



Naomi Blohm

Blohm to lead next Outlook

Naomi Blohm, market specialist with Stewart-Peterson, will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, Sept. 10 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.

REGISTER EARLY!!! Sign up for the entire series for \$75 – get one meeting free!!! Cost for a single session is \$25 (if not pre-registered, cost will be \$30). Reservations must be made by Sept. 3 to guarantee a meal. To make reservations, please call the

Henry County Farm Bureau (309) 937-2411 or the Rock Island County Farm Bureau (309) 736-7432.

Naomi 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: Nov. 20 – **Al Kluis**, Kluis Commodities; March 4, 2015 – **Dr. Elwynn Taylor**, Iowa State University; July 2015 – **Andy Shissler**, Roach Ag Marketing. (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 Bureau Marketing Committees, Gold Star FS, BankOrion, Patriot Renewable Fuels, Steve Sim - Country Financial, 1st Farm Credit Services (Aledo & Geneseo), and Big River Resources.

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 10 AgXPerience Teacher Packet Pickup; 3:30 –5:30; Rock Island County Fairgrounds – Copeland Center
AgXPerience Presenter and Class Escort Orientation and Training; 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Market Outlook Series with Naomi Blohm; Lavender Crest; 6:15 p.m.; reservations after Sept. 3 \$30 at door
- 15 Foundation Board Meeting at 8 p.m. FB office Executive Committee; 7:30 p.m.
- 16 AgXPerience Setup all day at Rock Island County Fairgrounds
- 17-19 AgXPerience 2014
- 19 Farm Bill Overview and On the Road seminar (details in this issue)
- 23 Meat Goes to School Teacher's Banquet – Barley and Rye in Downtown Moline
Market Outlook with Naomi Blohm – Sept 10 at Lavender Crest

Don't miss these upcoming seminars

The County Farm Bureaus of Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, Stark and Whiteside will hold informational seminars on Friday, Sept. 19, focusing on the Farm Bill and Motor Vehicle Laws for Illinois Farmers.

The seminars will take place at the Western Illinois University - Quad Cities Campus, Riverfront Hall 103/104, 3300 River Drive, Moline, IL. The Farm Bill Overview will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the second session, "On the Road" will be 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Farm Bill Overview – 10 a.m.

Speakers: Doug Yoder - Senior Director of Affiliate and Risk Management at Illinois Farm Bureau, and Jonathan Coppess - Clinical Assistant Professor of Law and Policy at University of Illinois

Topics: Update options; Safety Net choices; Payment Limits; Program

Eligibility; Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO); Crop Insurance Changes

"On the Road" – 12:30 p.m.

Speaker: Kevin Rund - Senior Director of Local Government at Illinois Farm Bureau

Topics: Trucking Laws Important to Farmers; New & Pending Laws Impacting Motor Vehicle Operation including Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, USDOT Number Registration, Unified Carrier Registration; and Recap of Fundamentals

A complimentary lunch will be available for those individuals registering for both sessions. The seminars are free, but advanced registration is requested. Contact the Rock Island County Farm Bureau at (309) 736-7432 or email info@ricofarmbureau.org to make your reservation.

Annual meeting Aug. 18

Annual meeting held August 18th The RICFB County Annual Meeting was held Monday, Aug. 18, at the FB office. There was no contested election in Districts 1 and 3. District 2 Directors Marty McManus and Bradley Erickson were re-elected to the board. The officers of the board were also re-elected, with the following as executive officers: President, Marty McManus; Vice President – Stan Woodburn; Secretary – Dennis VanDaele; Treasurer – Fred Nightingale; At Large – Phil Fuhr. The monthly board meeting was held immediately following and two vacancies were reported to the board. The two-step nomination and election process included a direct mail to the

entire voting membership. Included in the mailing was a postage-paid return postcard where members were asked to nominate individuals for the board. Twenty-one names were yielded from that process – of a total 626 voting members. The Nomination Committee contacted each of those individuals asking if they would accept the nomination to serve. One member agreed to run for the board.

District 3 still has a vacancy. If there are farmer members interested in serving on the board, please contact Marty McManus, president, or one of the District 3 directors – Mike Sadoris, Stan Woodburn, Brent Riewerts or Mitch Jurevitz.



Bustos named Friend of Ag

The Illinois Farm Bureau today announced Congresswoman Cheri Bustos has been named a 'Friend of Agriculture' and is endorsed by Illinois Agricultural Association ACTIVATOR, IFB's political involvement fund, which seeks to help elect pro-farm candidates no matter party affiliation or office.

Elected in November 2012, Bustos was named to the House Agriculture Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, a major benefit to her constituents in the 17th Congressional District.

"Rep. Bustos helped us cross off a couple of major Farm Bureau priorities on our legislative to-do list," said Steve Fricke, Stephenson County Farm Bureau president and chair, 17th District ACTIVATOR Trustee committee. "Along the way, she achieved what no other member of the Illinois delegation achieved — a perfect Illinois Farm Bureau voting record in the 113th Congress."

Bustos helped get a farm bill written and sent to the house floor, where she defended crop insurance and a number of other Farm Bureau priorities against vocal Congressional opposition. She also voted for the first House farm bill and was one of just 24 Democrats to pick the interests of her district over the wishes of her party, Fricke added.

"On transportation, Rep. Bustos worked across the aisle to include language in the WRRDA bill, creating the ability for the Army Corps of Engineers to enter into public-private partnerships," Fricke said. "The partnerships won't replace the need for federal funding, but will allow us to begin chipping away at the \$60 billion backlog in waterway projects that will make barge transportation more efficient and allow farmers here in Illinois to remain competitive in the race to supply China and other overseas markets."

The local farmer ACTIVATOR Trustees in the 17th Congressional

District endorsed Bustos because she supported key legislative issues impacting agriculture while in the U.S. House of Representatives, including renewable fuels, working with Republican agriculture committee colleague Kristi Noem of South Dakota to draft a letter to the EPA urging upward revisions in the amount of biofuels blended in 2014.

In addition to her major legislative accomplishments, ACTIVATOR members also endorsed Bustos because of her open-door policy on Capitol Hill and her accessibility to her constituents back home.

The Friend of Agriculture designation places Bustos in a group of select members of the House of Representatives who understand the leading role Illinois agriculture plays in the global marketplace and the far-reaching benefits of its products, and proves she comprehends agriculture's benefits extend beyond the vital function of feeding Illinois, the nation and the world.

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