



June 2026 Editor: Richlyn Hoener

# HANCOCK COUNTY 1ST GRADERS PARTICIPATE IN ‘DOWN ON THE FARM’

On Wednesday, May 6th, around 204 first grade students from Hancock County schools participated in the 20th annual Down on the Farm program, sponsored by the Hancock County Farm Bureau. Students had the opportunity to visit several different stations, where they learned about topics such as farm safety, tractors, combines, pollinators, greenhouses, and pigs. They also enjoyed running through a chore course, a horse-drawn wagon ride, a farm themed art project, and interacting with farm animals, provided by Illini West FFA students.



Local farmers shared the importance of tractor safety with students during “Down on the Farm”.

Nearly 30 volunteers assisted with the event, including Hancock County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Hancock County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee, Hancock County Farm Service Agency staff, U of I Extension staff, Master Gardeners, staff from Marine Bank, and Carthage Veterinary Service/ Swine Management.

Professional Prairie Farms donated cartons of milk for the students and machinery was provided by Parallel Ag and Heritage Tractor. Jonathan Rose assisted with the horse-drawn wagon rides. It was another successful year, “Down on the Farm.”

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY 6 – 10**

Hancock County 4-H Fair

**JULY 8**

Hancock County 4-H Fair BBQ & Ice Cream Night

**JULY 10**

Photo Contest Submission deadline

**JULY 15 – 18**

Hancock County Fair

**JULY 20**

Carthage Farmer’s Market Kid’s Day

**AUGUST 28**

10th Annual Salute to Ag Golf Scramble

## 10TH ANNUAL YOUNG LEADERS GOLF OUTING

SAVE THE DATE for the Hancock County Farm Bureau Young Leader Golf Outing 10th Annual Salute to Ag Golf Scramble that will be held at Deer Run Golf Course in Hamilton, IL. This year’s outing will be hosted on Friday, August 28th. Proceeds benefit the Hancock County Ag in the Classroom program and HCFB Foundation scholarships. For more information, or to register a team, contact Richlyn at [hcfbmanager@gmail.com](mailto:hcfbmanager@gmail.com) or 217-357-3141.

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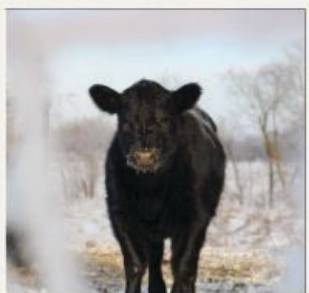
## 2026 PHOTO CONTEST

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN BOTH ADULT & YOUTH (18 & UNDER) DIVISIONS!

DEADLINE: JULY 10TH

### DETAILS

Winning photos will be featured in the Hancock County Farm Bureau’s 2027 Calendar, on the website, and highlighted throughout the year on the HCFB Facebook Page or in other promotional materials



### RULES

- Photos must be taken in the past three years
- Photos must be submitted by July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- No professional photos will be accepted
- Previous winning photos not eligible

Entries can be submitted to [hcfboffice@gmail.com](mailto:hcfboffice@gmail.com) or by dropping off photos at the Hancock County Farm Bureau Office

## HCFB SPONSORS A FREE ICE CREAM AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY 4H FAIR!

Good Luck to all exhibitors at the Hancock County 4-H Fair! We invite you to join us in supporting the Hancock County 4-H BBQ on July 8th. Hancock County Farm Bureau will be sponsoring free ice cream!

## KIDS CARNIVAL AT FARMER’S MARKET

Join us for fun games and activities during the Carthage Farmers Market on the northwest corner of the square on Monday, July 20th from 2:30-4:30 pm. If you are interested in being a vendor or for more information about this event, please call us at 217-357-3141 or email [hcfbintern@gmail.com](mailto:hcfbintern@gmail.com)