

# HENRY COUNTY FARMER



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## HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU DATEBOOK

### AUGUST

- 5 ..... Henry County Pork Producers meeting, HCFB boardroom, 7:00pm
- 6 ..... Education Committee at National Night Out Hennepin Canal Parkway, Colona, 5pm-8pm
- 7 ..... Young Leader District 3 Discussion meeting HCFB boardroom, 6:00pm
- 9 ..... HCFB Foundation Golf Fun Day Baker Park Golf Course, Kewanee *Call the office during business hours to reserve your tee time*
- 17 ..... Children's Safety Expo Black Hawk College Community Education Center, Kewanee, 9:30am-12:30pm
- 20 ..... Henry County Farm Bureau Executive Committee meeting, HCFB office, 6:30pm  
Henry County Farm Bureau Board meeting, HCFB Boardroom, 7pm
- 27 ..... HCFB Young Leader's meeting 6:30pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 ..... HCFB Office Closed for Labor Day
- 10 ..... Market Outlook Seminar Speaker: Nathan Losey, Ag Resource Lavender Crest Winery, 6:15pm *(RSVP due by 9/3)*

## ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU LEADERS URGE LAWMAKERS TO PASS MODERNIZED FARM BILL

Twenty-two Illinois Farm Bureau leaders recently met with members of the state congressional delegation at their Capitol Hill offices to advocate for agricultural issues, including passing a new, modernized farm bill.

Among them, Gary Asay, Osco, representing Henry County Farm Bureau, attended IFB's annual Leaders to Washington trip, held July 8-11 in Washington, D.C. During the trip, "Our Leaders to Washington trip is a cornerstone program of our organization," said IFB President Brian Duncan. "I'd encourage anybody who hasn't been to Washington on a farm bureau trip to get in line and make yourself available to go. It's a great opportunity. We're pressing home to the legislators that this is a time when farmers are particularly concerned about farm income, and whether it's in a farm bill, or whether it's trade or whether it's future uses for biofuels, this is the kind of economic backdrop in which we're pressing the case."

Participants in IFB's Leaders to Washington trip brought a range of backgrounds and perspectives to the table. They represented a range of organizations, including local county Farm Bureaus, state and local Young Leaders committees and the IAA Board of Directors. Other attending members were John Bartman, McHenry; Grant Bend, DeKalb; Michael Bernhard,

Kendall-Grundy; Rebecca Biernacki, Cook; Dustin Brinkman, Monroe; Robert Gerstenecker, Clinton; Alison Gibbs, Woodford; Carl Goebel, Christian; Leeson Gord, DeKalb; Scott Groennert, Washington; Adam Henkel, Lee; Blair Hoerbert, Logan; Matthew Kunken, Menard; Wayne Lintker, Washington; Mark Litteken, Clinton; Lindsey McKinzie, Edwards; Randall Milliman, Jasper; Tim Poletti, Madison; Jennifer Sauer-Schmidgall, Pike-Scott; Bradley Smith, Carroll; and Mark Tuttle, DeKalb.

The group's priority was advocating for a new, modernized farm bill in 2024, which included discussing the need for an update to crop insurance and the overall farm safety net to meet the realities of today, such as commodity prices and input prices. They also talked about sustainable aviation fuel and making sure Illinois family farms can contribute their corn crop to that effort. "Luckily, Illinois Farm Bureau has a trusted relationship with Illinois' Congressional delegation, but it helps us get to the finish line when farmers take days away from their farm to come out here and reiterate to their member of Congress, to their U.S. senators, that what Illinois Farm Bureau's pushing for and fighting for is, in fact, what they really need," said Ryan Whitehouse, IFB director



Twenty-two Illinois Farm Bureau leaders recently met with members of the state congressional delegation at their Capitol Hill offices to advocate for agricultural issues, including passing a new, modernized farm bill. (Photo by Tammie Sloup)

of national legislation. "The farmer's voice was heard in Washington, D.C., and I think that it will make an impact that next time there's a committee hearing, a conference report or a vote in the Senate chamber or the House chamber, they will have our farmers' voices will be in the back of their heads when they take that vote." Delegates who joined sit-down conversations included Reps. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro; Nikki Budzinski, D-Springfield; Sean Casten, D-Downers Grove; Bill Foster, D-Naperville; Darin LaHood, R-Dunlap; Mary Miller, R-Oakland; Eric Sorensen, D-Moline; and Lauren Underwood, D-Naperville; and U.S. Sens. Tammy Duckworth, D-Hoffman

Estates, and Dick Durbin, D-Springfield. About Illinois Farm Bureau The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of more than 364,452 and a farmer membership of 75,959. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers. Learn more about Illinois agriculture at [www.ilfb.org](http://www.ilfb.org). Connect with Illinois Farm Bureau on Facebook: Illinois Farm Bureau | Facebook. Follow IFB on Instagram @ [ilfarmbureau](https://www.instagram.com/ilfarmbureau) or on X @ [ILFarmBureau](https://twitter.com/ILFarmBureau).

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## 'SHOP LOCAL' ONLINE DIRECTORY BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO COUNTY

Local food is becoming more accessible than ever with enhanced direct-to-consumer marketing opportunities for local farms and businesses through a new online county directory, Shop Local. Henry County Farm Bureau is making it easier to shop local and support your local community.

Shop Local is an online directory that brings fresh food and local business together. The Shop Local directory, powered by MarketMaker, provides simple, yet powerful search tools to connect growers, buyers, sellers and consumers.

"Whether you're looking for fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, herbs, flowers, a pumpkin patch, a pick-your-own farm, vineyards, breweries or distilleries, you'll find them in the Shop Local online directory," said Katie Laleman, Manager of the Henry County Farm Bureau.

Local farmers and specialty growers can reach thousands of new customers by registering their business and adding the Illinois Farm Bureau affiliation to their Shop Local profile. Users can create an e-commerce store, or if the user has an already established online store, they can embed the link on their profile and reach new markets. Businesses will also be promoted to all Illinois Farm Bureau members through the Abenity membership discount program and mobile app.

Local community members interested in fresh and local food can access locally-grown or crafted products through a search, find their nearest farmers market, connect with community partners and more using the directory's digital features.

"This is a new way to promote Illinois Farm Bureau members and local food through county Farm Bureaus and our membership app, Abenity," said Raghela Scavuzzo, associate director of food systems development, IFB. "We are excited that counties throughout the state can offer this convenient resource to families ahead of the busy fall market season."

Shop Local is brought forth through a partnership with Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB), in cooperation with the Illinois Specialty Growers Association and Illinois MarketMaker. For more information visit [henrycofarmbureau.org/shop-local](http://henrycofarmbureau.org/shop-local) or contact the Henry County Farm Bureau at (309) 937-2411 or email [manager@henrycofarmbureau.org](mailto:manager@henrycofarmbureau.org).

## EXCELLENCE IN AG, ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS NAMED



Sadie Asher

By Phyllis Coulter, FarmWeek

A Montgomery County couple and a Henry County ag advocate were recently named winners of prestigious Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader awards.

Ethan and Katie Brown, who raise pigs and grow corn and soybeans in Montgomery County, received the Young Leader Achievement Award, which recognizes Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 for efforts in production agriculture, leadership abilities and involvement in Young Leaders and other organizations. Winners must earn their primary income from production agriculture.

"From a young age, we both knew we wanted to build careers in agriculture," said Katie Brown, who grew up on a fourth-generation hog farm. Her husband is a second-generation farmer.

"We want to show others that farmers are individuals who care about the communities of which they

are part," Katie Brown noted in their application about advocating for agriculture.

She said their 4-year-old son, Tyler, wants to be around tractors and their 6-year-old, Andrew, is all about pigs.

"We would like our children to have the opportunity to farm, but we will not force that upon them," Brown said.

The winner of the Young Leader Excellence in Agriculture award, for contributing to agriculture but not earning a primary income from production agriculture, is Sadie Asher of Henry County. She was part of IFB's "Fields Apart: Rooted Together" docuseries, which highlights the similar challenges and rewards for rural and urban farmers.

Asher, who grew up on a corn and soybean farm where 4-H and FFA were a big part of her life, was the 2023 IFB state Young Leader committee chair.

She and her husband, Shane Asher, are growing a Christmas tree farm and agri-tourism attraction in


Henry County. "The Back 20 is nothing we ever planned on, but somehow, it's beyond our wildest dreams," she said about their growing enterprise.

"As a product of Young Leaders and a past award winner, I have a deep appreciation for the opportunity these competitions give our young leaders," said IFB Vice President Evan Hultine, who joined Jenna Severs, IFB Young Leaders chair, in making the video announcement.

Winners will have the choice of \$2,000 and a John Deere riding lawnmower or the \$8,500 cash equivalent, sponsored by IFB and COUNTRY Financial.

Additionally, GROWMARK sponsors a \$1,500 cash prize and the IAA Credit Union sponsors a \$300 gift card for the Excellence in Agriculture winner.

The winners go on to represent Illinois at the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmers and Ranchers national competition Jan. 24-29 in San Antonio, Texas.



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## MARKET OUTLOOK SEMINAR FEATURING NATHAN LOSEY, AG RESOURCE

Nathan Losey, of AgResource Company, will be the featured speaker on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:15 p.m. at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona. Dinner will be served followed by the local grain market update from Tom



Parchert of River Valley Cooperative. Reservations are required and must be made by September 3 to guarantee your attendance.

Nathan Losey, grain and livestock analyst, grew up on a family-operated hog and grain farm in North Central Illinois. After college, he spent several years working on his family's farrow-to-finish hog operation. Nathan joined the AgResource Company analyst team in 2005. Nathan is a graduate

from Western Illinois University where he received a bachelor's degree in agriculture business and a master's degree in economics.

Additional dates and speakers for the 2024-2025 series include:

- November 14, 2024 – Matt Bennett, AgMarket.Net
- March 13, 2025 – Joe Camp, CommStock Investments
- July 1, 2025 – Chip Nellinger, Blue Reef Agri-Marketing

Cost for the series is \$90.00 and a single session is \$35.00 (if not pre-registered cost will be \$40.00). To make reservations, please call the Henry County Farm Bureau (309) 937-2411, Rock Island County Farm Bureau (309) 736-7432 or Mercer County Farm Bureau (309) 582-5116.

The Market Outlook Seminar Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees.

## LYMAN NAMED CONSERVATION WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Karen Lyman of Henry County for being recognized as the Conservation Woman of the Year by the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) at their annual meeting in Springfield. Lyman has dedicated her life to sustainable agriculture and land management practices, and she and her husband, Alan Lyman, operate a farm in Henry County. They are committed to responsible agriculture and community involvement. (Photo courtesy of Rita Frazier, RFD Radio)

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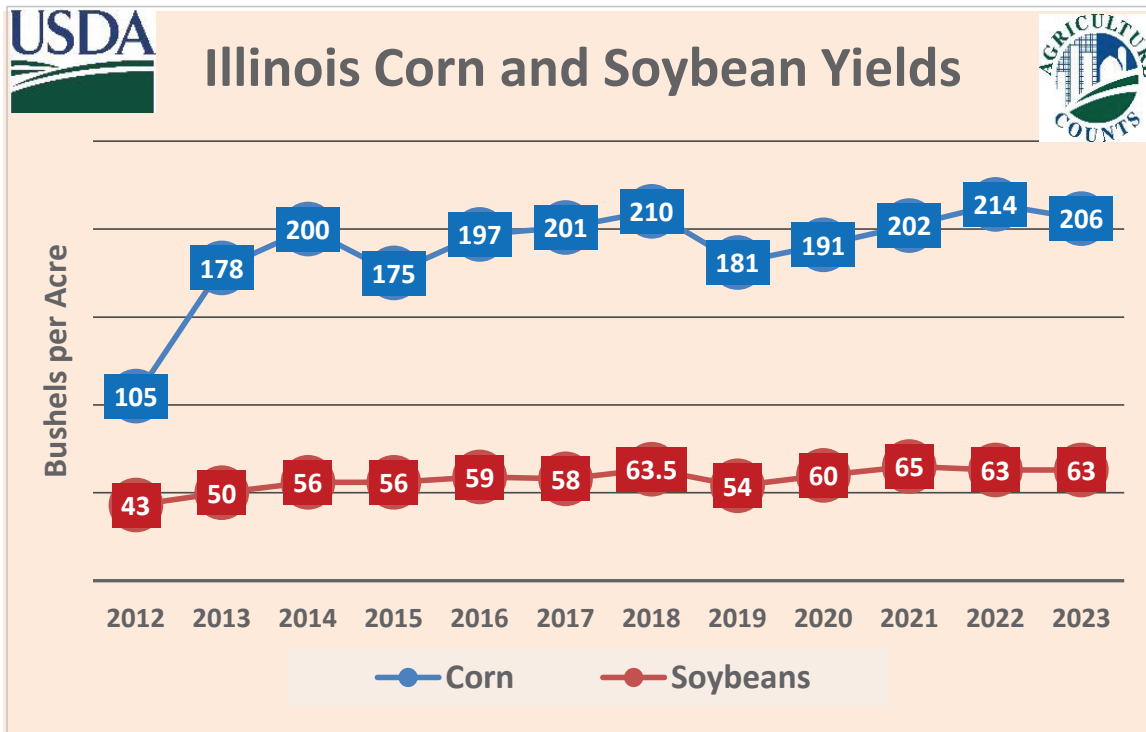
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# USDA TO FORECAST CROP



Springfield, Illinois – July 2024 – At the beginning of each month from August through November, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey farmers across the U.S. asking for acres harvested and expected yield for their fall harvested crops. On August 12, NASS will publish estimates based on these surveys for each crop in each state, along with national estimates. “USDA-NASS monthly crop forecasts are used by famers, policy makers, researchers and businesses that use grains and oilseeds,” said Mark

Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. “NASS relies on Illinois farmers to provide the data needed to make those forecasts.” NASS encourages farmers to respond online, at portal. [agcounts.usda.gov](http://agcounts.usda.gov), or by mail. “Providing timely and accurate agricultural information helps both grain producers and users,” added Schleusener. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. Results will be published in Crop

Production reports, released around the 12th of each month, August - November, available online at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications). For assistance with the survey, or for more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or [nassrfohlr@usda.gov](mailto:nassrfohlr@usda.gov). NASS is the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture and is committed to providing timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

# HENRY & STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & FIRST CHOICE HEALTHCARE NOTE AUGUST, NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION MONTH

The Henry and Stark County Health Departments and their First Choice Healthcare Clinics in Kewanee, Colona and Toulon announce that August has been designated National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). The goal of National Immunization Awareness Month is to increase awareness about immunizations across the life span, from infants to the elderly.

August is the perfect time to remind family, friends, co-workers, and those in the community to catch up on their vaccinations that may have been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Parents are enrolling their children in school, students are entering college, and healthcare workers are preparing for the upcoming flu season. This August is also a critical time for those 6 months and older, who are eligible, to get vaccinated against Covid-19.

During Immunization Month, we encourage you to talk to your doctor, nurse or healthcare provider to ensure you and your family are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccination. Today, more than ever we are reminded how immunization is one of the most significant public health achievements of the 20th & 21st centuries. Vaccines have eradicated smallpox, eliminated wild poliovirus in the US and significantly reduced the number of cases of measles, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis and other diseases. But despite these efforts, today tens of thousands of people in the US still die from these and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

First Choice Healthcare reminds area residents that routine immunizations can be obtained through their locations in Kewanee, Colona and Toulon by appointment. Please note, First Choice has all required immunizations as private pay vaccines. Please call for eligibility, costs, and for vaccine availability.

For more information on the First Choice Healthcare immunization services call (309) 852-5272 (Kewanee) or 792-4011 (Colona) or visit our website at [www.henrystarkhealth.com](http://www.henrystarkhealth.com) or find us on Facebook at Henry and Stark County Health Departments and Follow Us on Twitter and Instagram.

# 2024 KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULL AT THE HENRY COUNTY FAIR

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| 7 YEARS OLD  | 8 & 9 YEARS OLD  | 10 & 11 YEARS OLD  |
| <p><b>1st Place</b> – Hadley Clementz<br/> <b>2nd Place</b> – Rhett Boelens<br/> <b>3rd Place</b> – Kallie Owens</p>   | <p><b>1st Place</b> – Callan Finch<br/> <b>2nd Place</b> – Charlotte Martin<br/> <b>3rd Place</b> – Lynsey Carlson</p> | <p><b>1st Place</b> – Landon Carlson<br/> <b>2nd Place</b> – Garren Boelens<br/> <b>3rd Place</b> – Colton Kies</p>      |

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## DRONES TAKE OFF IN AGRICULTURE

Most have seen those cool, little drones that hover like hummingbirds to capture bird's-eye images at festivals, weddings and sporting events. In agriculture, these unmanned aerial vehicles survey cattle, monitor plant health, locate wind-damaged crops and define field boundaries.

But check out the big brother: A drone with a footprint the size of a small SUV and the weight-holding capacity that could (but shouldn't) carry a small adult. These high-tech, spider-like pieces of technology rank among the must-see items at farm shows, where companies like my husband's deliver first-hand accounts of the drone's ability to use next-level technology to apply liquid products of herbicides, fungicides and biologicals and dry products of cover crop seeds and granular fertilizers.

As drones start to grow in the agricultural space, they are gleaning second glances from a generation with thumbs skilled enough to message on phones without auto-correction and power game controllers with precision. Their minds carry a keen desire to use technology to make jobs better, easier and more accurate while bringing excitement and new-age thinking to age-old farm tasks.

Drones are attracting young people who love technology to an industry that they misinterpreted as just for farmers. Meanwhile, these large-capacity drones are giving next-generation farm kids a way to generate income to support the family farm's growth with a sideline gig

as a licensed, for-hire drone application business. It's another exciting example of innovation in agriculture.

The capacity currently does not match that of its rubber-tired counterpart but drones can still operate when field conditions are muddy. It needs more fill-ups, requires frequent battery swaps and licensing may overwhelm newbies, though it's attainable. The future holds promise for larger storage capacity, longer battery life and swarm technology that allows multiple drones to work in concert to complete a task. The devices seem a prime candidate to deliver see-and-spray technology for weed control, and the potential is untapped in field boundary generation, crop indexing and thermal imaging.

In our farm's wheat fields this spring, a drone corrected a ground rig's mis-applied batch of dry fertilizer. Using a satellite-guided prescription written to deliver fertilizer only on the field's under-nourished areas, the drone's fully autonomous application noticeably improved the plant health within the week. So, we hired the drone to spray fungicide. It applied the product without leaving a track in the wheat as our own sprayer would have. The result: a fantastic grain yield and a barn full of bright yellow straw bales.

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

## DECRANE NAMED OUTSTANDING FORESTRY CONTRIBUTION AWARD



Congratulations to Al DeCrane of Galva for being named the Outstanding Forestry Contribution Award winner by the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) at their annual meeting in Springfield. The District promotes a high level of excellence in soil and water conservation within the County and Al DeCrane's Forestry Plan and Farm exemplifies these high standards. His commitment to conservation extends far beyond their farm, through their dedicated and generous public education, into their community and other farm operations. Pictured, presenting the award to DeCrane, is (left) Tom Beyers, President of the AISWCD.

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## FARM BUREAU PROMOTES SAFETY TO ALL



Although the rain dampened the evening, the Farm Bureau Health & Safety Committee's event continued on July 10 in Geneseo. Special thanks to all that attended, our volunteers and exhibitors that help us to promote health and safety throughout Henry County.

## "SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU" HELD IN GENESEO



The Farm Bureau Health & Safety Committee held, for the third year, the event "Safety Starts with YOU". The event brought together twelve exhibitors, all focusing on an area of safety for our farmer, communities and families. Thank you to the following for participating in our event: Gold Star FS, Wyffels Hybrids, Henry County Sheriff's Department, Henry County Health Department, Henry County Mental Health Alliance, Geneseo Fire Department, Geneseo Police Department, Bishop Hill Fire Department - Grain Bin Rescue Team, Prairie State Tractor, Cintas, Operation Lifesaver Illinois.

## EVENT ATTENDEES LEARN CPR



Those attending the "Safety Starts with YOU" event on July 10 had the opportunity to see a CPR demonstration and learn about first aid from representatives with Cintas. Pictured is Jen Edlefsen of Geneseo, and her children, as they learn important steps for injury and lifesaving measures.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

# STATE FAIR LEMONADE



### Ingredients:

- 2 Small Lemons
- 3 Tablespoons White Granulated Sugar
- 1 ½ cups water
- Ice

### Tips:

- If you're going to store lemonade for more than a few hours, strain it and store in a container with lid for up to five days. If the peels are left in the liquid too long, it can cause a bitter taste.
- If you like your lemonade sweeter, you can add more sugar. Start with the 3 tablespoons, you can always add more, but cannot take away.

### Instructions:

1. Wash the lemons thoroughly.
2. Quarter both lemons and place in a large (at least 32 oz) container. Make sure it is a container that can be sealed and shaken.
3. Muddle the lemons until you have as much juice out of them as possible.
4. Add the sugar to the container with the lemons, give it a little shake. The lemon juice will help dissolve the sugar.
5. Fill the container ¾ of the way with ice and then add water.
6. Place lid on the container and shake well to combine all ingredients thoroughly.
7. Transfer to a cup to drink from, add straw & enjoy!

## NEW BENEFIT FOR FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

Illinois Farm Bureau has partnered with Sonesta Hotels for a brand-new, exclusive benefit that will save members money on travel expenses. IFB members can now receive 15% discounts off the best available rate at Sonesta Hotels.

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## 99. ELECTIONS

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2. Shortening political campaigns by moving primaries closer to general elections, provided county clerks have ample time to prepare for the general election.
3. A limit on campaign spending and franking privileges.  
Reforming federal campaign laws to include:
  - A. Strengthening of campaign spending limitation laws to prevent abuse through the use of "soft money" and independent expenditures.
  - B. An increase in the allowable contribution an individual may make to a candidate.
6. Requiring individuals registering to vote, and during voting, presenting government issued photo identification.
7. Consolidating elections in order to streamline the system and reduce taxpayers' expense.
8. Reducing the number of required election judges from five to three for every precinct in counties with a population of 250,000 or less should the local election authority so desire.
9. Greater oversight and enforcement of voter fraud of elections

by the Illinois State Board of Elections.

10. Uniform signature requirements, on nominating petitions, regardless of political party for candidates seeking public office.

### We oppose:

1. The use of the Internet for voting in any local, state, or federal election.
2. The current Illinois Undervote Notification Law and will support legislation to repeal it.
3. The use of campaign phone calls that are made to households that are on a do-not-call list.
4. Same day voter registration unless the following conditions are met:
  - A. All voter registrations done on Election Day take place at a county designated government facility.
  - B. A valid photo ID is required at the time of registration.
  - C. Full funding of same day voter registration be provided by the State of Illinois to ensure this is not a burdensome unfunded mandate on local governments.
  - D. Legislation be passed

## ILLINOIS EPA ANNOUNCES TEN HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS FOR THE FALL OF 2024

*One-day collection events to be held in addition to five long-term collection locations*

Illinois EPA Interim Director James Jennings is announcing ten upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) one-day collection locations for the Fall of 2024. These collection events are co-sponsored by units of local government and provide residents the free opportunity to safely dispose of unused or leftover hazardous products commonly found in homes.

"Illinois EPA is pleased to once again offer one-day Household Hazardous Waste collection events, providing residents with the opportunity to properly dispose of unused and unwanted household chemicals and other hazardous products from their homes," said Interim Director Jennings. "I would also like to extend a special thanks to our local partners for helping to make these events possible."

One-day collections are open to all Illinois residents and operate from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the event. Pre-registration is required for all Fall 2024 collection events. Residents participating are encouraged to bring chemical cleaners, oil-based paints, thinners, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, weed killers, insecticides, and pesticides, and similar hazardous household products. Fluorescent and other high-intensity discharge lamps may also be brought to the collections. ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED include latex paint, explosives, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals, and business wastes. A complete list of wastes that are and are not accepted is available online at [https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-](https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/collections.html)

[disposal/household-hazardous-waste/acceptable-wastes.html](https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/acceptable-wastes.html).

For safe transport of HHW, residents are asked to:

- Pack HHW items in a disposable box to avoid spilling during transport.
- Keep like chemicals together and separate unlike chemicals.
- Secure lids and make sure containers are not leaking.
- Place box(es) of HHW in the empty trunk or storage compartment of your vehicle, away from passengers during transport.
- Remain in vehicle at collection site. On-site personnel will remove the HHW from your vehicle.

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The Fall 2024 one-day collections are scheduled on Saturdays and require Pre-Registration:

- **August 17 - Champaign, Champaign County State Farm Arena, Southwest Quad Parking Lot,** 1800 South First Street Champaign, IL 61820. Champaign County recycling4034780@gmail.com 217-403-4780
- **August 31 - Taylorville, Christian County Christian County Fairgrounds,** 1716 West Spesser Street Taylorville, IL 62568. Christian County Solid Waste Shawn Hammers
- **August 31 - East Moline, Rock Island County - Rock Island Fairgrounds,** 4200 Archer Drive East Moline, IL 61244. Rock Island County Waste Management ricwma@gmail.com 309-788-8925
- **September 21 - Decatur, Macon County Progress City USA,** East Sixth Progress Street Decatur, IL 62521.

Macon County Environmental Management [environmentalmgmt@maconcounty.illinois.gov](mailto:environmentalmgmt@maconcounty.illinois.gov)

- **September 28 - Bloomington, McLean County McLean County Fairgrounds,** 1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington, IL 61705. Ecology Action Center [mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org](mailto:mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org) 309-454-3169
  - **October 12 - Oregon, Ogle County Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department,** 909 Pines Road Oregon, IL 61061. Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department [solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov) 815-732-4020
  - **October 19 - Springfield, Sangamon County Location TBA,** City of Springfield Department of Public Works [public.works@springfield.il.us](mailto:public.works@springfield.il.us) 217-789-2255
  - **October 26 - Dixon, Lee County Sauk Valley Community College,** 173 IL-2 N Dixon, IL 61021. State Representative Brad Fritts [repfrittsstaff@ilhousegop.org](mailto:repfrittsstaff@ilhousegop.org)
  - **November 2 - Orland Park, Cook County Village of Orland Park,** 14700 South Ravinia Avenue Orland Park, IL 60462. Highway Department of Orland Township [highway@orlandroaddistrict.org](mailto:orlandroaddistrict.org)
  - **November 2 - Carbondale, Jackson County Banterra Center,** 1400 Arena Drive Carbondale, IL 62901. Jackson County Health Department 618-684-3143
- In addition to the one-day collections, the following long-term collection facilities are available for disposal of HHW throughout the year:
- **Naperville, 156 Fort Hill Drive (immediately North of Naperville Public Works),** DuPage County, [www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx) Hours: Saturdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Sundays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Phone: 630-420-6095
  - **Rockford, Four Rivers Sanitation Authority,**

3333 Kishwaukee, Winnebago County <https://www.rockfordil.gov/492/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal> Hours: Saturdays 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Sundays Noon - 4:00 PM, Phone: 779-348-7425

- **Chicago, Goose Island,** 1150 North Branch, Cook County [www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf](http://www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf) Hours: Tuesdays 7:00 AM - Noon, Thursdays 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM, and First Saturday of every month 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Phone: 312-744-3060
- **Lake County, The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)** currently operates a long-term household chemical waste collection program. Information and a collection schedule can be found on their website ([www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org)) or by calling 847-336-9340.
- **Madison County, Madison County Building & Zoning,** 249 N. Old St. Louis Road, Wood River, Madison County, [https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/planning\\_and\\_development/recycle\\_events.php](https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/planning_and_development/recycle_events.php) Hours: First Saturday and Third Friday of every Month 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Appointments are required. See website to schedule your appointment. Questions: 618-296-5237 or [recycling@co.madison.il.us](mailto:recycling@co.madison.il.us)

For questions concerning the Illinois EPA's one-day or long-term collections, please contact the Illinois EPA Materials Management Unit at **217-524-3300**. The HHW collection schedule is also available on the Illinois EPA website at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/collections.html>. Illinois EPA HHW collections continue to be contactless for the safety of participants and workers. Collection events are funded through the Illinois EPA's Solid Waste Fund.