



NEW RICFB BOARD SEATED AT 111TH ANNUAL MEETING

The following district directors were elected to the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Board for the following terms at the August 17th County Annual Meeting.

District 1 - Colby Mueller (3 years)

District 2 - Dennis VanDaele (3 years)

District 3 - Wes DeClercq (3 years)

At Large:

Tyson Freyermuth (2 years), Jason Rursch (1 year), Marty McManus (1 year), Trent Zwicker (3 years) and Drew Hohenboken (2 years)

The full board is as follows:

District 1: Joe Franks, Colby Mueller and Christy Reid

District 2: Ethan Coyne, Rod Derrer and Dennis VanDaele

District 3: Scott Bohnert, Wes DeClercq and Andrew Kruckenberg

At Large: Tyson Freyermuth, Jason Rursch, Marty McManus, Trent Zwicker and Drew Hohenboken

The Rock Island County Farm Bureau board is currently made up of 14 board members – nine farmers representing each of the three districts in Rock Island

County (three per district), and five serving as at-large directors. Our current bylaws allow our board to consist of nine district directors (3 per each of our three districts), and 3-6 at large directors. Six board members range in age of 23-44, five board members range in age of 45-59 and three board members range in age of 60 – 75.

Following the county annual meeting, the board convened its August board meeting. A reorganization of the board followed with the election of officers: President, Marty McManus; Vice President – Dennis VanDaele; Secretary – Trent Zwicker; Treasurer – Joe Franks.

COLBY MUELLER JOINS RICFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Colby Mueller has been elected as District 1 director for the Rock Island County Farm Bureau, and was officially seated at the RICFB County Annual Meeting on August 17th. Read on to learn more about Colby:

I am a 5th generation farmer in Taylor Ridge, farming alongside my father and great uncle. When I am not on the farm, I am a seed advisor for Golden Harvest and volunteer firefighter for the Andalusia Fire Protection District. I have been with the Young Leaders of the Farm Bureau for a couple years and am excited to be a part of the Board of Directors!

Join us in welcoming Colby in his new role!

“BUSHELS FOR HUNGER” GRAIN DRIVE KICKS OFF 17TH YEAR

The Bushels for Hunger program is kicking off its 17th year of area farmers helping local families. Farmers can donate bushels of grain at participating elevators from September 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026. Proceeds from grain sales will benefit River Bend Food Bank and food pantries throughout the Quad City area. Since 2010, area farmers have donated over \$354,000 and provided over 1.7 million meals to those in need.

Henry County farmer and Illinois Farm Bureau District 3 Director Brian Corkill is excited about the continued efforts of the campaign. “Seventeen years after its start, the Bushels for Hunger campaign is as strong as ever. Our local farmers continue to support the program and generously donate bushels of grain to help fight hunger in the Quad City communities,” Corkill says.

“For 17 years, Bushels for Hunger has demonstrated the extraordinary difference we can make when our agricultural community comes together around a shared purpose,” said Jenny Colvin, Vice President of Philanthropy at River Bend Food Bank. “Every bushel donated by a local farmer helps provide food – and hope – to neighbors facing hunger throughout our region. We are deeply grateful for this enduring partnership and the generosity that

continues to make it possible.”

“We are grateful for our farmers who continue to support the program,” said Tara Mayhew, Manager of Rock Island County Farm Bureau. “We have formed such a great partnership with River Bend Food Bank, our local grain elevators and ethanol plants, and our farmers to help fight food insecurities right here in our own communities.”

The Bushels for Hunger program is a joint program coordinated by the following three Illinois County Farm Bureaus: Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island in conjunction with the following area grain elevators and ethanol plants: Atkinson Grain, Big River Resources, Cargill, CHS-Annawan and Davenport, Gold Star FS, Hillsdale Elevator, and River Valley Cooperative. For more information, contact your local County Farm Bureau.



17th Annual BUSHELS FOR HUNGER

September 1 - December 31

Grand total Since 2010

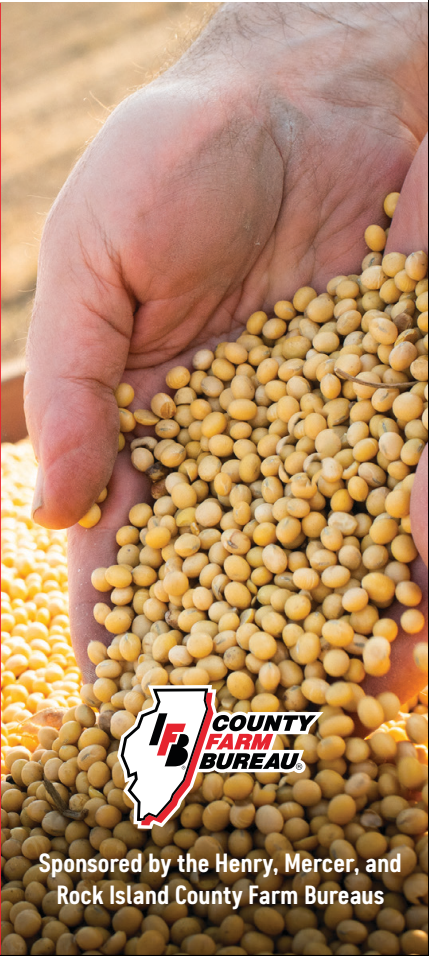
\$354,518

equaling 1,772,589 meals.

Tell your participating elevator that you would like to donate.

- Atkinson Grain**
- Big River Resources**
- Cargill**
- CHS-Annawan & Davenport**
- Gold Star FS**
- Hillsdale Elevator**
- River Valley Cooperative**

Proceeds benefit the River Bend Food Bank



UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER - SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**
- 1 Bushels for Hunger campaign begins
 - 1 District 3 Presidents & Managers meeting
 - 3-4 Office closed due to staffing
 - 4 Riverdale Ag Day
 - 7 Office closed for Labor Day
 - 16 Rockridge FFA Ag Showcase Supper
 - 13-19 Suicide Prevention Week
 - 21 RICFB Board of Directors meeting
 - 22 Young Leaders meeting
 - 28 Freezer meal pick up
- OCTOBER - NATIONAL PORK MONTH**
- 8 Adopted Legislator visit with Sen Edly-Allen
 - 12-15 Our manager Tara will be on the Managers to Washington trip
 - 19 RICFB Board of Directors meeting

WE WANT TO WISH ALL OF OUR MEMBERS A SAFE AND BOUNTIFUL HARVEST!

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