



STATE LEGISLATORS AND FARM BUREAU LEADERS MEET



Ogle County Farm Bureau leaders met with our area State Legislators on April 10th to discuss issues currently in the Illinois General Assembly affecting agriculture. Issues discussed included estate tax reform, private property rights, data center siting and wetlands. Area legislators joining us were: Senators Andrew Chesney and Li Arellano; and Representatives Tony McCombie (House Minority Leader) and Brad Fritts.

The Ogle County Farm Bureau hosted its annual Legislative Luncheon on April 10th at the Farm Bureau Building, in Oregon, IL.

All four area legislators representing all or parts of Ogle County attended including Senators Andrew Chesney and Li Arellano; and Representative Tony McCombie and Brad Fritts.

The luncheon is held each year to give Ogle County Farm Bureau members and the legislators the opportunity to exchange ideas and information on key

agricultural issues being deliberated by the Illinois General Assembly.

Issues discussed at the luncheon included private property rights, energy storage projects, broadband development, wetlands, data centers and workplace compliance measures.

The Illinois Farm Family Protection Act was also a hot topic as it narrowly missed passage in last year's session. All four legislators are in support of the bill to reform the estate tax on farmers in Illinois.



THE OGLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS IN 2026

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The Farm Bureau wishes to thank the following for sponsoring scholarships:

- EMMA BYBEE
- JEFF & JOYCE TREMBLE
- OGLE COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS
- SUSAN YOUNG ESTATE

2026 CROP MARKETING PROGRAM – JUNE 17TH

The Lee, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus along with COUNTRY Financial will host a crop marketing outlook on the evening of June 17 at the Rock River Senior Center, in Oregon, IL. "Managing Crop Price Volatility and Input Cost Uncertainty" is a two hour seminar designed specifically for producers to help them manage risk associated with the current commodity markets and identify market conditions to capture profit margins through this year into next.

Dr. Steve Johnson, Iowa State University Extension Farm Management Specialist, will facilitate the program. Steve has served as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist in

Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

He specializes in topics related to government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop risk management strategies. In the past year, he has conducted more than 120 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt with nearly 15,000 in attendance.

Steve uses web sites such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with various print and electronic media. Annually he reaches more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals.

During the two hour program producers will examine the following topics:

- Crop Prices, Planted Acres & Weather Outlooks
 - Estimating Farmer Breakeven Crop Prices
 - Determine '25 Crop ARC/PLC & Potential ECO Payments
 - Review Your '26 Crop Marketing Plan
 - Understanding Geopolitical Issues & Input Supply Consolidation
 - Discuss Strategies for Managing Crop Prices & Input Costs
- This presentation will assist producers in designing and implementing a marketing plan that is specific to their own operation. It will present

producers with various options they can effectively utilize to capture market profits, manage market risks in this volatile market, minimize cost increases and make informed decisions on input pricing, storage options and position their marketing plan for profit protection. Market, global and recent economic factors will be examined and producers will learn to identify where profit opportunities and pitfalls lie for their farm operations.

Pre-registration is required. To register for the program call 815-732-2231 or email cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net

Program begins at 7:00 p.m. on June 17th at the Rock River Senior Center, in Oregon, IL.

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