



Calendar of Events

MAY 2017

- 9 Scholarship Awards Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Happy Joe's in Coal Valley
- 15 Board Meeting; time to be decided based on planting and field progress
- 29 Memorial Day office closed

JUNE 2017

- 1 Last Drop Deadline for Summer Ag Institute for Teachers
Contact the FB office for details regarding fee schedule and dates
- 19 Board Meeting Time TBD

JULY 2017

- 4 Independence Day; office closed
- 13 Market Outlook with Chip Flory
- 17 Board Meeting; time to be decided
- 18-22 Rock Island County Fair



Pictured, from left, are Riverdale FFA member and junior Kaylee Payne and JC Campbell, Illinois FFA president.

FFA event draws 300

300 FFA members from 78 Illinois counties attended the 2017 Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Youth Conference, April 10-11 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria.

"Maximize," the theme of this year's conference, offered FFA members in their junior year of high school a unique opportunity for career and personal development. This year's attendees got the opportunity to network with representatives from community colleges, universities, agriculture commodity groups, and the Illinois Farm Bureau and its family of companies at an Opportunity Fair. The conference also provided breakout sessions that focused on personal growth, team building, advocacy and leadership development. Participants also brought 598 non-perishable food items to the conference, which were donated to Midwest Food Bank as part of the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders' Harvest for All program.

The annual two-day conference is sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and its affiliated companies, which include Growmark, Country Financial, Prairie Farms Dairy and the IAA Credit Union.



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at Wrigley Field

Join Mercer and Rock Island County Farm Bureau on a bus trip to see the Cubs play the Cardinals!

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Chicago Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals

Cost: \$100 per person – Farm Bureau members
\$150 per person – Non-Farm Bureau members
(Price includes transportation and ticket to ballgame)

Call the FB office today to make your reservation. Payment guarantees your ticket and seat on bus. 309-736-7432. First-come, first-served.

VFD

The Veterinary Feed Directive

Effective January 1

Are You Ready?

FOUR Key Points

- 1 Establish a VCPR with your veterinarian
- 2 Obtain a VFD for feed containing antibiotics medically important to human health
- 3 Use VFD antibiotics only on animals as directed
- 4 Keep a record of each VFD for two years



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SAVE THE DATE CELEBRATE AGRICULTURE NIGHT

Presented by:



**THURSDAY, AUG 17TH - 6:35PM
GATES OPEN AT 5:35PM**

RIVER BANDITS PLAYER CARD SET GIVEAWAY!

Show your Iowa or Illinois Farm Bureau card at the Modern Woodmen Park Box Office for \$3 off Admission!



For more info:

RIVERBANDITS.com

563-324-3000

Emergency harvest plan being pushed

State update from our state legislative team; Sen. Anderson continues push for harvest emergency proclamation.

Governor's Harvest Emergency Proclamation – SB 1576 (Sen. Anderson/Rep. Phelps), HB 2580 (Rep. Phelps/Sen. Anderson) SB 1576 and HB 2580 would authorize the governor, during an emergency harvest situation, to allow for a 10 percent gross vehicle weight and axle weight limit increase in order to effectively transport agricultural commodities from the field to local grain bins and elevators in a more efficient manner, while also reducing truck traffic on our local roads. Under current Illinois law, the governor can issue an emergency harvest declaration that allows a 20 percent tolerance for truck axle weights only. During emergency harvest situations, an increased tolerance to axle weights does little to provide additional transportation efficiencies to allow for a more expedient harvest. **SB 1576 passed the Senate 57-0-0 and is on First Reading in the House. HB 2580 passed the House 114-0-0 and is on First Reading in the Senate. IFB supports SB 1576 and HB 2580.**

What's going on this summer?

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