

# HENRY COUNTY FARMER



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## HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU DATEBOOK

### JANUARY

- 1 ..... Happy New Year!!!  
HCFB office closed
- 11 ..... Henry County Beef Association Meeting  
HCFB boardroom, 7pm
- 16 ..... HCFB Board of Directors Meeting  
HCFB Boardroom, 7:30pm
- 19-24 ..... American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention  
Salt Lake City, UT
- 22 ..... Reservations due for FB Women's Mental Health program
- 25 ..... Women's Mental Health Program (**reservations required**)  
HCFB boardroom, 6pm

### FEBRUARY

- 2-3 ..... Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders Conference  
Springfield
- 5 ..... HC Pork Producers meeting  
HCFB boardroom, 7pm
- 8 ..... SILO Film Showing  
Geneseo High School Performing Arts Center  
(reservations preferred but not required), 6:30pm
- 20 ..... Illinois Farm Bureau Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference  
Springfield



**Delegates Represent Henry County at Annual Meeting**  
Serving as Voting Delegates for Henry County Farm Bureau at the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting held in Chicago in December are (l to r) Jan Weber, Tim Yager, Kate Huffman, Steve Nightingale, and Brian Corkill.



**County Activities of Excellence Award Received**  
Steve Nightingale, President of the Henry County Farm Bureau accepts the County Activities of Excellence Award from newly-elected, Illinois Farm Bureau President, Brian Duncan.

## HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS:

I am glad to report that Henry County's delegates helped make much needed change to the CO2 pipeline policy. Prior to the Annual Meeting, I reached out to all of the Presidents of the other counties who had a proposed pipeline going through them. Connections were made and contact was kept during the resolutions process. We tried to come together as one unified voice with our positions on the use of eminent domain, safety, and a moratorium on this policy.

Policy surrounding CO2 pipelines was changed as follows:

*Policy 12. Utilities and Pipelines:*

We support:

39. A temporary moratorium on the approval of the construction and operation of any carbon dioxide pipeline until the PHMSA promulgates its revised federal safety standards for transportation of carbon dioxide.

40. CO2 pipelines should add a distinctive odor to the CO2 to alert people to its presence, utilize enhanced leak detection with automatic shutoffs, automatic notification of emergency services in an area where a leak has been detected, and provide training and equipment donations to first responders in the pipeline area.

41. Legislation that prohibits the use of eminent domain for CO2 pipelines.

42. Developers of carbon dioxide pipelines and storage projects demonstrating progress at securing willing agreements for pipeline easements and willing agreements for storage rights prior to approval of the project by the ICC.

Illinois Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting was held in Chicago from December 2-4, 2023. Henry County took an active approach during the delegate session by making an amendment and speaking in strong opposition on the use of eminent domain during the debate. We emphasized that one of Farm Bureau's core principles has always been property rights. We stressed that having a seat at the table with industry stakeholders and lobbyists is not worth compromising our core values and principles. To make sure our legislators clearly understand our position, we needed to take a stand on this issue in order to help them make changes to law.

Our delegates also emphasized support of the ethanol industry, delicately balancing the property rights debate with our current and future ethanol demand. We pushed to edit the policy with important changes, not eliminate the whole CO2 pipeline policy. If the policy was eliminated, then the Illinois Farm Bureau would be "neutral" or have "no opinion" on the CO2 pipeline. These new changes may not be perfect, but substantial progress was made.

Policy is debated every year at the Annual Meeting. If you feel more changes are needed to this policy (or a different Farm Bureau policy), please reach out for Resolution consideration prior to the 2024 Annual Meeting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Nightingale, President  
Henry County Farm Bureau®

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**Manager:** Katie Laleman, FBCM  
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### DIRECTORS RECOGNIZED AT COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

Completing his eight-year term on the Henry County Farm Bureau Board of Directors is Brian Boelens, who has represented District 4 on the HCFB Board. Steve Nightingale, President, is shown presenting an award of appreciation to Boelens. Not pictured, but also leaving the board is Brian DeBrock, also representing District 4 and completing four years.



### STAHLER NAMED TOP MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER

Cassie Stahler, COUNTRY Financial Representative in Geneseo, was recognized as the Top Membership Recruiter in Henry County at the Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. Steve Nightingale, HCFB President, made the announcement at the 106th Annual Meeting held in November.

## IAA FOUNDATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURE, ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU FAMILIES

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — More than \$177,000 in scholarships are available for agriculture students through the IAA Foundation.

"We are once again pleased to offer a scholarship program that encourages students to explore degrees in agriculture related fields," said Jennifer Smith, IAA Foundation development manager. "It is imperative that the next generation of agriculture leaders receives the financial support they need to stay immersed in their education and build their career in agriculture."

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 95 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$177,001 for the 2024-25 school year. Applications are open for a variety of financial awards including the newly created Promoting Careers in Agriculture Scholarship and the Robert E. Koeller Scholarship. Additionally, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of Prairie Farms Dairy and several family scholarships

established to honor loved ones. Fellowships are also available to support students pursuing advanced degrees in fields that directly relate to agriculture.

Scholarships are awarded based on involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service, academic performance, leadership experiences and an essay. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the individual scholarship allows. A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Applications must be completed online by Feb. 15. For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or email Jennifer Smith at [jsmith@ifb.org](mailto:jsmith@ifb.org). The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

## 'THAT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME': IFB HOSTS FARM EMERGENCY PLANNING SEMINARS

Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) and COUNTRY Financial are partnering to host four "Emergency Planning on Your Farm" seminars in February 2024 to help farm families and businesses prepare for crisis situations and farm emergencies.

Join IFB, COUNTRY Financial and guest host Mike Pearson, long-time farm broadcaster and host of RFD-TV's "This Week in Agribusiness" to hear best practices to navigate crises.

"Every year, farms across the U.S. encounter disasters, including severe weather, life-threatening farm accidents and even social media challenges threatening businesses' reputations," said Kim Knapp, IFB membership operations manager. "While such crises are heartbreaking, they don't spell the end of an operation. These seminars are intended to prepare farm families and

businesses for potential crisis situations through hearing about real-life situations and learning common best practices to bring back to their operation."

Each seminar will last approximately 2.5 hours with doors opening 30 minutes before the event. Meetings are planned at the following locations and times:

- Thursday, Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. in Rock Island
- Friday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. in Edwardsville
- Monday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. in Bloomington
- Monday Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. in Effingham

Each seminar will provide attendees with information and questions that are essential to being prepared if a farm emergency occurs. Peason will also share lessons learned from farm operations that had emergency situations and best practices for farm families and

businesses to implement. An IFB leader will also provide information on crisis situations.

Lindsey Rinkenberger, COUNTRY director of commercial agribusiness underwriting operations, will also provide a brief overview of how COUNTRY farm-certified reps can help farmers protect their farm and crops with proper insurance coverages and plan for their farm's financial future.

A meal is provided during each seminar, so those interested in attending are encouraged to save-the-date at <https://on.ifb.org/farmplan21>. Those saving the date will receive a notification once registration opens on Dec. 1.

For more information, contact Henr County Farm Bureau or Kim Knapp at 309-557-2601, or by email at [kknapp@ifb.org](mailto:kknapp@ifb.org).

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## YOUNG LEADERS RECEIVE TOP AWARDS

During the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting held in December, Henry County Young Leaders were recognized for their success and achievements in 2023. Picture are (l to r) Megan Dwyer, Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders Excellence in Agriculture Award Winner; Sadie Asher, 2023 State Young Leader Committee Chair; Kate Huffman, Past Young Leader Chair accepted the 3rd Overall, Harvest for All Award for Henry County; and Logan Van Rheenen, current HCFB Young Leader Chair accepted the "Friend of Young Leaders" Award on behalf of Russell Marshall of Ed Morse Ford. Congratulations to our outstanding Henry County Young Leaders!

## HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU HONORED DURING ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

Henry County Farm Bureau was recently recognized for its outstanding programing during the 109th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau.

At its annual meeting, IFB recognizes outstanding achievement by individual members and county Farm Bureaus (CFBs). Counties compete for awards with other counties of similar membership size. Awards are given for five county groups:  
 Group I — counties with 1,330 and fewer members  
 Group II — counties with 1,331 to 1,899 members  
 Group III — counties with 1,900 to 2,799 members

Group IV — counties with 2,800 to 5,800 members  
 Group V — counties with 5,801 or more members

Awards were evaluated under the County Activities of Excellence (CAE) program. The CAE program recognizes CFBs for program excellence, encourages and assists CFBs in setting goals and priorities, inspires and promotes innovative programming to meet member needs, promotes programming in key areas and provides a resource to counties for the purpose of developing new programs. CAE recognized programs carried out between Sept. 1, 2022, and Aug. 31, 2023.

The Excellence Award is given to the county with the most outstanding project for each program area. Excellence Awards encompassed eight program areas: Ag Literacy, Farm Income and Development, Health and Safety, Advocacy, Local Affairs, Engagement and Outreach, Membership Value and Foundations and Fundraising.

Henry County Farm Bureau was recently awarded the following: Membership Value: Farm Bureau Women; CFB Foundation & Fundraising: Trade and Technical Program Scholarship.



### Students Learn about Christmas Trees

Third grade students at St. Malachy School in Geneseo, learned about Christmas tree farms and made edible trees. The Agriculture in the Classroom program was presented by Ag Literacy Coordinator, Paula Janson.

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**SCHOLARSHIP**

**HENRY COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Henry County Pork Producers will award several scholarships to students who plan to attend college and also to current freshman, sophomore or junior college students. Their family must be a Pork Producer member. The student does not need to pursue a career in agriculture. If you have a student who may be interested, please contact Tom Dale.

**ENTRY DEADLINE: JANUARY 13, 2024**

**MORE INFORMATION**

CONTACT: TOM DALE  
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 Call or Text: 563-357-0093

Farm Bureau Salutes the COUNTRY Financial Membership Recruiter of the Month

**Cassie Stahler, Geneseo**





## FARMS PREP FOR NEXT BUSY SEASON

We hadn't started changing oil in the tractors, backhoe nor skid steer yet, and our 15-year-old expressed concern. I explained that his favorite, after-school activity in the farm shop was on hold until after the two weekends of extended-family Christmas parties that cleared the space and prompted a deep clean for a holiday potluck, gift opening and gymnasium-style fun on the farm. Soon enough, maintenance work will dirty the shop floor and oil absorbency granules will be our son's best friend. Most of our farm's equipment will rotate through the shop this winter for oil changes, inspections and replacement of high-wear parts. Planters will unfold for row-by-row examination, part replacements and technology upgrades. The hay baler, mowers and even the small things like Mom's garden tiller make their shop presence

before field work resumes in April. The goal: everything works at go time. Our farm team appreciates the pattern of normal, eight-hour workdays with a designated lunch break between harvesting and planting crops. We take this time to regroup, recharge, market grain and move forward. In this winter season of self-evaluation, my parents, brother and I will meet to discuss farm improvements and transition plans. Bookkeeping, balance sheets, tax planning, land leases and employee meetings quickly fill the days between conferences and meetings about farm policy, grain marketing, agronomic research and other ways to better the farm. Dad tends to our small herd of beef cows, a daily chore most pleasant in mild winters. Otherwise, heavy snow and sub-zero winds add shoveling, scooping and thawing to the

routine. Our employees haul corn from our grain bins to facilities that produce biofuel and feed co-products. They deliver soybeans, depending on the type, to various places for export, seed or use in high-protein foods. This year will bring a combination of sticking with what works and trying something new in search of the next tried-and-true. The knowledge passed down from previous generations tells us our farm was shaped on both failures and successes, but we're always aiming for the latter. Here's hoping for a safe and successful 2024 in farm country.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, hay and cover crops and raise beef cattle, backyard chickens and farmkids.*

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT & FIRST CHOICE HEALTHCARE CLINICS OFFERS A HEALTHY RESOLUTION CHECKLIST

Are you planning your New Year's resolutions for 2024? The Henry and Stark County Health Department and our First Choice Healthcare Clinics in Kewanee and Colona offer the following Healthy Resolutions Checklist for your consideration:

- Get Your Annual Exam
- Seek Help for Behavioral and Mental Health Issues
- Keep Your Annual Pap Test
- Make sure all in the family are up-to-date on needed immunizations
- Eat Healthy
- Get Exercise
- Keep/Make Well Baby/Child Exams
- Get an Annual Fasting Blood Draw
- Protect Your Sexual Health

If you are considering one of these resolutions, the First Choice Healthcare Clinics may be able to help you with clinic and lab services, mental health clinic services and therapies, PrEP HIV prevention medications & services, immunizations, women exams, and health education and counseling. These services are available at our clinic locations in Kewanee and Colona, many

for a nominal fee. The Health Department and First Choice Healthcare Clinics remind area residents that we have grant funds, services, and programs to help you keep your 2024 New Year's Resolutions. The New Year can be a great opportunity to start fresh. And New Year's resolutions can be a powerful tool to give your health a big boost - and improve your whole life. Far too often, though, resolutions don't last past February or March. Instead of motivating you for success, resolutions are often unrealistic - and can make you feel like you've failed. Let the Health Department & First Choice Healthcare help you meet your goals and resolutions for the upcoming year.

For more information call the First Choice Healthcare Clinics in Kewanee at (309) 852-5272 or Colona at (309) 792-4011 or visit our website at [www.henrystarkhealth.com](http://www.henrystarkhealth.com) or find us on Facebook, or Follow Us on Twitter and Instagram at Henry and Stark County Health Departments. And, have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

## ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU TO HOST 'RULES FOR THE ROAD' TRUCKING SEMINAR IN MILAN

Milan, Ill. — Illinois Farm Bureau will host a series of two-hour programs focusing on transportation laws and regulations as they pertain to the agricultural industry. Farm Bureau will host one of the sessions on Tuesday, February 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Camden Centre in Milan. The Rules for the Road Seminar will cover recent changes, as well as some of the more established but still misunderstood rules. Topics may include the USDOT Number, UCR registration, Entry Level Driver Training, farm exemptions, and driver's license classifications to name a few. In addition, one of the events will also be broadcast virtually on March 5th at 10 am. "These presentations take a closer look at the rules and provide an opportunity for farmers to ask ag-related trucking questions that they can't seem to find clear answers for," said Rodney Knittel, IFB Associate

Director of Transportation and Infrastructure. Knittel specializes in farm transportation issues and will lead the seminar series and will be joined by Illinois enforcement agencies. Rules for the Road seminars are open to all Illinois Farm Bureau members. Attendance is free, courtesy of Illinois Farm Bureau, but advance registration is required. Coffee, water, and donuts will be provided. Please call your local county farm bureau to reserve your place at the Rules for the Road Seminar by Friday, February 23rd. Registration opens February 1st. For more information, contact the Henry County Farm Bureau at 309-937-2411 or email [manager@henrycofarmbureau.org](mailto:manager@henrycofarmbureau.org).

## From our family to yours, happy holidays!



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH COWBOY STEW



### Ingredients:

- 4 slices of bacon, chopped
- 2 (12-ounce) packages kielbasa sausage, cut into half-inch slices
- 1.5 pounds of 80/20 ground beef
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1.5 teaspoons salt
- 0.5 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 (14.5oz) can petite diced tomatoes-do not drain
- 2 (16oz) cans baked beans-do not drain
- 1 (7oz) can chopped green chilies-do not drain
- 1 (15oz) can sweet corn- do not drain
- 2 medium russet potatoes- peeled and cut into half-inch cubes
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons parsley-chopped

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour 30 minutes  
Total time: 1 hour 45 minutes  
Servings: Eight

### Instructions:

1. Cook bacon until brown and crispy in a large pot. Using a slotted spoon, transfer bacon to a plate lined with a paper towel to drain.
2. Add the sausage to pot drippings and brown on both sides, adjusting heat as needed so fond (brown bits on the bottom of the pot) do not burn. Remove to the plate with bacon, set aside.
3. Add beef, onion, and garlic to the pot and brown until beef is no longer pink. Sprinkle flour, salt, pepper, and chili powder over beef. Stir and cook for one minute.
4. Add diced tomatoes, baked beans, green chilies, sweet corn, potatoes, bacon, sausage and water. Bring to a boil then immediately reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 1 hour, stirring occasionally.
5. Garnish with parsley.
6. Add additional water if stew is too thick.

## PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION FOR FILTER STRIPS

The Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District wishes to remind landowners, who have filter strips on their land, that they may file for property tax reductions for these areas. Legislation passed in 1996 allows for vegetative filter strips, seeded areas adjacent to creeks, streams, rivers, or other wetland areas, to be assessed at the reduced rate of one sixth the cropland rate. Qualifying vegetative filter strips must follow NRCS specifications for width (based on soil type, contain vegetation that has a dense top growth, forms a uniform ground cover, has a heavy fibrous root system, and tolerates field pesticides.

Certification for land that meets vegetative filter strip requirements as of January 1, 2024, and must be completed by March 1, 2024 so assessments may be changed. Landowners who have established filter strips on their land, as of January 1, 2024, may stop by the SWCD office for filter strip certification. Landowners should bring the property tax identification numbers for each filter strip area, and the SWCD will complete the necessary forms to certify the filter strip area. Landowners are to take the completed certification forms to the county assessor's office in Cambridge, Illinois

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# HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION TO AWARD \$45,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Henry County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering up to six scholarships, at a minimum of \$1,500. In addition, Farm Bureau will be administering the following scholarships: Wilbert and Carol Keppy Foundation, three each in the amount of \$5,000; Kevin and Karen Urick Farm Bureau Legacy Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000; Glenn and Betty DeSmith Memorial Scholarship, three in the amount of \$5,000 each; Trade and Technical Program Scholarship, up to four in the amount of \$1,000 each; James Ufkin Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000.

The **Henry County Farm Bureau Foundation** was formed in the Spring of 1984 to carry out charitable, scientific, literary, and educational work in the field of agriculture. The Foundation awards scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors and college students pursuing degrees in Agriculture.



The **Glenn and Betty DeSmith Memorial Scholarship** honors the life of Glenn and Betty DeSmith of Geneseo. Glenn proudly served his country in the Army during the Korean War from January 1951 to January 1953. The DeSmith's farmed southwest of Annawan until their retirement in 1990. Glenn and Betty were very active in the community and their church. Glenn served on the Henry County Farm Bureau Board and the Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, receiving the Henry County Conservation award in 1975. The DeSmith Memorial Scholarship recognizes students who are involved in the livestock industry and their family farms.

will be awarded, each in the amount of \$1,000, to individuals enrolled in a program and seeking skills benefiting agriculture in the area of study including, but not limited to, truck driving, welding, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, HVAC, etc.

Any student who qualifies under the guidelines may submit an application for either or all scholarships. Applications will be judged separately.

Applications must be received by or postmarked to the Henry County Farm Bureau® office, 128 N. Prospect Street, Cambridge, by March 8, 2024. The Foundation Board will make the final selections after the deadline.

Guidelines and applications may be obtained on the Henry County Farm Bureau website [www.henrycofarmbureau.org](http://www.henrycofarmbureau.org) or by emailing [manager@henrycofarmbureau.org](mailto:manager@henrycofarmbureau.org).

If you have any questions concerning the scholarship application or the Farm Bureau Foundation, please contact the Henry County Farm Bureau at (309) 937-2411.



**Wilbert and Carol Keppy** farmed and raised hogs along the Osco slab for decades. The Keppy's were instrumental in starting the Henry County Pork Producers and were among a group of pork producers throughout the state that started the Illinois Pork Producers in the early 1960s. The Keppy Foundation annually provides scholarships for students in Henry County.



This year we are announcing the **James Ufkin Memorial Scholarship**, honoring the life and service of Jim Ufkin. Jim was a life-long farmer, retiring to Geneseo after 46 years of farming corn, soybeans and raising hogs near Hooppole, IL. He served on the Board of Directors of the Henry County Farm Bureau for 40 years, representing Yorktown and Geneseo townships and held the offices of Vice President and Secretary. During that time Jim also served on the Board of the Henry County Farm Bureau Foundation. Mr. Ufkin was a dedicated leader in the agriculture community in Henry County and beyond.

This year the HCFB Foundation Board is proud to announce, for the second year, that they will award those pursuing a skill in a "Trade and Technical Program." Four scholarships



The **Kevin and Karen Urick Farm Bureau Legacy Scholarship** honors a recipient from a farm family, that has been involved for multiple generations, in Henry County Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau has impacted the Urick family for multiple generations. This scholarship is designed to honor the organization that has served as an educational, social, and economic tool for its members, as the "Voice of Agriculture" in Henry County, since 1917.

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Every year, farms across the country encounter disaster in one form or another - severe weather destroying farm infrastructure, a social media blowup threatening reputations, or a farm accident tearing up a family with grief. These crises can be heartbreaking, but they don't have to be the end of an operation.

In this program, Farm Broadcaster Mike Pearson shares the lessons he's learned from farm operations that have been through crisis situations, and he'll identify some common best practices for farm families or farm businesses to prepare.

You'll leave with a rough plan to use on your farm.



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## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FARM BUREAU POLICY

### 93. NUTRITION

We support:

1. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) efforts to expand the use of dietetically wholesome and nutritious foods in all school meals and other nutrition programs and shall not be limited to locally-grown or organic production.
2. Renaming high fructose corn syrup to corn sugar.
3. Greater flexibility with the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs to ensure local school districts are able to determine how to meet the nutritional needs of their students.
4. Equal access of pasteurized dairy products, including whole milk, by the USDA national school lunch program and by the armed forces.

We oppose financial penalties on local school districts for serving meals that do not meet current federal mandates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs.

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