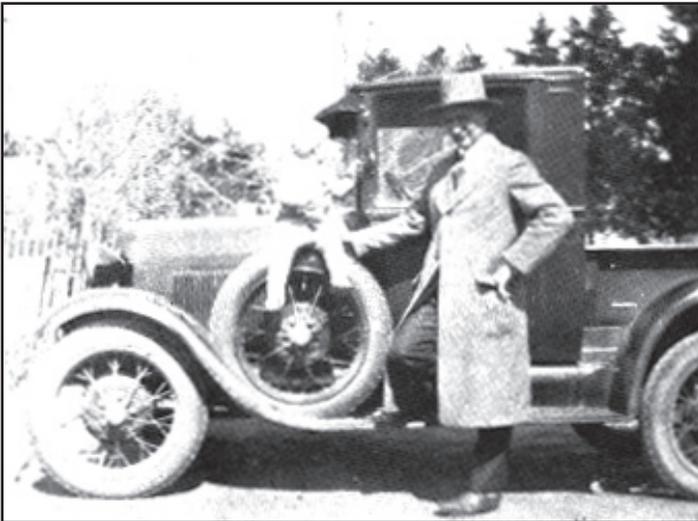
Other Directors from Adams County are:

Gary Speckhart

Mike Nall



Early Station in Pike County Serviced by Adams FS



First Company Truck, Wilmer Cornwell and Bill



Paloma Facility



FS petroleum salesman filling a combine during a harvest day for Dean Dedert who was injured prior to harvest. FS donated the fuel so neighbors could bring in the crop for Dedert.

Ag in the Classroom

USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) formed a national task force in 1981 to address the need of agriculture literacy. The project, known as "Agriculture in the Classroom", is a cooperative endeavor involving representatives of farm and agriculture organizations, educators, state departments of agriculture and education, and USDA. The role of USDA is to support the state initiatives by providing leadership, counsel, materials, and by maintaining a nationwide network of individuals and organizations that actively support the AITC mission.

Mission

The mission of Ag in the Classroom is to help students in grades K-12 acquire the knowledge needed to become agriculturally literate. Ag in the Classroom encourages and assists educators to teach more about our food and fiber system and the role of agriculture in our economy and society. Emphasis is placed on integrating agriculture into existing curriculum areas of Science, Social Studies, English and Mathematics.

Illinois Ag in the Classroom

Each state organization addresses agriculture education in a way best suited to its own needs. For many years in Illinois, the Illinois Farm Bureau® was the state contact for Ag in the Classroom. In the Fall of 2005, the Illinois Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom program merged with Partners for Agricultural Literacy to form Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom. This merge combined the efforts of the Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating the Coordination of Agricultural Education (FCAE), University of Illinois Extension, Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts, various Illinois Commodity Organizations, and others.

Adams County Ag Literacy

The Adams County Agriculture Literacy Coalition, formed in 1999, is a partnership of University of Illinois Extension Adams/Brown Unit, Adams County Farm Bureau, Adams County Soil and Water Conservation District, West Central Illinois Education to Careers Partnership, Two Rivers FS and Adams County Pork Producers. Myra Kuhn was the first full-time coordinator hired in October 1999 to launch the Ag Awareness Program. In April 2000, Myra wrote for Farm Bureau "In the five months I've been here, I've reached nearly 1200 children, young adults and adults just through programs and activities alone. I've been named ice cream lady by more than one group." In her first full school year (August 2000 to June 30, 2001), Myra had made 173 presentations to 3,948 in-school students. In November 2002, she offered the first of many Professional Development opportunities for teachers to earn CPDUs.

Sharon Knorr became the second Ag Literacy Program Coordinator starting in August 2006. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, Ag Literacy presented 553 programs reaching 10,944 youth contacts. 123 classrooms received programs during the school year. Ag Literacy reached 12,889 contacts in youth and adult audiences.

Ag Literacy has moved into electronic communication. The webpage for Ag Literacy can be found on U of I Extension Unit 14's website. All program offerings are listed as well as resource information. In the past year, a YouTube page for Unit 14 Ag Literacy was developed and has videos of programs. Most teachers request programs through email instead of phone calls or letters. Ag Literacy has expanded into grantwriting to fund specific projects such as: 4 Ag Literacy Kits with 30 copies of texts and lessons, a Wind Energy Kit, E2D2 (Environmental Education Discovery Day) for most counties in Unit 14, Professional Development Workshops for Educators, Adams County Harvest Curriculum, and overall program support.

New partnerships have developed in support of Ag Literacy. The Ag Literacy Advisory Committee has representation of over 7 agriculture organizations. Sharon teaches AGR 195 Ag in the Classroom for John Wood Community College which prepares an agriculture student to teach agriculture concepts in the classroom. Quincy University has partnered to offer an Adams County Summer Ag Institute. This is the only one offered in west central Illinois. In Summer 2014, Sharon will partner with the Regional Office of Education to offer a workshop for early childhood educators. For the past 5 years, Adams County Farm Bureau has hired a summer intern to work with Ag Literacy in developing and teaching programs. The Adams County Fair has put up an Ag Education tent for Ag Literacy to promote agriculture through educational activities. FFA Chapters in Liberty and Mendon help present Ag Literacy lessons in the classroom and at the Ag Education tent. The Quincy Park District coordinates Ag Literacy programs for their afterschool sessions in two locations.

In summary, Adams County Ag Literacy has a solid foundation and a bright future.



Myra Kuhn, 1999-2006



Sharon Knorr, 2006-Present

4-H and YOUTH

The 4-H Club program was officially made part of University of Illinois Extension with the Smith-Lever Act of 1914. 4-H clubs were not known as such in their early days. Pig Clubs, Corn Clubs and Cooking Clubs were the predecessors to what we know as 4-H Clubs today.

4-H club work officially began in Adams County in 1925 under the direction of O.E. "Dick" Allen, the first assistant farm adviser for Adams County. Mr. Dale Donley of Mendon organized the first club known as Big Neck Pig Club in 1926.

By 1927, thirteen clubs had organized with about 150 members. It was in 1930 that many of the clubs began to diversify. In 2013 there were 347 4-H members in 18 clubs, under the leadership of 52 volunteer leaders.

The primary purpose of the 4-H program is to help youth learn skills for living. Because 4-H values youth and their families Illinois 4-H believes in life-long learning, research-based education and diversity. The vision of Illinois 4-H is to be a leader in maximizing community and university resources to help youth, adults and families reach their fullest potentials. Youth and adults work together in family and community environments to create real life learning laboratories that help youth practice skills they need today and will continue to need the rest of their lives. 4-H strives to reach youth in their own neighborhoods and communities, with unique, hands on learning strategies suited to their needs. 4-H addresses current youth issues through positive prevention programs and values youth as resources by involving them in significant decision making and encouraging their participation in community roles. 4-H also promotes positive adult and youth mentor relationships.

4-H has a history of building leaders out of our young people. Many of our county leaders today are products of the 4-H program of the past.

Recognition for accomplishing goals is also an important part of 4-H through the years. In 2013 Adams County 4-H celebrated the 76th Annual 4-H Achievement Day. This is a special day where 4-H members, leaders and clubs are recognized for their accomplishments during the year. The high honors for the day go to the Leader of the Year and Outstanding 4-Her of the Year.

The Adams County 4-H Federation was organized in March, 1957. Each 4-H club in the county could send two delegates with voting rights to the Federation and each 4-H member of the county was considered a member. 4-H Federation provides the older members an opportunity to further develop their leadership by assuming a major role in planning and conducting the county program.

The first officers elected in 1957 to serve the county wide organization were president, Larry Donley; vice president, Ann Buzzard; secretary, Betty Shaffer; treasurer, Pat Donley; recreation leader, Dan Miller and reporter, Sandra Dieker. The 2013-14 officers are president, Mariana Roberts; vice president, Rachel Gerecke; secretary, Katlyn Roberts and treasurer, Kylie Hull.

The Adams County Rural Youth, an organization for young unmarried people, ages 19-30, was organized in 1935 under the leadership of Sam Russell and Lucy Folsom, with leadership from the Adams County Farm Bureau and Adams County Home Bureau. Over the years as society's needs changed, the program was discontinued.

The first 100 years have been highly successful in developing the youth of the county for future leadership. The youth program has helped thousands of young people develop those skills that will make them productive citizens and leaders for the next 50 years.



ADAMS COUNTY HOME, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION (HCE)

The HCE organization has been thriving in Adams County for 95 years. Established in 1918 as Home Bureau, we currently have 200 members. Over the years our lessons and interests have changed to keep up with the times, but our purpose of Home and Community Education has remained constant. Our monthly lessons are from the University of Illinois and are presented at unit meetings by a HCE member. Guests are always welcome at our unit meetings and book and quilt clubs. Membership dues are \$15, which includes membership in the Illinois Association of Home, Community, Education (IAHCE).

We are listed on the U of I Extension Website: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/abhps/hce/3152.html>. Also on the IAHCE Website: <http://www.iahce.org/relatedlinks.html>. Contact information: Ginny Miller, dwginmiller@att.net.

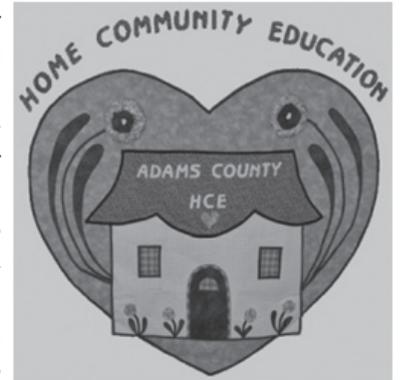
Lessons for Living 2013/14: Cooking with Fresh Garden Vegetables; Finance Tips for Retirees in Today's Economy; South Africa; Housing Options as We Age - Tools for Decision Making; Managing a Gluten Free Diet; Parenting 101; Preparing for a Nursing Home Visit; and Interior Design.

County Lessons Location: Farm Bureau Building,

Quincy, IL.

Events for 2013/14: Six Cultural Arts Events; Annual Meeting /Dinner; and during the month of October special events are held to celebrate HCE Month. The Mayor of Quincy proclaims a week in October as ACHCE week.

Projects: Veterans Home (large size clothes, homemade cookies, cards, etc); Collect food for Salvation Army, Madonna House and other agencies; Dress an Angel Project at Easter; Scholarships; Adopt a Family; Kid-die Bazaar; Pennies for Friendship; Support 4-H Clubs; Collect Soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House; Choose a Great American Family each year; Nursing Home Activities; Knit or crochet hats for cancer patients; Make Greeting Cards for Soldiers to use; Relay for Life; Blood Drive; Walk Around Adams County; and Quilt Club makes quilts for a local nursing home, and baby quilts for Madonna House



Adams County Home Bureau, 1930.

Taken in the Musselman Building, 7th and Hampshire, Quincy

University of Illinois Farm Advisors

When the Adams County Soil Improvement Association was established in 1914 one of the main purposes was to hire a professional ag advisor to assist farmers improve their operations. This was eventually taken over as part of the University of Illinois Extension Service.

Adams County has been very fortunate from the beginning to have had great leadership in this area. The Extension service has gone through many changes throughout the years and today we have specialist that cover many counties. Mike Roegge is the agronomist for this area and is well known in the ag community for always being available to assist where needed in recommendation for the farm.

Following is a list of the past Farm Advisors as could be pulled together from various sources:

E. W. Rusk	1915 -1919
Frank Gougler	1919 - 1923
Ray Miller	1923 - 1927
Sam Russell	1927 - 1937
George Whitman	1937 - 1944
Sterling E. Myers	1944 - 1964
Ron Dedert	1964 - 1982
Bill Million	1983 - 1991
Mike Tenhouse	1991 - 1995
Bill Million	1996 - 1998
Mike Roegge	1998 - Present



Mike Roegge, current University of Illinois Farm Advisor



Local farmer, Ray Callahan (father of Jim Callahan) of near Five Points, east of Quincy Airport comes to the County Farm Advisor, Ron Dedert (center), for information/advise. Secretary, Fraulienne Wilkey on right.

THE PRAIRIE FARMS HISTORY OF ADAMS COUNTY ONLY

(Written 1964)

What is now an important part of Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc., started in 1920 when the citizens of Quincy, Illinois urged their City Council to pass a pasteurized milk law. At this point, the Adams County Farm Bureau called a meeting of the leading milk producers to see what could be done to protect the interest of the dairymen. After a survey of the market, the committee agreed that a farmer-owned dairy was the answer. In December 1921, this committee of nine producers formed the Quincy Cooperative Milk Producers Association. The company was incorporated on January 13th, 1922 with \$29,000 in capital stock. One of their first official acts was to purchase the Clough-Rheim Company garage at 18th and Broadway for \$12,000. After installation of pasteurizers and bottling equipment, the dairy opened for business on May 31st, 1922. It had eight milk routes which had been purchased at \$1.00 per gallon from producers who were then distributing un-pasteurized milk. The original producers were: Lawrence B. Mast, G.J. Bockhold, George Harvey, Carl Fredericks, John Hemme, Albert Heckle, Wilbur Coe, Hugh Reeder and Frank Wissman.

Some of the highlights of the next few years included: 1928- an ice cream freezer and hardening room installed; 1930- the company started making a chocolate skim milk drink under the name of "Five-O" and a Miller Hydro bottle washer was installed; 1930-31- milk was freely given to needy families during these depression years; 1935- Vitamin D was added to the pasteurized milk and the company joined the Illinois Milk Producers Association; 1938- Script Vouchers were issued as payment for raw milk. These could be redeemed at many local stores.

In 1940 the Dacro Cream-top bottle was put on the market. This featured an aluminum covered pouring lip for sanitation and a distinctive new black lettering glazed onto the bottle.

In 1942 the company was reorganized from a stock company to a membership organization and the name was changed to Producer's Co-operative Dairy.

In 1943 a new office building was erected and in 1945 an eight car garage and repair shop was built to accommodate four new Divco Delivery Trucks. These were rapidly replacing the horse drawn wagons.

In 1947 Mr. M. B. "Mose" Crocker, who had been Plant Superintendent for 13 years, was named General Manager. This same year the Quincy City Council passed an ordinance which required all milk producers delivering milk in the city cool it to 70 degrees F. or less.

The Producer's Co-operative Dairy Farmers met and agreed to forego their patronage refund for the year 1946 in order that the dairy could purchase mechanical refrigera-

tion units for milk houses on the various dairy farms. This enabled the producers to cool their raw milk to 40 degrees F. at the farm immediately. The money used was reimbursed to the patrons in the form of equities.

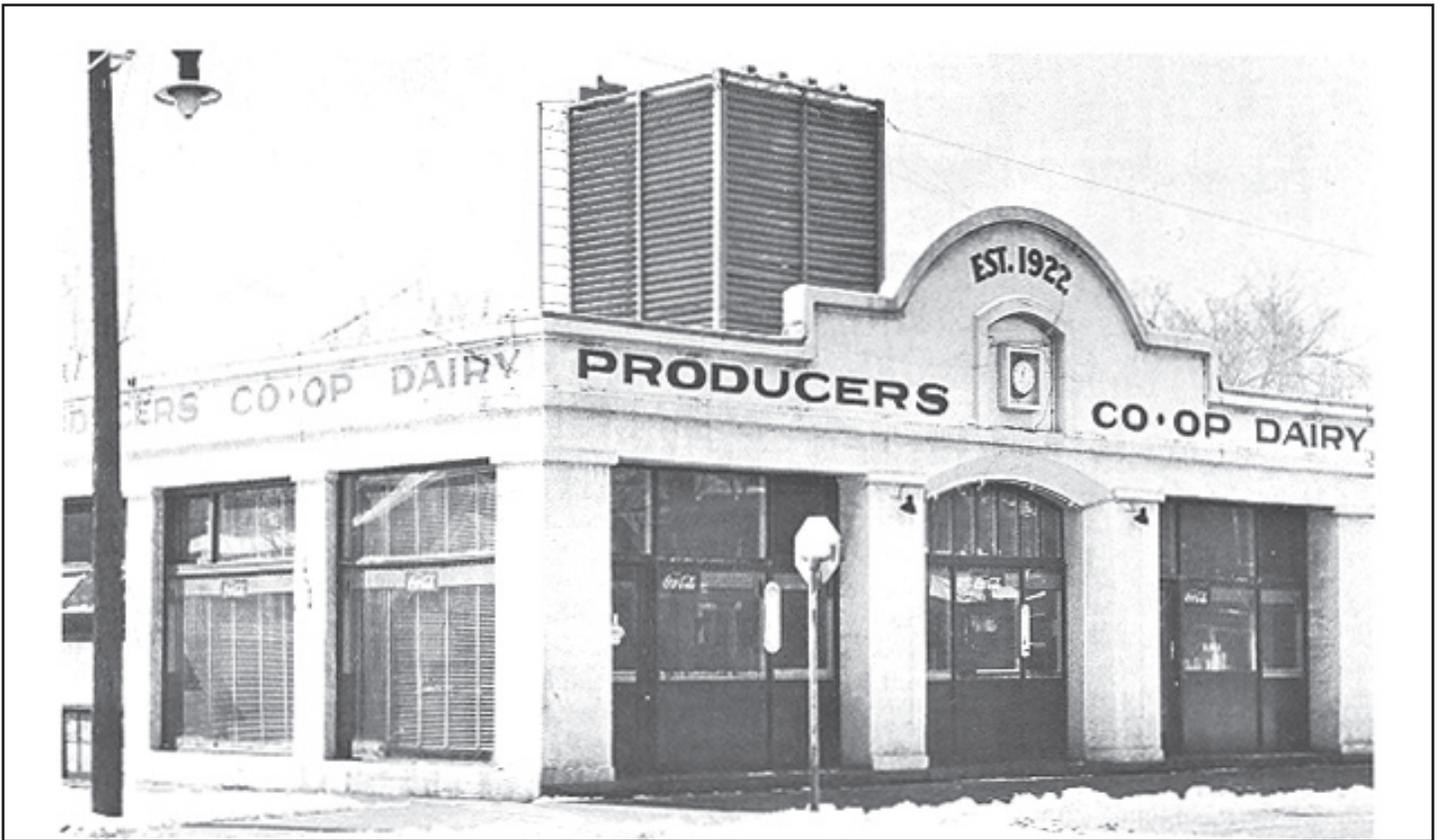
During the 1940's a gradual change in marketing began to assert itself accelerated by World War II. The trend clearly indicated that in order to survive, dairies would have to enter the field of purchasing and processing whole milk into butter, cheese, condensed and dry milk. Mechanical refrigeration, good roads, stricter milk laws and rapid advances in technology and equipment all merited additional outlays of capital to keep up with the competition. Dairying had grown up and become big business. The answer lay in merger and consolidation. With these cold hard facts of economic life to face, the Board of Directors and members voted to merge with Prairie Farms Creamery of Mount Sterling, Illinois.

On January 1st, 1950 the name of the dairy was changed to Prairie Farms Creameries of Western Illinois as the membership, equipment and plant facilities were consolidated with the Mount Sterling group. The newly formed organization flourished under the guidance of Robert S. Erickson, Mt. Sterling, General Manger and John C. Alison of Quincy as President of the Board.

Many firsts were accredited to Prairie Farms during this period. It was the first dairy to use refrigerated delivery trucks in Quincy. The first dairy to bottle milk in a paper carton and also the first to offer a plastic-coated wax-free paper carton. It was the leading dairy in the use of television advertising. Yet despite these qualities of leadership, the spiraling costs of labor and equipment in the processing and distribution of dairy products continued to squeeze profits out of the picture. This was true in many other farmer owned co-operative across the state.

Again, merger and consolidation were the obvious answers. On February 1st, 1962 Prairie Farms of Western Illinois, Prairie Farms of Southern Illinois and the Danville Producers Co-operative merged into one company renamed Prairie Farms Dairy, Incorporated. General Manger of this \$6,000,000 organization is Fletcher A. Gourley of Carlinville with Orran Keach of Rose Hill serving as President of the Board.

Today, Prairie Farms operates a cultured milk processing plant at 24th and Broadway. They manufacture yogurt and cottage cheese.



The Prairie Farms Dairy as it appeared in 1945

Adams County Farm Bureau Managers

Years of Service	Name
1934-1935	B. H. Bollman
1935-1937	F. L. Rathbun
1937-1940	Thomas Smythe
1940-1941	Carson Heitholt
1941-1942	Jesse Armstrong
1942-1945	S. J. Smith
1945-1945	Ray Thyson
1945-1951	C. Ward Buzzard
1951-1954	Everette Specht
1954-1959	C. Ward Buzzard
1959-1959	Olen Hammond
1960-1962	F. Wayne Baughman
1962-1965	Robert Henson
1965-1970	Charles Kuppler
1971-1975	John Moulton
1975-1977	Ralph Schoen
1977-1980	Jim Schmidt
1981-1985	Bob Betzelberger
1986-1989	Terry Bruckert
1989-1990	Greg Millburg
1991-1993	Bob Rohrer
1993-Present	Shawn Valter



**Shawn Valter, Adams County
Farm Bureau Manager,
1993- Present**

D.H.I.A.

The Adams County D.H.I.A. had its beginning in the early 1920's and has proved a highly successful organization for the advancement of the dairy industry in Adams County.

The program is under the supervision of the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

As the years have passed enrollment has expanded beyond Adams County with members in Pike, Brown, and Hancock County.

Samples were taken on the farm each night and morning and the supervisor would test for butterfat using the Babcock test.

The supervisor currently weighs and sends milk samples with all monthly data recorded on the barn sheet to a central testing lab at Dubuque, Iowa. Records from the lab are transmitted to the processing center at Ames, Iowa.

Information from the reports may include milk production and butterfat testing; protein testing; feed records; somatic cell counts and Flexible Management reports with over 135 different requests available. These printouts are mailed to the dairyman after each testing period.

Record services offered are:

A.M.-P.M. records are performed by the supervisor with a permanent time recording mechanism at each farm. The milk sampling is alternated A.M. one month and P.M. next month. Samples and barn sheet are sent to the lab by the supervisor.

Two times a day records are collected for three consecutive milkings and sent in.

Additional tests available at the lab include pregnancy diagnosis from milk and bacteria typing for mastitis cases. A multitude of different record combinations is available from the processing center.

The state board is looking to the future to provide services for dairymen. Our local association is evaluated each year and is certified each year by the state and national D.H.I.A. association to keep our records official. At our annual meeting, directors are elected for a two year term with two elected one year and three the next for a total of five directors. The state is divided into three areas which hold a fall conference each year to get more local input. The state board oversees each local association and helps make recommendations.

Anyone interested in more about D.H.I.A. may contact the County Extension Office; the supervisors Dolores Maas and Beth Cash or the local directors; Dennis Sorrill, President; Loraine Funk, Vice-President; Lee Farlow, Secretary Treasurer; Bill Deters III, Director and Kathy Niesen, Director. Current Board Members are Dennis Sorrill, Bill Deters and Greg Edwards.

They currently test just under 2,000 cows.

ADAMS COUNTY SHIPPERS

By L.F. Alison, President

(Adams County Shippers' Association, Written in year 1928)

The Adams County Shippers' Association was started by farmers for the purpose of shipping their own stock to the terminal markets co-operatively in place of selling to a local buyer, thus saving a large part of the profit that formerly went to that buyer, and has far outgrown the expectations of those who started it.

The idea of the Shippers' Association was built around service to the livestock producer at certain fixed charges for that service, eliminating the old line buyer with his uncertain margin of profit, thus bringing the producer one step closer to the consumer, but it has grown to be a national co-operative movement on a vast scale through the Producer agencies that look forward to orderly marketing of livestock in the future. It has brought many thousands of dollars to the livestock producer in Adams County alone, increased efficiency both at home and at the Terminal markets. Through it, the average farmer has learned far more about the marketing of livestock than he ever knew before, and will be more capable of solving other marketing problems in the future.

It has benefited not only those who ship co-operatively, but also those who sell to the local buyer, because it is a matter of common knowledge that the price paid by the buyer to the farmer is much closer to Terminal market price than it was before the Association was started.

I believe it is due to a lack of information as to the aims and accomplishments of the co-operative marketing movement that a great many producers will not use it. The farmers of the United States have been so used to going it alone in their business for so long that it is hard for them to learn co-operation or team work, but we all know what team work means in our farming operations and if we ever expect to command a larger share of respect from the business world and get a larger share of the consumer's dollar, we will have to demand it, not as in - united effort such as other industries have already learned.

In the Adams County Shippers' Association we have an organization that has stood the test of time, and one that is steadily growing in popularity among the best livestock growers of Adams County. It surely deserves serious consideration and support from the thinking man who is looking for the ultimate dollar from his livestock.



Adams County I.A.A. 47th Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 13-16, 1961



Adams County I.A.A. 65th Annual Meeting, 1979



121 N 7th street Old Musselman Building was home to the Farm Bureau until 1963 when they moved to the present location at 330 S 36th Street.



Present location at 330 S. 36th Street, Quincy, IL

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS it has been the desire of the Adams County Farm Bureau almost from the beginning of its organization some forty years ago to sometime own a building to house the Parent Organization and also the subsidiaries or cooperative agencies of its members.

WHEREAS over the period of years, a great many proposals have been presented to Farm Bureau which were investigated and considered by the Board of Directors of said Adams County Farm Bureau without any favorable action or approval to acquire the properties offered.

WHEREAS the Farm Bureau Committee on Housing and Building having been very active for some time investigating and considering the possibilities of building on Farm Bureau property and the anticipated costs and accommodations relative to various projects, have not presented any concrete proposal approved by the Farm Bureau Board.

WHEREAS a very unexpected offer having been made to the Building Committee of the said Adams County Farm Bureau by the owners of Gem City Business College Building, the President of Farm Bureau at the request of the Building Committee issued a Call of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, for the purpose of investigating; inspection of property and consideration of the proposal.

WHEREAS by Board action, the Building Committee was authorized to negotiate for the Building with the intention of securing a suitable offer and option of said Building.

WHEREAS an agreement of selling price of Fifty Thousand Dollars on the part of the owners of the Gem City Business College Building and the buying price of Fifty Thousand Dollars by the prospective purchasers, the Adams County Farm Bureau, was arrived at.

WHEREAS the Officials of the Adams County Farm Bureau signed a Purchase Agreement depositing the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) to make said agreement binding until the proposition might be referred to the Membership for their approval in their regular Annual Meeting to be held on September 29th, 1953, 10:00 a.m., C.S.T. at St. Boniface Hall in the City of Quincy and County of Adams.

THEREFORE be it hereby resolved, approved and confirmed that the Adams County Farm Bureau purchase the Gem City Business College Building and authorize the proper authorities to complete the transaction, for and in the name of the Adams County Farm Bureau.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that since there is a need to borrow money to partly finance the purchase of the above said property and since the By-laws of the Association require that to borrow money for Farm Bureau purposes the membership must approve such action in any Special or Regular Meeting of its voting members, proper notice being given in the Call of Meeting

THAT the members legally and lawfully convened in this 38th Annual Meeting of the Adams County Farm Bureau do hereby approve and authorize a loan of \$20,000 for the purpose of partially financing the purchase of the aforesaid Property of the Gem City Business College and that the proper officials of the Adams County Farm Bureau be instructed to complete the transaction.

WM. H. GOVERT
HENRY C. SPRICK
WM. H. HEIDBREDER
WALTER A. HEIDBREDER
HARRY J. HEIDBREDER
PARTNERS

STATE STREET BANK
QUINCY, ILLINOIS March 11, 1915.

L.G. Hoke, Sec'y.,
Farm Improvement Association,
Camp Point, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith enclosed please find our Certificate for \$100.00 in payment of our subscription towards the support of the farm improvement association.

Yours very truly,
A.C. Sprick

GEORGE H. WILSON

HENRY E. SCHMIEDESKAMP

Wilson & Schmiedeskamp
LAWYERS
ROOMS 46-7-8 MERCANTILE BUILDING
Quincy, Illinois March 5, 1915.

Mr. L. G. Hoke, Secretary
Farm Improvement Association,
Camp Point, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$10.00 to pay for my subscription for year 1915, to said Association.

Kindly send receipt.

Yours truly,
H.E. Schmiedeskamp
S/S
Enc.

E.V. MOORMAN, Pres.

C.A. MOORMAN, Sec'y & Treas.

THE MOORMAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY
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QUINCY, ILLINOIS
March 5, 1915.

Mr. L.G. Hoke, Sec'y.
Farm Improvement Ass'n.
Camp Point, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

We hand you herewith our check for \$10.00 which is in payment of our dues with the Farm Improvement Association for one year.

Yours very truly,
THE MOORMAN MANUFACTURING CO.
E.V. Moorman

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Circuit Judge ALBERT AKERS
Circuit Clerk ERDE W. BEATTY
States Attorney FRED G. WOLFE
County Attorney JOHN T. INGRAM
Comptroller MICHAEL J. HALEY
Supt. of Schools JOHN H. STEINER
Probation Officer THOS. NOLAN

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State of Illinois

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Recorder JAMES M. BUFFINGTON
Surveyor H. C. MUELLER
Supt. of Highways L. L. BOYER

QUINCY, ILL. November 25, 1915

*Mr. L. G. Hoke,
Camp Point, Ill.
Dear Mr. Hoke:*

Enclosed find check for ten dollars being the dues for one year to the Adams County Farm Improvement Association.

*Yours very truly,
George Steiner*

A. A. SEEHORN

DEALER IN

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, BUGGIES, PUMPS, ETC.

No. 812 HAMPSHIRE STREET

PHONE 1392

Quincy, Ill., Mar-5 1915

*Mr. L. G. Hoke,
Camp Point, Ill.*

Dear Sir:

I enclose my check for \$10.00 to pay my membership fee in the Farm Improvement Assn. for 1915, and I certainly wish and expect good results from your work.

*Yours truly
A. A. Seehorn*

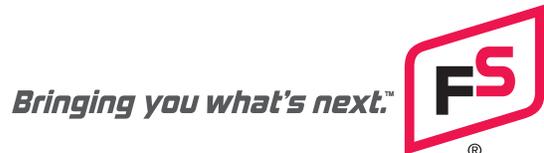


**PrairieLand FS
salutes the
Adams County
Farm Bureau
on 100 years
of dedicated
service to
the farming
community.**

The newly formed PrairieLand FS, Inc., headquartered in Jacksonville, Illinois, is under the management of Keith Hufendick and Matt Busby. PrairieLand serves Adams, Brown, Fulton, Menard, Morgan Pike, Sangamon, Scott and Schuyler counties as well as Clark, Lewis and Marion counties in Missouri.



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Quincy Herald-Whig Farm Family of the Year

2014	—	Dean Dedert family of Quincy
2013	—	Dave Duncan family of Mendon
2012	—	Kenny Lovelace family of Palmyra, Mo.
2011	—	Terry Pope family of Burnside
2010	—	Bill Smithers family of Pittsfield
2009	—	Roger Sutter family of Taylor, Mo.
2008	—	Bob Koch family of Mount Sterling
2007	—	Richard Speckhart family of rural Quincy
2006	—	Matt Plenge family of Kahoka, Mo.
2005	—	Marvin Meyer family of Liberty
2004	—	Dan Taylor family of Hannibal, Mo.
2003	—	Stan Frese family of Fowler
2002	—	Larry Donley family of Mendon
2001	—	Lyle Waner family of Loraine
2000	—	Dan Obert family of Liberty
1999	—	Lawrence Schrecke family of Burton
1998	—	Jim Doane family of Barry
1997	—	Don McCleary family of Liberty
1996	—	Melvin Genenbacher family of Fowler
1995	—	Charles Koch family of Mount Sterling
1994	—	Ron Knoche family of Warsaw
1993	—	Paul Hildebrand family of Plainville

Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business of the Year

Year	Recipient
2000	Lewis Hybrids
2001	Apple Basket Farms
2002	Ursa Farmers Cooperative
2003	Farmers Livestock Sales of Coatsburg
2004	Farm and Home Supply
2005	Lee Fertilizer, Inc. of Camp Point
2006	Geo. Keller and Sons
2007	Selby Implement Co.
2008	Dearwester Grain
2009	Bunte Truck Service
2010	B & B Livestock Supply
2011	Western Illinois Veterinary Clinic
2012	Mast Productions
2013	Baucom Farms