

WOODFORD FARM BUREAU REVIEW



Autum Jones
Farm Bureau Manager

MEET THE BOARD: KAREN JONES



Karen Jones

My name is Karen Jones and I joined the Woodford County Farm Bureau board in December of 2025. I grew up near Roanoke on the family farm, and when my husband Christopher graduated from college he moved up here to start farming in 2003, and we were married in 2004. I currently handle our bookwork and help when I can with phone calls, parts runs, and field meals.

As part of Haas Farms, we grow corn and soybeans. We also raise a few feeder pigs each year for our freezers and I have some chickens for eggs. Our 13-year-old

daughter Charlotte has Nigerian dwarf goats that she shows at the Woodford County 4-H Fair.

I currently work off the farm in marketing for Compeer Financial. Prior to that I was the machinery editor for Successful Farming magazine for a few years, and worked in communications for GROWMARK. I still do some freelance writing for the Ageless Iron Almanac, and volunteer as a leader of the Roanoke Happy Hustlers 4-H club, chair the Woodford County 4-H Foundation board, lead the Roanoke-Benson FFA Alumni chapter, and serve in a variety of ways at my church.

I enjoy being on the Farm Bureau board because I bring a unique perspective to the board room. I also feel it's important to give back to organizations I believe in and that have invested in me and my family. With fewer people involved in production agriculture every year, organizations like Farm Bureau that help amplify our voices are more important than ever.

MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Member Appreciation Picnic! We especially appreciate Representative Tipword, Senator Balkema, Senator Turner, and Congressman LaHood for spending the evening with our members. Your membership helps us deliver the Farm Bureau Advantage through advocacy, information, and development, and we are grateful for your continued support of Woodford County Farm Bureau.



From left to right: Bill Christ, Mark Blunier, Ali Gibbs, Congressman LaHood, WCFB Vice President Eric Hodel, WCFB President Nowell Moore, Senator Balkema, Senator Turner, Jake Nicholson, Jenna Nicholson, WCFB Manager Autum Jones, Karen Jones, Denny Pfanz, Cody Crouch

MINUTE WITH THE MANAGER

August was a busy month at Woodford CFB, and as we turn the calendar to September, we know many of you are already itching to get back in the fields.

Last month, we welcomed more than 250 members and their families to our annual Member Appreciation Picnic, hosted our Adopted Legislator for a visit and recognized her as a Friend of Agriculture, and held a Teacher Professional Development Workshop to kick off another year of Ag in the Classroom programming. I also had the opportunity to volunteer with Illinois Specialty Growers at the Illinois State Fair.

As harvest gets underway, thank you to everyone who joined us and supported our programs this summer. Wishing our farm families a safe and successful harvest!

FOLLOW A FIELD

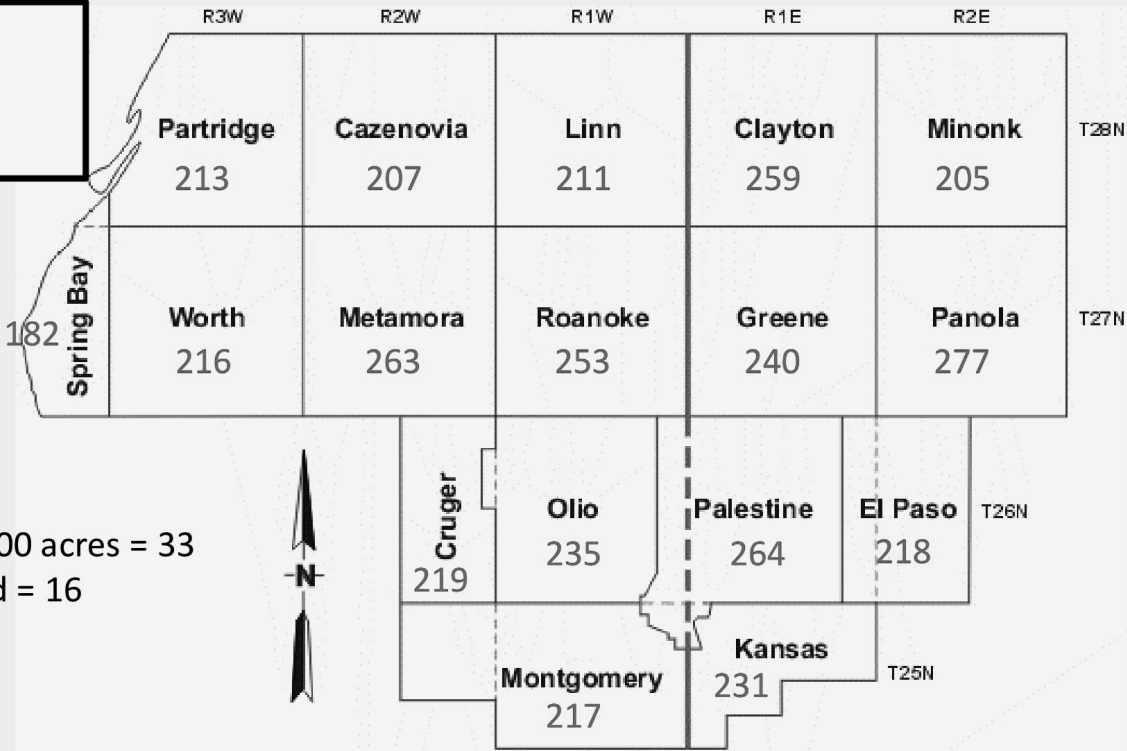


The soybeans are now about 42 inches tall and averaging around 52 pods per plant.

The field has received 16.1 inches of rain since planting. Weed control continues to be excellent, and there has been no insect pressure noted at this time.

WOODFORD COUNTY Township Map

2026 estimate
taken on 8/15/2026
3 samples per township



Average Ears per /1000 acres = 33
Average Rows around = 16
Average Length = 35



ESTIMATED:

230 bu/ac
@ 80,000 kernels per bushel

RANGE:

217 bu/ac
@ 85,000 kernels per bushel

246 bu/ac
@ 75,000 kernels per bushel