



SIGNIFICANT MILE POSTS IN ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU HISTORY



1916

JANUARY 26, 1916 — County crop advisors meet with farmers on the University Of Illinois campus and create the Illinois Agricultural Association (Illinois Farm Bureau) to become the voice of agriculture in Illinois to be controlled solely by farmers.



JUNE 19, 1916 — Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) begins work on state and national legislation that impacts farmers such as Grain Trade Act, a Pure Seed Law, and methods for the collection of real estate and personal property taxes. A Pure Seed Law was passed the following year.



NOVEMBER 17, 1925 — A charter to do business is issued to IFB's first insurance company: The Farmers Mutual Reinsurance Company, organized to help spread the risk of insuring farm buildings for fire.

LAUNCH REINSURANCE BODY FOR PROTECTION OF ALL FARM MUTUALS

MARCH 7, 1927 — IFB forms a new company: Illinois Farm Supply Company, which makes bulk purchases of gasoline, kerosene, and high-quality lubricating oils and greases. These bulk purchases save members money. The Supply Company eventually becomes the GROW-MARK System and the FS member companies.



APRIL 27, 1927 — IFB's next insurance company is issued a license to insure automobiles: Illinois Agricultural Mutual Insurance Company.

FEBRUARY 1, 1929 — IFB's new life insurance company, Country Life Insurance Company, issues its first policy to serve farmers who were "woefully" under-insured.



1933 — Real farm relief comes with the passage of the Agricultural Adjustment Act during the administration of Franklin Roosevelt. Commodity production was controlled through acreage reduction, which helped stabilize and improve farm income.



1951 — Adoption of the Gateway Amendment made it easier for citizens to change the Illinois Constitution and clear the way for a constitutional amendment that would make the state less reliant on property taxes.



SEPTEMBER 1961 — IFB and its Family of Companies relocate from Chicago and dedicate a newly constructed building in Bloomington.



FEBRUARY 1, 1962 — Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. is organized with the merger of the remaining three creameries in the State.



1968 — IFB became a major player to lead a successful effort ("Con Con") to call a Constitutional Convention to re-write the century-old state constitution. A new constitution was adopted in 1970.



1977 — The passage of the Farmland Assessment Law that taxes farm land on its productivity (income generation) rather than its sales value (fair market value).

1981 — Illinois Agricultural in the Classroom program is developed to bring lessons about the importance of agriculture to students in secondary schools throughout the state.



1987 — The IAA Foundation is formed with a mission to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture. Originally established as a place to provide scholarships, the IAA Foundation has grown to serve as the primary fund raiser for Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom, while also managing endowments and donor advised funds to further support agriculture and education.



OCTOBER 2000 — After two years of intense work and fundraising on the part of IFB, Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry opens the \$2.3 million *The Farm* exhibit, that brought the wonders of modern agriculture to millions of children and their families.

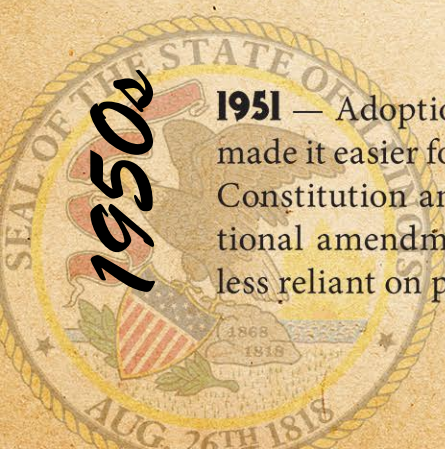


NOVEMBER 2009 — IFB, along with Illinois grain and livestock organizations, form the Illinois Farm Families Coalition to create greater consumer awareness of the positive benefits of modern agriculture through many on-farm visits by Chicago-area moms, and create a consumer website WatchUsGrow.org. Midwest Dairy Association joined the coalition in 2013.

www.watchusgrow.org

2016

JANUARY 26, 2016 — IFB celebrates its 100th birthday with a party for Family of Companies' employees.



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