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## Foundation offers antique tractor at 'Dutch' auction

With no convenient winter storage and a decision to focus future raffle fundraisers for college scholarships and support for ag literacy on vintage pick-up trucks, the KCFB Foundation has decided to offer its 1956 Massey-Harris Model 333 tractor for sale through a "Dutch" auction. The tractor was acquired in the spring of 2018 at a Mecum "Gone Farmin'" auction in the Quad Cities. Originally intended as the Grand Prize in the 2019 Winner's

Choice Raffle, it became one of two Grand Prize choices when the Foundation later acquired a 1965 Ford 100 pick-up truck. That truck was chosen by the 2019 raffle winner.

If you've never heard of a Dutch auction, it is an auction in which prices start high and decrease until a bidder signals willingness to pay, at which point the auction stops. It is like an English auction, except that the price starts high and is successively dropped until a bidder

accepts the going price, and the auction ends. The Dutch auction is so-named because it is used to sell cut flowers in Holland in enormous flower auctions.

In a Dutch auction, all bidders watch the price decline, until it reaches a point that a bidder bids (buys) and the auction ends, or a reserve price is reached and the item is removed from the auction block. For the KCFB Foundation auction, the price will start at \$4,000 on November 1, and drop \$100 each Friday morning at 9:00 am until the tractor is sold, or is removed from the auction. The first buyer to arrive after a price drop with money in hand wins.

The tractor for sale is serial number 21042, one of 2,666 Massey-Harris Model 333 tractors built in 1956 and 1957. It can be seen at the Kane County Farm Bureau by chance or appointment, 630-584-8660.

These tractors came with a 3.4L 4 cylinder (gas) engine rated at 27 drawbar and 37 PTO

horsepower. This particular tractor has been professionally painted and has new tires all

around. For full transparency, the tractor was purchased by the Foundation for \$4,848.00.



### 1956 M-H Model 333

Date	Price
Nov. 1	\$4,000
Nov. 8	3,900
Nov. 15	3,800
Nov. 22	3,700
Nov. 29	3,600
Dec. 6	3,500

### Dutch Auction

A Dutch auction initially offers an item at a price at or above the amount the seller expects to receive. The price lowers in steps until a bidder accepts the current price. That bidder wins the auction and pays that price for the item.



A familiar sight in area corn and soybean fields in recent weeks, combines like these started rolling in earnest in Kane County fields in mid-October, about 3 weeks later than normal due to spring rains that delayed planting and a growing season plagued by weather related work stoppages. According to our estimates, 1 in 7 acres in Kane County did NOT get planted in 2019. According to the National Ag Statistics Service, crop conditions and crop progress compared very unfavorably to 2018 and years prior. The figures below are based on the October 15 crop report for Illinois.

Illinois Crop Progress	2019	2014-18
corn harvested	23%	59%
soybeans harvested	27%	55%
Illinois Crop Conditions	2019	2018*
Corn – good to excellent	44%	75%
Soybeans – good to excellent	43%	78%

\* Crop conditions of September 2, 2018

The "31 Days of Christmas" raffle will NOT be conducted in 2019. We appreciate your past support and look forward to your participation in future fundraising efforts.

Kane County Farm Bureau  
FOUNDATION

### KCFB CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2019

- 4 IFB Govt. Affairs briefing, Princeton
- 5 IFB Region 2 mtg., Morris
- 8 CITRUS ORDERS DUE
- 14 Board of Directors, 7 pm
- 15 District 1 IFB Resolutions, Lake CFB, 6 pm
- 21 Kane County Ag Committee, 10 am, Geneva
- 21 HOKA TURKEY ORDERS DUE
- 26 HOKA turkey pick-up, noon-5 pm
- 28 THANKSGIVING
- 29 KCFB closed

(All meetings/events are at KCFB unless otherwise indicated)

### NOVEMBER FEATURED PRODUCT

*Fresh, local  
turkey*

In honor of Thanksgiving, our featured item for November is fresh HOKA turkeys. HOKA turkeys are locally raised in nearby Waterman, IL at Howard Kaufman Turkey Farm. Turkeys are individually wrapped, fresh and never frozen. KCFB Member PLUS members receive a 5% discount for a price of \$3.10 per pound. All other KCFB members pay \$3.25 per pound and non-member price is \$3.85 per pound. Order yours by Thursday, November 21, by calling Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 or use the order form on page 8. Pick-up is at Kane County Farm Bureau on Tuesday, November 26, from noon-5:00pm.



## Foundation offers collectible farm toys

For early Christmas shoppers, the KCFB Foundation is pleased to offer Farm Bureau members unique, highly collectible farm toys from our inventory. A gift from Rodney Oxe, formerly of Batavia, the Foundation has decided to put

these toys on sale to Farm Bureau members for Christmas gift giving before listing them for online sale. All sales will benefit KCFB Foundation Scholarship and Ag Literacy programs.

Mostly Farmall and CaseIH

with a smattering of CAT, Case and Oliver, these toys include Precision, Precision Key and Franklin Mint collectibles. All are available at our office in St. Charles at the prices listed on page 7. The Farm Bureau will honor the 10% PLUS member discount on all of these toys. If you are not already a PLUS member, call 630-584-8660 to learn more about the additional discounts and savings this membership status provides – including discounts on collectible farm toys!

See page 7 for a list of toys and prices.



## Nominations sought for KCFB Director

The Kane County Farm Bureau is seeking eligible candidates for election to the association's Board of Directors. A Farm Bureau director is an individual who helps provide governance, set policies, and supports the philosophy and actions of the organization. Directors should be willing to dedicate time to make a difference in agriculture and to provide direction, inspiration, and motivation to the largest, most influential and effective farm related organization in Kane County.

Eligible candidates are regular members (farmers and farmland owners) residing in Kane

County.

Five directors will be elected, by ballots mailed in March, to regular members in each respective District. KCFB has five districts each made up of

three townships.

To suggest potential candidates for election, members should call 630-584-8660 by January 15, or fill out the form on page 3.

*Share the road ...  
Harvest season is in full swing.  
See more on page 3.*



# Delegates chosen for annual meeting

Kane County Farm Bureau has announced the local Directors who will represent area farmer's interests at the upcoming meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau. Kane County Farm Bureau President

Joe White of Kaneville has chosen Directors Craig Bradley of Elgin, Mike Kenyon of South Elgin, and Dale Pitstick of Elburn to join him on the delegate floor as over 300 farmers from around the state debate

and decide organizational policy on local, state, and national issues. Joe Engel of Hampshire, Beth Gehrke of Elgin, Wayne Schneider of West Dundee and Andy Lenkaitis of Campton Hills will be alternates. The rec-

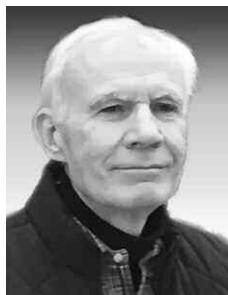
ommendation was approved by the organization's Board of Directors.

In addition to decisions on policy impacting farmers, delegates will elect representatives

and officers to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Farm Bureau at the 4-day meeting. The meeting begins Saturday, December 7 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.



Joe White



Craig Bradley



Mike Kenyon



Dale Pitstick

## Save time and renew online!

It's easy to make sure your Farm Bureau Membership is current. The Illinois Farm Bureau provides many services to all Kane County Farm Bureau members, for example, online membership renewal through their website.

Did you know you can renew your Farm Bureau membership online? You can also view your payment history, print a lost or updated membership card, and update your account information including address,

spouse/dependents, phone and e-mail all through the Member Center of the website.

To do this, simply visit [www.ilfb.org](http://www.ilfb.org). Click on the Membership tab at the top, and then Renew your membership. You will be asked to register using your Farm Bureau number and to create a username and password.

The ability to check your membership information anytime, anywhere can help prevent unwanted Farm Bureau mem-

bership late fees and keep you eligible for COUNTRY Mutual and COUNTRY Preferred insurance coverages. Don't delay, check to make sure your information is updated today!

**REMINDER: Regular (voting) and Professional Members are due for renewal in September. Associate members' renewal dates vary, please sign on to the website or call the Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 to check on the status of your membership.**

## Welcome to the next level

This month we welcome the following KCFB members who joined our organization or reclassified their membership in August to \*Regular or Professional Status:

### Regular members

Randy Klemm East Dundee  
Steve Larson Aurora  
James Sandberg Elburn

We remind you of added perks that accompany your new Regular member or Professional Status and thank you for supporting KCFB's efforts at advocacy, education and hunger relief:

- Professional networking opportunities & engagement

with farmers

- Agriculture, farm & food news delivered to your door
- New subscription to *FarmWeek*, the largest weekly agriculture newspaper
- Access to FarmWeekNow.com
- KCFB voting rights & ILFB delegate opportunities
- Continuing subscription to the *Kane County Farmer* newspaper
- Free annual registration at one of 7 statewide conferences
- 302,000 member discounts, including Ford, Lincoln, John Deere, Case IH, restaurants, hotels & travel

- Discounts at the KCFB Country Store on in-house sales of featured local foods

*\*KCFB Regular membership is required of all who join our association that have a vested interest in and receive income from the production of farm products as an owner or operator of a farm business. Professional Membership status is available for all those employed in agriculture-related occupations, even with no farm income. If you are interested in "next level" membership and the benefits it carries, please contact KCFB in St. Charles at (630) 584-8660.*

## Foundation approves funding for Adult Continuing education

As a not-for-profit established with a primary mission to support scholarship and education for the future of farms and food, the KCFB Foundation Board of Directors has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in support of college scholarships, agricultural literacy programs, and agricultural leadership education as well as for support of the local community through Extension, 4-H and FFA. The Foundation has also been a leader in raising local hunger awareness and helping coordinate programs for local hunger relief.

More recently, the Foundation has turned its attention to continuing education and the need for farmer training for existing, new and beginning farmers. And while the Farm Bureau and its affiliated companies and organizations offer many opportunities for producers of livestock, commodities and specialty crops to learn through statewide confer-

ences and workshops, no single association's offerings can be comprehensive.

To fill the void, the KCFB Foundation recently approved an Adult Continuing Education funding budget. The intent is to provide support for courses, conferences, training and professional development, not sponsored by Farm Bureau, to advance education for the future of farms and food here in Kane County. Funding will be provided through an application process with applications due 60 days before the start of the course of study or conference attendance. A review committee

will make final decisions on all funding requests.

The application will be posted at [kanecfb.com](http://kanecfb.com) by Thanksgiving. Funding will be limited to half of the enrollment, registration or tuition fee and to \$250 per membership per year. It will also be limited to one-time only course enrollment or conference attendance. No successive attendance at annual conferences will be considered.

For more information on the program, contact KCFB Foundation Executive Director Steve Arnold at 630-584-8660 or [steve@kanecfb.com](mailto:steve@kanecfb.com).

**Fresh Citrus**

Perfect for the holidays and for gift giving, our citrus sale is back again this year! Oranges, grapefruit, apples, and so much more, you'll be able to stock up on all of the holiday goodies you need.

See page 8 for order form—orders due by November 8th at 4pm.

KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE												
JANUARY 2019 THRU DECEMBER 2019												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
C. BRADLEY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
C. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
J. ENGEL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
G. GAITSCH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B. GEHRKE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
W. KECK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M. KENYON	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
K. KETTLEKAMP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D. LEHRER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A. LENKAITIS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
N. LONG	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D. PITSTICK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
W. SCHNEIDER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
J. WHITE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

You receive the *Kane County Farmer* because you are a Farm Bureau member. If you are a farm operator or owner, you benefit from a local, state and national organization committed to agriculture and your way of life.

If you do not have direct ties to farming, your membership helps promote local farms and farming, encourages wise use of our limited natural resources and preserves farmland and our agricultural heritage while allowing you to enjoy COUNTRY insurance and the many benefits of one of Illinois' premier membership organizations.

We appreciate your membership and continued support and we welcome your comments on the content of the *Farmer*. We encourage you to make recommendations about farm, home, food, natural resources, renewable energy or agricultural heritage and history-related topics for inclusion in future issues of the *Farmer*.

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## Share the road...

Along with combines in the fields, tractors, grain carts and trucks like these are a familiar sight on rural Kane County roads during fall harvest. With wet conditions and soft fields, sometimes the trucks may be loaded on the roadside, as in the picture on page 1. Equipment used in farm fields is generally equipped with tracks or flotation tires to reduce soil compaction and allow operations in less than ideal conditions. Trucks, designed for road use, are not similarly equipped. Loading them in wet fields generally results in them getting stuck and/or bringing mud on the roads.

Kane County Farm Bureau urges all drivers on rural roads to SLOW DOWN during this weather delayed harvest season. If you see farm equipment, flashing lights or Slow Moving Vehicle emblems on the road please exercise CAUTION and let's let everyone work safe and arrive safely!

## Thanks to our Donors...

Our FOUNDATION is dedicated to providing agriculture-based education for the next generation and to meeting the challenge of providing food for a hungry planet. We look forward to continuing support for these scholarships and for local classrooms and teachers, leadership training, and community youth education with additional grants to local 4-H and FFA chapters.



The KCFB FOUNDATION offers its sincere appreciation to the following for their contributions to our community service, education, and scholarship and hunger relief programs. Names shown are pledges received from September 17 through October 16.

Donor	Beneficiary
Glenn & Louise Johnson	Harvest for ALL
IFB Young Leaders	Burlington-Central FFA
IAA Foundation	KCFB Ag Literacy program
Robert C. Swanson	*Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship, KCFB Foundation
Buck Bros, Inc.	^John Buck Memorial Scholarship
Suzon Scott	KCFB Foundation Scholarships

\*The Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship was established by the family and friends of the former Farm Bureau Director and long-time volunteer in 2008 to provide awards for students residing in Kane County pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related career field.

^The John Buck Memorial Scholarship was established in 2001 to honor the memory of the founder of the Buck Bros. Inc. John Deere dealership in Hampshire. It provides college scholarships to students from Kane, DeKalb, McHenry, Boone, DuPage, Lake, or Will counties pursuing higher education in agriculture related fields.

For more information on KCFB Foundation's scholarship, education or community service programs, contact Steve Arnold, Executive Director at 630-584-8660.

## CALLING ALL FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS

Do you have an interest in agriculture? Would you like to take charge of your future by setting policy and building relationships that will last throughout the next generation of agricultural landowners and leaders? Do you have a desire to gather ideas and do something about the challenges and opportunities of farming in Kane County? Then perhaps you should consider running for a seat on the Kane County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors.

The KCFB Board consists of 15 directors, three seats in each of five East-West multi-township districts. District 1 consists of Aurora, Big Rock and Sugar Grove Townships; District 2 is Kaneville, Blackberry, Geneva and Batavia Townships; District 3 is Virgil, Campton and St. Charles Townships; District 4 is Burlington, Plato and Elgin Townships; and District 5 is Hampshire, Rutland, and Dundee Townships. Directors serve three year terms so one-third of the directors seats (5) are up for election each year.

Our members belong to the Farm Bureau for many reasons. Some join to take action on behalf of agriculture. Others

join to support Farm Bureau policies or assist with program efforts. Farm Bureau works on the local level, in Springfield and in Washington D.C. to support action not just on farm issues, but on many of the same things you're concerned about: protection of private property rights and the quality of the rural environment, tax policies and economic growth, and the quality and safety of our food supply. Regular members are eligible to run for the Board of Directors and help look out for the best interests of all of our members.

The KCFB Board meets the second Thursday evening of each month. For more information, about service on the Board of Directors, please contact President Joe White at 630 557-2517, Manager Steve Arnold at 630 584-8660 or any member of the Board of Directors. To nominate yourself or a neighbor for consideration, please fill out and return the form below to the Nominating Committee by January 15.

Board elections will be held by ballots mailed to regular (voting) members of the association in March.

## KCFB Foundation, Young Farmers contribute to FFA Chapter attendance at National Convention

Every year, FFA members nationwide converge on the National FFA Convention & Expo to celebrate their accomplishments and find inspiration. The 92nd Annual Convention was held Oct. 30 – Nov. 2 in Indianapolis. Attendance helps students develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

With the success that the Central-Burlington FFA Chapter has had in the past year, including ranking in the top 10 of FFA Chapters in both Illinois and the United States, officers and Advisors established a goal of taking as many students as possible to the 2019 National Convention. In 2018 that number was 8 students, for 2019 the goal was 26.

According to Buddy Hass, one of three educators in the program, the increased attendance goal was established in the hope of increasing the interest of students to make an impact on Central High School and their Community. The Chapter has 218 active AET student accounts and 3 teachers.

The Chapter sought commu-

nity support to reach their ambitious goal and make attendance a possibility for students regardless of family circumstances. Kane County Farm Bureau

were supplemented by an anonymous gift of \$250 to bring the total to \$1,187.50 of the FFA's \$8,000 fundraising goal.

### About FFA

The National FFA Organization is the premier youth organization dedicated to preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA members are the future food industry's premier human capital, and they are all driven by the organization's foundational motto:

*Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve. Cultivating their passion and connecting them to innovative thought processes and cutting-edge technology is critical to their individual ability to support and contribute to future sustainability in farming, science, medicine, and business alike.*

The National FFA organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 700,170 student members belonging to 8,612 local FFA chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.



Central FFA students (l-r) Eric Metz, Amy Hernandez, Emily Delgado, Sophia Battaglia and Ashleigh Walker accepted contributions from KCFB Foundation Executive Director Steve Arnold, right, at their October 11 officer meeting.

helped answer that call, through its not-for-profit Foundation, its Young Farmer program and individual support.

On October 11, KCFB Manager and Foundation Executive Director, Steve Arnold, had the privilege to meet with member of the Central FFA officer team and present them with checks from the organization's Young Farmers Committee and from its Foundation. The former contributed \$437.50 from the sale of branded apparel and the latter, \$500 from its annual FFA Chapter Grant program, reported elsewhere in this month's Kane County Farmer. These

## Choose a fresh cut Christmas tree

Come create a little magic for the holidays this year by visiting the Marks' Tree Farm Christmas Tree lot in our newly refinished Kane County Farm Bureau parking lot. Purchase the perfect tree while supplies last. Marks' provides quality, fresh cut Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Spruce, and White Pine, direct from their farm amid the north woods of Wisconsin.

We encourage Kane County Farm Bureau members to take advantage of the \$10 discount off of each tree. We invite non-

members to stop inside our building to join and continue receiving discounts throughout

the year and at many surrounding businesses using our IFB Benefits app.

While you are here, shop for holiday gift ideas including Farmall puzzles, branded apparel, pedal tractors, and local shelf stable food items like honey, Bean Dust, Rollicking Buckaroo Pepper Jam, and Slap You Silly hot sauce. Not to be missed, whether you bleed green, yellow, or red, we have your favorite ERTL/TOMY farm toys – combines, tractors, excavators, sit-n-scoots, etc.



Merry Christmas from Marks' Tree Farm. KCFB member receive a \$10 discount

Order your fresh, local turkey for a Thanksgiving taste treat – see page 8

**TO: Nominating Committee, Kane County Farm Bureau  
2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Township \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Form completed and returned by:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to this form to: Kane County Farm Bureau,  
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and propose a slate to run for director.

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**Harvest traditions shine through challenges**

Much of what I love about farm life convenes in a corn field on a harvest evening: Crisp fall air, incredible sunsets, comfort foods and the synergy of family and employees-who-are-like-family working together to

gather the harvest. Ideally, only the delivery of a hot meal interrupts the harvest pace, not a breakdown.

Harvest traditions stir similar emotions today as they did during my childhood, despite how different the season's pace looks. High-capacity combines make gathering crops unbelievably faster than in my grandpa's day. Sensor-driven, hands-free guidance especially helps our combines through those areas where drone images identified wind-ravaged corn stalks. Our smartphones monitor the weather and even remotely control the drying needs for our corn before it enters on-farm storage.

## Investment in local ag literacy at all-time high

The Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) program continues to lead as a trusted resource for children to learn about agriculture. In October the program received a needed boost in the form of IAA Foundation grants to local county coalitions.

This year county ag literacy coalition grants marked an all-time high in dollars awarded and number of Illinois counties served. Eighty-one coalitions serving 89 Illinois counties were awarded \$667,000 in grant dollars which can be used for materials, trainings, educational lessons and activities taking place during the 2019-2020 school year. Kane County Farm Bureau's Ag-in-the-Classroom program received a grant of \$8,178.68.

"Injecting dollars into local ag literacy helps ensure that more students are reached with accurate agricultural messages which help them connect food, fuel and fiber systems back to farming," said Kevin Daugherty, education director, IAITC.

During the last school year, more than 660,000 students engaged in ag literacy lessons. In addition to students reached, 37,650 teachers and 968 pre-service teachers learned how to incorporate agriculture into their curriculum, while at the same time meeting state learning standards.

"If we can reach 60 percent of the 4th graders in Illinois with an ag-based science lesson on germination, each one of them has now held a corn kernel or soybean and understand the role it plays in our state's largest

industry," Daugherty continued.

County coalition grants are made possible through funding from the IAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The IAA Foundation raises funds for the IAITC program each year, and in addition to county grants, provides funding for Ag Mags, teacher grants, Summer Ag Academies and more.

"Consistent outreach requires steadfast supporters," said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. "We are so grateful to our annual donors who understand how important efforts to enhance agriculture literacy can be. Every year there are new fourth graders to connect with, and our donors understand and appreciate IAITC's efforts to get the job done."

Partner organizations of IAITC include Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Growers Association, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Illinois Soybean Association, Midwest Dairy Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

In addition, annual donors include agribusiness partners and individuals with an interest in supporting the future of agriculture. For information on how individuals can contribute, visit [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org) or contact the Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660. For information on IAITC resources and activities, visit [www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org).



**Local snapshot—Central FFA**

Burlington-Central teacher and FFA Advisor Ryan Robinson stands in the small animal lab at the high school on Plato Road. Last year Central Unit District 301 launched the state's first comprehensive veterinary science program at the high school level to help address a statewide shortage of veterinary assistants. It is being offered as part of a regional career pathways cooperative — the Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System — to member districts: District 301; Elgin Area School District U-46; Algonquin-based Community Unit District 300; and St. Charles Unit District 303. Through the partnership, students from these districts can take courses not offered at their home schools.

Yet, that progress hasn't changed our traditional roots, best evidenced through the kids. By age 4, my son identified picking corn with Grandpa as one of his favorite things about the farm. By age 5, my daughter sketched fall sunsets, detailing in crayon the vibrant shades of orange, pink and purple. Now middle schoolers, my kids still cheer for field meals that the farm women deliver, particularly when barbecued meatballs make the menu. This ultimate "dining out" experience re-energizes the crew and offers a chance for family time during 14-hour harvest days.

During weekend visits to the field, the kids enjoy a chance to talk on the two-way radio and announce wildlife sightings. They distribute baggies of homemade treats marked with safety messages. The kids excitedly carry a personal cooler filled with snacks like the harvest crew, but their great grandpa's "dinner pail" ranks extra special. It contains red licorice, luring riders to his tractor and highlighting the uniqueness of four generations of family together harvesting the same field.

These traditions help carry us through this growing season, one of the most challenging in

recent years. Harvest started a month late after the delays from a historically wet planting season. The bumper: we may not finish before Thanksgiving, a time when we traditionally celebrate the completed harvest. Harvest may spill into December, pending weather. "Christmas carols in the combine," my husband said. I will admit my obsession with Christmas music, but that's one harvest tradition I want to avoid.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers' family grows corn, soybeans and hay and raises beef cattle in West-Central Illinois.*

## Book of the month

What creature stands tall in the cornfields? What dances in the wind to give the crows a fright? What keeps watch over green rows at night? Our Book of the Month for November is *The Scarecrow's Dance*, written by Jane Yolen, with art by Bagram Ibatoulline. Beautiful illustrations bring this story — and a scarecrow! — to life. Yolen's lyrical verse tells a magical tale using smooth rhyme and rising action. We hear a small boy remember the scarecrow in his prayers at night: "... And bless tonight/ Our old scarecrow/ Who guards

the fields/ And each corn row/ So that tomorrow,/ When we reap,/ There will be lots/ Of corn to keep." *The Scarecrow's Dance* is a wonderful book for a fall evening. Make kettle corn and tea, and snuggle in for story time. The book is appropriate for children of all ages. Come today to the KCFB Library — yes! we have a library! — and check out *The Scarecrow's Dance* (2009). The Kane County Farm Bureau Library was the idea of Bob Konen and Dean Dunn. Funding has been provided by the Bob Konen family.



*The Scarecrow's Dance* by Jane Yolen, art by Bagram Ibatoulline

Even the biggest goals start with simple steps

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# Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Erin Real



## Illinois' largest crop. America's largest crop.

- Illinois farmers rank second in the country in corn production.
- Field corn is a grain, not a vegetable, and is part of the grass family.
- Tassels, stalks, husks, ears, leaves, roots and kernels are all part of a corn plant.
- Popcorn is the official Illinois snack food.
- There are several types of corn. The most common types are field corn, sweet corn and popcorn.
- Most corn plants produce just one ear of corn and are ready for harvest after approximately 120 days of growth.
- A kernel is the yellow seed on an ear of corn. One ear of corn averages 800 kernels in 16 rows.
- A bushel is a unit of measure for volumes of dry commodities, such as shelled corn kernels.
- An acre of corn will give off 4,000 gallons of water per day in evaporation.
- The tassel is the tuft at the top of the corn plant that contains the pollen.
- Of the corn grown in Illinois, 54% is exported, 25% is used to make ethanol, 15% is processed, and 7% is used for animal feed.
- Long, silky threads found at the top of an ear of corn are called the silk.
- Ethanol is a high-performance, locally grown, renewable fuel made from corn. It is biodegradable and does not pollute groundwater.
- In the days of early settlers to North America, corn was so valuable it was used as money and traded for other products.

## Yellow corn, blue corn

In Illinois, we know corn grows tall. We're used to seeing endless rows of it, green waves against blue skies. As a kid, I learned not to wander into the corn, to respect the field as if it were a forest where I might be lost, and as the farmer's careful arrangement where the combine eventually passes.

But corn doesn't grow the same in all places.

One autumn night, extended family came from Mexico to dinner in Plato Center, Kane County, Illinois. Over the table, I translated between Spanish and English. Our visitors were struck by the immensity of cornfields in close proximity to Chicago. A single guest had a farming background, generations removed like me. She fondly recalled ways her family collaborated at harvest and described the blue color of her grandpa's corn. My Dad chimed in with nor-

mal talk of combines in the fields this time of year. I began to relay his message. Then it occurred to me that Dad and our guest had



two different ideas of corn. I interjected, "Dad, she's talking about harvesting corn by hand." His eyes flew open.

Dad is from Elgin, raised around his grandpa's farm. He helped with oats and hay, but never to pick the corn, before the farm sold in the 1970s. His agronomist uncle, a corn specialist, went to work for the University of Minnesota and did-

n't come back to Kane County. To the best of my knowledge, Dad hadn't thought much about international maize harvesting, past or present.

"BY HAND?!" he sputtered. I asked politely in Spanish for confirmation: corn grown in the mountains, terrace by terrace, picked by hand. And, with the tone of naturally, our guest answered yes. One couldn't fathom the labor of a hand harvest, and the other marveled at the mechanical process required to pick hundreds, thousands of acres planted in corn.

Translators often find themselves on an intermediate planet, a landing pad or a loading dock, where perspectives converge for an impromptu conference meeting. And that night, our conversation turned corn, a thing so common, so traditional, back into an extraordinary thing.

## Corn husk flower painting

Courtesy of Hello, wonderful.com

### Materials

- Dried corn husks
- Neon tempera paints
- Paint brushes
- Chalk markers
- Hot glue gun and glue
- 1 plain, stiff headband OR 2 large popsicle sticks (per craft)

### Instructions

- Hot glue your corn husks together to form a semicircle for the headband, or a flower pattern for the flower.
- Paint the corn husks however you like.
- When the paint has dried, use chalk markers to create fun

designs.

4. For the headband, hot glue your corn husks to a plain headband.

5. To make a flower, use markers to decorate two popsicle sticks. Glue the popsicle sticks together and to the base of your flower to form a stem.



## Homemade Kettle corn

Prep time: 3 Minutes  
Cook time: 5 Minutes

### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup popcorn kernels
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt

### Directions

1. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the popcorn and sugar. Give the kernels a quick stir and then cover with a lid.

2. Once the popcorn starts popping, carefully pick the pot up and give it a quick shake every few seconds until the popping slows down, between 3-4 minutes. Remove immediately from the heat and pour the kettle corn into a large bowl.

3. Sprinkle with salt and serve immediately. Do not make the mistake of removing the pot from heat without transferring to a bowl. Due to the high heat of the pot, if you don't transfer the popcorn it will caramelize and perhaps burn.



## November is ...

### National

- Diabetes Month
- Family Literacy Month
- Family Stories Month
- Fun with Fondue Month
- Pepper Month
- Pork Month
- Roasting Month
- Scholarship Month
- Spinach Month
- Squash Month
- Sweet Potato Awareness Month

### Special days in November

- 1 National Vinegar Day
- 2 Look For Circles Day
- 4 King Tut Day
- 5 National Donut Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 National Pickle Day
- 18 Mickey Mouse's Birthday
- 22 National Cranberry Relish Day
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 29 National Native American Heritage Day

## Congratulations

Liz Arbir of South Elgin is the October Word Search winner! Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle about tomatoes! For her participation she receives a gift basket of tomato themed prizes.

## The Three Sisters

The Three Sisters is a traditional growing arrangement of corn, beans and squash. It is a system of companion planting developed by Native Americans. The three crops are planted close together, corn first. When the corn is about six inches tall, squash and beans are planted around its base. The corn stalk provides a pole for beans to climb. The squash serves as groundcover to block sunlight, retain moisture and prevent weeds. The beans return nitrogen to the soil. Together, the Three Sisters are a nutritionally complete meal. They were especially important to civilizations along the Mississippi River Valley before European settlement. The Three Sisters arrangement was featured on the first Native American U.S. dollar coin in 2009.



## Corn word search

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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St Charles, IL 60174 by November 15, 2019 to be entered in our drawing for a corn themed prize. Prize must be picked up at the KCFB office.

# INGREDION employees tour local farm

When innovative agricultural companies and organizations visit local farms, not only is knowledge shared and gained, but bridges are built and bonds are made between businesses that are independent – but dependent on each other. That is the purpose behind farm tours arranged by Illinois Farm Bureau's Director of External Relations, Ryan Tracy. In the past couple of years, Tracy has called on three Kane County farmers to host employees from McDonald's, U.S. EPA Region 5, and most recently, Ingredion.

Ingredion is a global ingredient company focused on sweeteners, starches, nutrition ingredients and biomaterials used in foods, beverages, paper and pharmaceuticals. On Oct. 22, Kane County Farm Bureau President Joe White, his wife, Bonnie, and their family hosted 38 representatives from Ingredion.

Headquartered in Westchester, IL, but with locations on nearly every continent, Ingredion turns grains, fruits, vegetables, and other plant materials into value-added ingredients and biomaterial solutions for many different industries.

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Ingredion employees learned about progress in farming and the technology that farmers now use, which increases yield and productivity. Auto-steer has paved the way for farmers to focus on the other aspects of planting, rather than where they are driving and trying to keep the rows straight. Auto-steer helps save on fuel and anhydrous ammonia application, a total nearing 15% on average. The Whites put together a "Price the Part" contest for parts and technology they had replaced on tractors, combines and tillage equipment this year. Joe also

Ingredion employees, IFB staff members Ryan Tracy and Lauren Lurkins, KCFB staff, and the White family gathered in the farm shop on October 22.

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Ingredion employees pause for a picture in front of a sprayer after their farm "shop talk" and combine/tractor rides.

There Joe White shared his family and farm history with the group. Originally vegetable farmers who settled in Geneva and Batavia, emigrating directly from Luxembourg, the Whites now farm about 500 acres of soybeans and 600 acres of corn in the Elburn area. They also grow soft, red winter wheat, which is supplied to the makers of Girl Scout Cookies. Joe is the 4th generation of his family to farm in Kane County.

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reviewed a 40 year progression of monitors for seed, fertilizers and crop protectants, a visible indicator to the Ingredion group of changes in technology.

Besides changes in machines and electronics technology, seed breeding and technology to increase resistance to drought, insects, diseases and herbicides resistance into seeds has contributed to the dramatic increase in yield. The cost of seeds has mirrored the desired characteristics, increasing substantially. A bag of corn, which holds approximately 80,000 kernels, used to be \$30/bag. Prices now range from \$200/bag to \$400/bag. Joe recalls when bags of seed corn first broke \$100/bag – back in 1991. "You don't just spill corn now! Think of throwing a handful of nickels out, that's what it feels like" (continued on page 7)

## NO CDL Random Drug/Alcohol Testing Pool for 2020

Kane County Farm Bureau reminds those in its Random Drug/Alcohol Testing Pool for individuals or businesses with Commercial Driver's Licenses to comply with Federal Highway Department of Transportation regulations that the program will NOT be "ed for 2020. Due to changes in the law and low participation numbers, the organization has elected to not renew its contract with the service provider.

Those still needing to participate in a pool can contact Express Labs at 888-947-2136, JJ Keller at 844-840-3448, or Foley Labs at 800-253-5506.

## Several Kane County Farm Bureau member farms and businesses offer Christmas Trees and some offer wreaths and roping/garland. These locations include:

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Klein's Farm & Garden Market – Udina • 847-697-4910

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For information on other ways to support the work of our not-for-profit Foundation, establish a memorial scholarship, honor a loved one, or establish a new agricultural or community service program effort, contact Steve Arnold, Executive Director at 630-584-8660 or [steve@kanecfb.com](mailto:steve@kanecfb.com).



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# KCFB Foundation offers community service grants to FFA chapters

To recognize and encourage the continued contributions of students from Kane County FFA Chapters in the success of Kane

County Farm Bureau (KCFB) programs, the KCFB Foundation introduced an FFA Chapter Grants program in 2009.

Following its 11th year of success, the Foundation Board has approved Grants for 2019, and renewed the program for 2020.

Grants approved for 2019 were presented to Burlington-Central FFA on October 11 and to Kaneland FFA on October 29. A presentation to Hinckley-Big Rock FFA is scheduled in March 2020. The Foundation places no restriction on the use of the funds, allowing Advisors and students to identify needs and use the funds accordingly.

"We're happy to be able to offer these funds to local FFA Chapters," said Foundation President Joe White of Elburn. "FFA does a lot for the future of agriculture and the success of young people in all walks of life." He adds, "Their participation in Farm Bureau programs helps FFA members build teamwork, leadership development, and presentation skills while representing their

Chapter to the public – and we receive capable volunteers and exposure to the next generation of agricultural leaders."

For 2020, the Farm Bureau Foundation has selected four community service, educational and promotional programs, which will promote leadership development skills in FFA members. Participation in two or more of these programs will earn FFA Chapters a minimum \$250 Chapter Grant. Participation in all four will earn the Chapter \$400. Up to an additional \$100 will be offered to FFA Chapters that complete and report a community service activity, bringing the potential award up to \$500 per FFA Chapter.

FFA Chapters have assisted the Farm Bureau annually with its largest educational undertaking, Ag Days, where fourth graders gather at the Mooseheart grounds in March

for farm-themed lessons. FFA members have also been crucial to the success of the KCFB Foundation's annual Touch-a-Tractor and County Fair promotions. The fourth program that FFA Chapter are recognized and rewarded for participating in is an annual "Acquaintance" event with the Farm Bureau Young Farmers. In recent years this event has included re-packaging food for local food pantries at the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

The Kane County Farm Bureau is a non-for-profit membership organization, representing the interest of local agriculturalist. The Bureau's Foundation provides funding to support agricultural, educational, and leadership development for the benefit of agriculture and local farm families. In Kane County, FFA has three chapters at Burlington-Central, Hinckley Big Rock, and Kaneland High Schools.

## What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

**St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager**

GARY BOLGER has been named the Rep of the Month for September 2019 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Gary has provided tangible plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of his clients through COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services: Auto, Farm, Home, Life, Business, Retirement. Let Gary's expertise help you! You may reach Gary at 847-531-6110, gary.bolger@countryfinancial.com, or https://representatives.country

financial.com/gary.bolger/. Congratulations, Gary!

**Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager**

Greg LeBeau, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for September 2019. Greg began his career with COUNTRY Financial in October of 1987 and services clients out of his office located at: 1920 Wilson Street, Batavia, 60510, (630) 406-6900. Greg's professionalism and vast knowledge of auto, home, life, and commercial products make him a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Greg!

## Recruiter of the Month

Each month we honor the person who signs the most members into our organization. This month, the honor goes to **Felipe Rocha!** Felipe has been a COUNTRY Financial Representative since August of 2011. His office is located at 541 N. Lake St., Aurora and he

may be reached at: (630) 897-7746. Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success.



**Felipe Rocha**

## INGREDION

(continued from page 6) when you spill any of the seed kernels," he exclaimed. With 32,000 – 36,000 kernels needed to plant each acre, it comes down to each kernel being counted and accounted for.

Many questions were raised by the employee group. Topics ranged from GMO's and organics, what diseases impact corn and the effects, and crop rotation. Each question was thoughtfully answered by White and the group was genuinely interested in each and every topic covered during the discussion. Following the discussion

and a catered lunch, Ingredion employees were given the opportunity to ride in the combine, or the tractor pulling the grain cart. The Whites also opened the machine shed for the group to see planters, grain drills and even a 1960's era one row corn picker.

Area agricultural employers or food based companies who would like to make such a visit to a local farm are encouraged to contact Steve Arnold at the Kane County Farm Bureau,

steve@kanecfb.com or Ryan Tracy at Illinois Farm Bureau, rtracy@ilfb.org.



The three responsible for setting up the meeting and tour, left to right: Illinois Farm Bureau's Ryan Tracy, farmer and KCFB President Joe White, and Ingredion's Robin Brown.



Farm Bureau members gathered on October 16 at the KCFB office on Randall Road to prepare Safety Treats for farmers and farm workers.

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14276	1/16	Farmall	560 Diesel		Precision series 10	Y	140.00
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4355	1/16	Farmall	460		Precision series 11	Y	100.00
55149	1/50	CAT	432E	Side Shift Backhoe loader	Norscot	Y	40.00
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14635A	1/16	International	1456		"Wheatland"	Y	195.00
14530	1/16	Farmall	806		PrecisionKey series 4	Y	120.00
14204	1/16	IH	1466		Precision series 18	Y	120.00
14128	1/16	McCormick		Flare Box Wagon	Precision series 17	Y	45.00
14060	1/16	Farmall	560	w/ 2-MH Corn Picker	Precision series 14	Y	195.00
14275	1/16	Farmall	MV High Clear		Precision series 20	Y	83.00
14129	1/16	Farmall	706		Precision series 16	Y	150.00
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16165A	1/16	Farmall	Super M	w/ 2-MH Corn Picker		Y	75.00
14408	1/16	Farmall	1206		PrecisionKey series 1	Y	150.00
14350	1/16	International	3588		PrecisionKey series 2	Y	150.00
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14634	1/16	International	6588		PrecisionKey series 7	Y	75.00
56018	1/32	Lexion	590R	Combine	Norscot	Y	80.00
14481	1/16	International	1468		PrecisionKey series 3	Y	125.00
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# iPhone app, IFB member benefit platform alert members to nearby perks

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Kane County Farm Bureau members enjoy more than 302,000 savings and discounts, now usefully linked in the IFB Benefits iPhone app. KCFB recommends you get the app and let it notify you, as you drive by, about savings on tires, beef sandwiches, gym memberships, haircuts and more! "We're extremely pleased to offer this new platform for our members, giving them added discounts on hotels, theme parks, restaurants, movies and everything in between," said Melissa Rhode, Marketing Director at Illinois Farm Bureau.

"Best of all, the app shows both local and national discounts and can even notify members when they're near a business that offers discounts," she added.

It's easy to download and use the iPhone app, or to access the

membership benefit platform from a web browser, for member discounts. From your iPhone's App Store, search ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU BENEFITS and choose the app that matches our picture here. To use the online benefit platform from your web browser, visit <https://ilfb.abenity.com> and create an account right there online.

Once inside the app or the web platform,

- Use your Illinois Farm Bureau membership number to create an account.
- Include the dash but NO LETTERS (ex. 045-99999).
- Search offers using business names, locations, categories and more.
- Show and save mobile coupons.
- Customize the app to include frequently used offers.
- Cash in on instant in-store discounts at nearby restaurants and retailers.

"Our members have nothing to lose and everything to gain with this new platform," Rhode said. "Members will find more than 302,000 discounts on top of what is already available through their Illinois Farm Bureau membership."

Members who have questions about the app, membership benefit platform, or about member benefits may contact Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660.



# Farm Toy of the Month

A wet spring delayed harvest for area farmers, so the kids reap the benefit of an extended sale on harvest toys also through our farm toy of the month. Last month we featured a John Deere Harvesting Set. For November we switch colors from green to red, and offer a Case/IH 8320 Axial Flow combine.

This approximately 1/32 scale combine comes from the Tomy line of "everyday play" farm toys. Its durable plastic construction makes it lightweight and appropriate for ages 3 and up. It comes with a detachable grain head.

Regular price is

\$34.99, but visit the Farm Bureau Country Store in our lobby during the month of November and you can save an extra 10% while supplies last. While you are here, be sure to put in your order for fresh HOKA turkey for your Thanksgiving table, and fresh citrus for Christmas gift giving. We hope to see you soon!



KCFB member Ray Hanson of St. Charles looks over the dairy related items in the lobby of the Kane County Farm Bureau. Most of the collection was donated to the Farm Bureau by David Klussendorf of Batavia and includes vintage milk bottles and caps, creamers and crates. Hanson has his hand on a complete mid-century milking machine manufactured locally by Babson Bros., later to become Surge before being acquired by GE Farm Technologies, of Naperville.

## Order your fresh, never frozen turkey

Start a holiday tradition like no other with a fresh HoKa turkey for Thanksgiving. HoKa turkeys are locally raised at Howard Kaufman Turkey Farms in nearby Waterman, IL. They are individually wrapped and boxed, which makes them perfect for holiday entertaining or as gifts. Kaufman Turkey Farms is one of the country's last independent family turkey farms with its own federally inspected dressing plant.

<b>KCFB Member PLUS members:</b>	<b>\$3.10/lb.</b>
<b>KCFB members:</b>	<b>\$3.25/lb.</b>
<b>Non-members:</b>	<b>\$3.85/lb.</b>

Order yours by Thursday, November 21, by calling Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 or mail back the order form below. Turkeys vary in weight, so please indicate the weight you would like and we will get as close as we can (exact weight cannot be guaranteed, a 2-lb range is recommended).

Pick-up is at Kane Co. Farm Bureau on Tuesday, November 26, just in time for your Thanksgiving dinner!

### Kane County Farm Bureau - Fresh Thanksgiving Turkeys

\_\_\_\_\_ # of turkey(s). Requested weight(s) (2-lb range, please): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS THURSDAY, NOV. 21.**

**Payment is due at pickup at the Farm Bureau Tuesday, November 26, 12-5:00pm**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No./E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles IL 60174  
or order by phone: (630) 584-8660 or e-mail: [member@kanecfb.com](mailto:member@kanecfb.com)

## Holiday Product Order Form

Citrus • Nuts • Cheese • Meat • Popcorn • Spice

Kane County Farm Bureau is once again offering fresh citrus and seasonal items for the holidays trucked in fresh to fill our orders. Members say the taste and freshness are hard to beat! An annual tradition for at least half a century, this is one you'll be glad to be a part of. KCFB members receive a discount & PLUS members get an even better deal. Check out the gift boxes for holiday gift giving.

Complete the order form and return with your payment to Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174, by **Thursday, Nov. 8th Pickup is Wednesday, December 18, 2019** at Heinz Brothers Greenhouse (same as last year), 2010 E. Main St., St. Charles (just west of Dunham Road).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

KCFB MEMBER#: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD#: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC#: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER DEADLINE: Friday, November 8, 2019**

**\$25 for PLUS Member Pricing (Additional benefits apply)**

Questions? Call 630-584-8660

PICKUP TIME: Wednesday, December 18, 2019  
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: HEINZ BROS. GREENHOUSE  
2010 E. MAIN ST., ST. CHARLES  
(JUST WEST OF DUNHAM ROAD)

PAYMENT: **WITH ORDER PLACEMENT**  
WE ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD & DISCOVER

SEND ORDER TO: KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
2N710 RANDALL ROAD  
ST. CHARLES, IL 60174

**Order deadline is Thursday, November 8th - don't miss out on delicious holiday gifts and treats**



QTY		Non-Member	KCFB Member	KCFB Plus (+) Member
<b>CITRUS</b>				
_____	GRAPEFRUIT (RED) 2/5 BUSHEL	\$23.75	\$19.00	\$18.05
_____	GRAPEFRUIT (RED) 4/5 BUSHEL	\$41.68	\$33.35	\$31.68
_____	NAVEL ORANGES 2/5 BUSHEL	\$24.43	\$19.55	\$18.57
_____	NAVEL ORANGES 4/5 BUSHEL	\$46.25	\$37.00	\$35.15
_____	CLEMENTINES 1/5 BUSHEL	\$24.43	\$19.55	\$18.57
_____	TRIO PACK 2/5 BUSHEL	\$37.00	\$33.00	\$31.35
_____	18-20 Navel oranges, 4 Grapefruit, 10 Red Delicious apples			
_____	GRAND SLAM PACK	\$40.10	\$32.40	\$30.78
_____	6 Red Delicious Apples, 6 D'Anjou pears, 3 Golden Delicious apples, 18-20 navel oranges			
<b>CHEESE GIFT BOXES</b> (10 oz. of each cheese)				
_____	BOX "A", Mild Cheddar, Swiss, Longhorn, Calico	\$27.00	\$22.50	\$21.37
_____	BOX "B", Mild Cheddar, Swiss, Calico, 5 oz. sausage	\$25.50	\$21.25	\$20.19
_____	BOX "C", Longhorn, Mild Brick, Mild Cheddar, 12 oz. sausage	\$28.50	\$23.75	\$22.56
_____	BOX "D", Calico, Mild Cheddar, Swiss, Colby, Gouda, two 5 oz. sausage	\$34.50	\$28.75	\$27.31
<b>NUTS</b>				
_____	PEANUTS - 16 OZ. SKINLESS CAN	\$7.20	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.70
_____	HONEY KRUNCH PEANUTS - 12 OZ. CAN	\$ 7.10	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.75
_____	PECAN HALVES - 16 OZ. BAG	\$12.60	\$10.50	\$ 9.97
_____	MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PECANS 12 OZ. BAG	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$ 9.50
_____	MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PEANUTS 12 OZ. CAN	\$6.60	\$5.50	\$5.23
_____	HONEY ROASTED PECANS 9 OZ CAN	\$11.40	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.03
_____	MILK CHOCOLATE PECAN CLUSTERS 9 OZ BOX	\$9.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.13
_____	DARK CHOCOLATE SEA SALT CARAMELS 8 OZ BOX	\$8.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.13
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
_____	POPCORN, YELLOW 2 LB BAG	\$ 4.20	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.00
_____	BBQ SPICE, 12 OZ. SHAKER JAR	\$11.26	\$ 9.38	\$ 8.91
<b>MEAT - 5 LB BOX</b> (all individually wrapped)				
_____	BOURBON SIRLOIN STEAKS, 8 OZ.(4 lbs)	\$41.43	\$37.66	\$35.78
_____	PORK CHOPS 8 OZ, SEASONED W/BONE	\$26.50	\$24.09	\$22.89
_____	PORK CHOPS 8 OZ, SEASONED BONELESS	\$27.39	\$24.90	\$23.66
_____	PORK CHOPS 10 OZ, SEASONED BONELESS	\$27.39	\$24.90	\$23.66
_____	GROUND BEEF PATTIES	\$27.39	\$24.90	\$23.66
_____	LEMON ROSEMARY PORK ROAST /QTY 3, 24 OZ PER BOX	\$21.93	\$19.94	\$18.94
_____	\$25 INCLUDED FOR PLUS MEMBER PRICING (additional benefits apply)			\$25.00
_____	<b>TOTAL # ITEMS ORDERED</b>		<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	_____