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A sincere "thank you" from the board and staff of the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Foundation
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Blohm to lead Market Outlook

Naomi Blohm, market specialist with Stewart-Peterson, will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 U.S. Highway 6, Colona. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at 6:15 p.m., followed by an update from Gold Star FS Grain Merchandiser, Mike Schaver.

Reservations must be made by Nov. 9 to guarantee a meal. To make reservations, please call the Rock Island County Farm Bureau at (309) 736-7432.

Blohm is a specialist at helping farmers understand how to manage their cash marketing needs and help them understand the importance of managing basis, delivery point considerations, cash flow needs and storage capacity.

Blohm earned her bachelor of arts in political science with a minor in agriculture business at the University of Wisconsin in Platteville. She has a master of science in adult education with an emphasis in ag economics,

University of Wisconsin, Platteville, and a master certificate in global education, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Blohm is the author of the Stewart-Peterson Advisory Report, frequent contributor on Iowa Public Television's Market to Market program and U.S. Farm Report guest. She also regularly leads market outlook and risk management seminars throughout the Midwest and is a featured speaker for many organizations, including the Commodity Classic.

Additional speakers for the series will include: March 8, 2017 – **Mike McClellan**, Mobile Weather; July 13, 2017 – **Chip Flory**, Pro Farmer. (Lavender Crest Winery will be the location for all market outlook seminars.)

The Market Outlook Series is sponsored by the Henry and Rock Island County Farm Bureaus.

Sign up soon for farm bill meetings

It's time to start thinking of the next federal farm bill. Illinois farmers can take a leadership role in developing this important legislation.

"It seems a little early, but it's probably right on schedule," said Jonathan Coppess, assistant professor of law and policy at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. In his former roles at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and on Capitol Hill, Coppess helped shape the last two federal farm bills. He'll moderate three November farm bill member input sessions throughout the state.

Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Growers Association, Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Pork Producers Association and Illinois Soybean Growers are working together to host the farm bill member input sessions throughout Illinois. Farmers and others should make plans now to attend:

Tuesday, Nov. 22: Normal, Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 201 Broadway Ave., Normal, 61761 in association with the WILL Radio Farm

Assets Conference. To attend, sign up at this online link: <http://bit.ly/farm-billmtg2Normal>

Please note: an onsite registration fee rebate will be provided for farmer-attendees.

Tuesday, Nov. 29: Sycamore, DeKalb County Farm Bureau, 9:30 a.m., 1350 W. Prairie Drive, Sycamore, 60178. Register to attend using this online link: <http://bit.ly/farmbillmtg1or3>.

Attendees will get to anonymously respond to a series of questions at the start of each session. A panel discussion featuring Coppess and representatives of The Nature Conservancy will follow. After the panel discussion, results of the farm bill-related questions will be revealed and additional discussion will take place.

Meals will be provided at each event, but accurate head counts are needed for each to help ensure there will be enough food for all who attend. If you plan to attend, please take the time to register online at the links above.

Help with 'Bushels for Hunger'

This fall, farmers throughout the area will donate bushels of grain as a fundraiser for the River Bend Food Bank through the program "Bushels for Hunger." When farmers bring harvested corn and soybeans to nearby grain elevators, they will be asked if they would like to donate bushels of grain to fight hunger. The donated grain will be sold, with the money donated to the River Bend foodbank.

The elevators participating in Bushels for Hunger are: ADM Grain, Atkinson Grain, Big River Resources, Cargill, CHS, Gold Star FS, Hillsdale Elevator, Michlig Grain, River Gulf Grain, River Valley Cooperative, and Rumbold & Kuhn.

The Bushels for Hunger program will continue until Jan. 31. To learn more about the donation, contact the Farm Bureau office at 309-736-7432.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

16	Market Outlook with Naomi Blohm at Lavender Crest; 6:15 p.m.
21	Regular Monthly Board Meeting
24-25	Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday
29	District 3 Resolutions Review Meeting

DECEMBER

3-6	IAA Annual Meeting @ Palmer House in Chicago
19	Farm Bureau Board Meeting
23	Office closed for Christmas Eve
26	Office closed for Christmas Day