

## Ag After Hours: Survey Says

Join us for a look at USDA Crop Reports and Surveys at Ag After Hours Jan. 16 at the Evergreen FS Building in Bloomington.

Our guest speaker will be Illinois State Statistician, Mark Schleusener, with the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service to address the methods and process of crop reporting.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and our speaker will be at 6 p.m.

Ag After Hours are informal networking events offered for Farm Bureau members. The event is free and refreshments will be provided.

Registration is preferred, but not required. To sign-up, call (309) 663-6497 or register online at [www.mcfb.org](http://www.mcfb.org).

## ARC/PLC Meeting, COUNTRY Crop Seminar to be Offered

Take a look at your risk management options at the ARC/PLC Meeting Jan. 29 and the COUNTRY Crop Seminar Feb. 11.

Find out about what's new for the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs Jan. 29, 2020 at 9 a.m. at the McLean County Farm Bureau building, 2242 Westgate Drive in Bloomington.

Speakers include Jonathan Coppess, University of Illinois Extension and Brenda Dozier, COUNTRY Financial.

Refreshments will be provided. To sign-up call (309) 663-6497 or register online at [www.mcfb.org](http://www.mcfb.org).

The COUNTRY Crop Seminar Feb. 11 will provide crop insurance updates and a market outlook.

The event will be at the at the Evergreen FS building, 402 N Hershey in Bloomington

Speakers include Brenda Dozier, COUNTRY Financial, Brad Clow, COUNTRY Financial and Joe Camp, AgriVisor.

Complimentary breakfast will be provided. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast at 8 a.m.

To register, please contact a local COUNTRY Crop Representative:

- Jim Hanlin (309) 662-0101
- Kevin Keighin (309) 662-8452
- Darren Davis (309) 662-8452

## Landowner 101 Classes Set

Expand your understanding and skills for managing your farmland with a series of Landowner 101 classes:

- Feb. 13 - Farmland Leasing
- Feb. 27 - Basic Agronomy
- March 5 - Grain Marketing

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the McLean County Farm Bureau building, 2242 Westgate Drive in Bloomington.

Cost for each class is \$20 per farm or \$50 per farm for all three

Landowner 101 sessions. More than one person per farm may attend the sessions.

Farm Bureau members will receive a discount on registration fees.

The registration fee covers all class materials and light refreshments during each session.

To sign-up, please contact McLean County Farm Bureau at (309) 663 - 6497 or register online at [www.mcfb.org](http://www.mcfb.org).

## Upcoming Events

### January

Thurs. 16	5:30 p.m.	Ag After Hours: Survey Says
Fri. 17	8 a.m.	Pesticide Applicator License Clinic/Test
Tues. 21	6 p.m.	Volunteer Night at Midwest Food Bank
Thurs. 23		FFA Acquaintance Day
	5 p.m.	MCFB Annual Meeting
Wed. 29	9 a.m.	ARC/PLC Meeting

### February

Wed. 5	9 a.m.	Rules for the Road Meeting
Tues. 11	7:30 a.m.,	COUNTRY Crop Seminar
Thurs. 13	6:30 p.m.	Landowner 101: Farmland/Leasing
Wed. 26	5 p.m.	Farm Succession Planning - Champaign
Thurs. 27	11:30 a.m.	Prime Timers Meeting @Denny's
	6:30 p.m.	Landowner 101: Basic Agronomy
Sat. 29	5:30 p.m.	MCFB Foundation Trivia Night



## Election Results

McLean County Farm Bureau members John Burkhart of Stanford; Marie Denzer-Farley of Danvers; Fred Grieder of Carlock; and Arin Rader of Normal were re-elected to serve on the Board of Directors. All board members are elected to three year terms.

## Farm Bureau Volunteer Night

McLean County Farm Bureau members are invited to volunteer at Midwest Food Bank Tues., Jan. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Kids ages five and older are welcome to volunteer along with parents or grandparents. Please sign-up to participate at [www.mcfb.org](http://www.mcfb.org). All volunteers will need to complete a waiver.

## Rules for the Road Meeting

Get the latest information on farm trucking rules and transportation regulations at the Rules for the Road Meeting Wed., Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington.

Illinois Farm Bureau transportation expert, Kirby Wagner, will cover licensing requirements and farm exemptions.

Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts provided.

To register, please call (309) 663-6497 or sign up online at [www.mcfb.org](http://www.mcfb.org).

## Ag Scholarships

**McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation Ag Leadership Scholarships** - Up to five \$1,000 scholarships, Apply online at [www.mcfb.org/scholarships](http://www.mcfb.org/scholarships)

**McLean County Beef Association Scholarships** - Up to four \$500 scholarships awarded, Apply online at [www.mcfb.org/scholarships](http://www.mcfb.org/scholarships)

**IAA Foundation Scholarships** - 74 scholarships from \$1,000 to \$7,500, Apply online at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org)

The deadline for all three scholarships is Feb. 1, 2020.

## McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation

# TRIVIA NIGHT

### Team Spirit Theme: Superheros

Celebrate your favorite superhero(s) with costumes or table decorations!



**Sat., Feb. 29**

McLean County Fairgrounds

West Expo Building

**5:30 p.m. - Doors Open**

Light supper/snacks provided

**6:30 p.m. - Trivia Starts**

**\$160 per team**

(up to 8 people)

All participants must be 21+

Register at [www.mcfb.org](http://www.mcfb.org) or call (309) 663-6497

*All proceeds benefit local ag education efforts!*

## 2019 IFB Annual Meeting



McLean County Farm Bureau served as delegates and alternates to the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and participated in the policy development process Dec. 7-10. Pictured from left: Brian Dirks, Darren Davis, J.C. Zimmerman, David Schuler, Fred Grieder, Carl Neubauer, Mark Hines and Arin Rader.



McLean County Farm Bureau member, Rachel Hawk (left), participated in the Young Leader Discussion Meet and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen level of competition at the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Dec. 7.