



Pictured (from left): Mike Miller, president & CEO, River Bend Foodbank; Jeff Kirwan, Illinois Farm Bureau District 3 director; Chad Bell, Illinois Farm Bureau District 3 Young Leader representative; Mike Zecher, Mercer County Farm Bureau president.

## Food bank receives donation from FB

Quad City Illinois farmers are helping local families with a donation to the River Bend Foodbank through the Bushels for Hunger program for the ninth straight year. After the ninth year, total contributions by the Bushels for Hunger program will exceed \$226,000 with this year's \$23,697.25 contribution. Mercer County Farmer and Illinois Farm Bureau District 3 Director Jeff Kirwan presented the donation to Mike Miller of the River Bend Foodbank in Davenport.

"Thanks to the generous donations of thousands of bushels of grain to the Bushels for Hunger campaign, local farmers worked together to fight hunger in the Quad City community with these funds," Kirwan said.

Alongside Kirwan, fellow farmer Chad Bell added, "Local neighbors and farmers in the five-county area of Illinois were anxious to pitch in and help fight hunger in their community. This money will help provide countless meals in the River Bend Foodbank area."

The Bushels for Hunger program is a joint program coordinated by the following four Illinois County Farm Bureaus: Rock Island, Henry, Mercer and Whiteside, in conjunction with the following area grain elevators and ethanol plants: ADM, Atkinson Grain, Big River Resources, Cargill, CHS, Gold Star FS, Hillsdale Elevator, Michlig Grain, River Gulf Grain, River Valley Cooperative and Rumbold & Kuhn.

## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

- 3 Rock Island County Soil & Water Roundtable – 8 a.m.
- 4 Region 1 Manager's Meeting
- 11 Mercer/ Rock Island Young Leaders – Brickhouse Pizza, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Farm Bureau Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 4/30-5/2 Manager's Conference, St. Louis

## Cubs vs Cardinals bus trip to Wrigley Field!

Friday, September 20, 2019  
Game time 1:20pm

Cost is \$100 per member (limit 6)

Contact your local Farm Bureau to reserve your seat!



309-582-5116



309-736-7432



Tyne Morgan, left, host of U.S. Farm Report, and Erin Brenneman, right, farmer and farrowing manager of Brenneman Pork, address attendees during the March 14 Women in Ag Conference.

## Women's conference draws 200

The Women in Ag Conference celebrated its eighth year on Thursday, March 14, at Jumer's Hotel and Casino, Rock Island. More than 200 women from Illinois and Iowa attended the conference.

Attendees began the day with a light breakfast and welcome. Tyne Morgan, host of U.S. Farm Report delivered the opening session: Bullish Agriculture 2019 & Beyond. She spoke about policy and news shaping the agriculture industry, as well as what the future holds. After the opening session, attendees chose from three breakout sessions ranging from livestock standards of care, direct food marketing and managing stress. Attorney Stephanie Bradley Fryer then gave a mid-day session on Farm Estate and

### Succession Planning.

After lunch, guests chose from three breakout sessions -- farm finances, trends and issues in the food industry and your path to wellness. Attendees reconvened in the main salon for the closing session with Erin Brenneman: We Mend More Fences When We Meet in the Middle. Erin is a farmer and the farrowing manager at Brenneman Pork. A wrap-up was then given by former Rock Island County Farm Bureau Manager DeAnne Bloomberg.

The conference was sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau, Country Financial, River Valley Cooperative, Compeer Financial, Hertz Farm Management, River Gulf Grain, University of Illinois Extension and Iowa State Extension.

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

## CLEAN WATER & CLEAR RULES

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps announced the new Clean Water Rule. The new rule would end years of uncertainty over where federal jurisdiction begins and ends.



Voice your support of common-sense water rules.  
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Contact your local county Farm Bureau for more information.

## Market Outlook

Mike McClellan, AG Meteorologist with Mobile Weather Team Inc., speaks to a full house at the Market Outlook Seminar on March 14 at Lavender Crest Winery in Colona. The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by Henry, Mercer and Rock Island County Farm Bureaus.

