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Become a part of something local, something big, something *more!*



## ▲ Farming in Cook County?

Cook County Farm Bureau® is proud to have a diverse group of farm producers including greenhouse growers, vegetable producers, hay and straw balers, organic marketers, horse breeders and caretakers, pumpkin growers, farm stand operators, and farmland owners in addition to those that fit the more typical definition...corn, soybeans and livestock.

### Farm Bureau believes in an ample, safe, nutritious food supply for everyone!

Farmers and ranchers in the United States produce and are responsible for much of our country's food supply. The United States is so fortunate to have a food production system that has no equal in the world. The result is a stable, abundant, affordable nutritious food supply enjoyed by American citizens and much of the world. Farmers and the Cook County Farm Bureau® encourage healthy lifestyles and consumer wellness.

## ▲ Membership Benefits, Discounts, Savings



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With our large membership base, we are able to leverage some outstanding discounts, program opportunities and experiences, and ways to hold onto more of your money. Soil test kits, discount movie tickets, theme park ticket savings, rental car discounts, hotel discounts, events and trips, and the list goes on. The list of offers and deals are growing; scan the QR code to locate the latest Member Benefit Discounts & App details for members.

## ▲ Information Central

Through various communication tools and publications, the Cook County Farm Bureau® serves as an agriculture and farming knowledge clearinghouse for members and the general public.

- **Cooperator** - a monthly publication serving as the Official voice of the Cook County Farm Bureau® providing detail about programs, benefits, local agriculture, and more
- **E-Cooperator** - monthly publication in an electronic format
- **www.cookcfb.org** - an online resource for members to access benefits, services, information and entertainment
- **Shop Local / Discover Local** - Online resources for members to direct market to local consumers, and a resource for consumers to locate fresh and local, at [cookcfb.org/discover-local/shop-local/online-directory](http://cookcfb.org/discover-local/shop-local/online-directory)
- **Speakers Bureau** - local farmers speak to local community and civic organizations to spread the positive message about today's agriculture
- **Social media** - Facebook, Instagram, X, and our website is a way to connect with others in a social atmosphere
- **Member Benefits Platform / Abenity App** - an online resource for members to access exclusive member benefits
- **IFB Partners** - a quarterly magazine that captures the spirit of rural living and farm connections for member enjoyment
- **FarmWeek** - a weekly newspaper that connects farmer members with hot news, issues, marketing information, and more

## ▲ How to join!

### Voting membership: \$45 annually

*Farmers, Landowners, Urban Producers, Professionals in Ag Industry, Voting Rights*

### Associate membership: \$20 annually

*Individuals who want to support Family, Farms, Food, and access member benefits*

Visit the Cook County Farm Bureau's® website [www.cookcfb.org](http://www.cookcfb.org) for additional information and to access a membership application, or call the Farm Bureau at **708-354-3276** to join and pay via credit card.

### Cook County Farm Bureau® is...

- 100% member driven
- Non-partisan
- Not-for-profit
- Voluntary

Whether you are a farmer, landowner, backyard gardener, or simply someone who loves to eat, you are a part of farming. When you join the Cook County Farm Bureau®, "your part" grows into something greater... Something more connected... Something that benefits you, your family, and Illinois farming.

SCAN TODAY  
*To Join*



# Cook County Farm Bureau is You!

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Something more connected...



## Mission Statement:

“To serve all our members of the Cook County Farm Bureau® with meaningful and beneficial programs that reflect our agricultural heritage.”

## Vision Statement:

“Our vision is a future in which the people of Cook County recognize and value the importance and necessity of agriculture and agri-industry in our region.”



## Cook County Farm Bureau® Story

We are a grassroots organization made up of people who farm and support farms, farm families, and food in the Cook County region.

Cook County Farm Bureau® is a non-for-profit, general farm organization created in 1920 by area farmers, businessmen, and community leaders to improve science, knowledge, lifestyle, and standards of living on the farm and off for its members. Today, the Cook County Farm Bureau® holds close to these roots through agricultural literacy efforts, membership service, public policy interaction, consumer engagement, farm product marketing, and outreach.

As the county's largest general farm organization, Cook County Farm Bureau® is dedicated to bridging the gap between farmers and urban consumers. Through education programs targeting youth and their parents and programs designed to connect farmers with potential consumers, Farm Bureau members are actively engaging in conversations about food and the shared values between farmers and consumers.

## What We Do

- We create value in membership
- We advocate for farmers and urban growers and speak out for agriculture
- We teach students, parents, teachers, and consumers about the necessity of agriculture

## The Board of Directors established volunteer leadership from members...

**6 Pillars of Action** – Farmer, Farm Owners, and those with an affinity for agriculture volunteer time, knowledge, and skills to work together to grow and improve farming, agriculture and Farm Bureau in urban Cook County. Six Teams meet periodically to develop programs, activities, services, and plans for a stronger farm presence in the area.

- Agriculture Literacy Team
- Commodities/Marketing Team
- Member Relations Team
- Governmental Affairs Team
- Public Relations Team
- Young Leaders Team (ages 18-35)

## Cook County Farm Bureau® Foundation

The Cook County Farm Bureau® Foundation organization, established in 1997, is a 501c(3) non-profit with a purpose of accepting tax-deductible donations based on IRS guidelines to be used to carry out charitable, literary, leadership training and educational work in agriculture in the Cook County area. The Foundation key programs include “farm, food & agriculture” related scholarships for members/dependents pursuing higher education, internships, sponsorships of various agricultural literacy programming activities in the County for youth, and adult agricultural leadership and education scholarships.

## Cook County Farm Bureau® Political Action Committee

The Cook County Farm Bureau® PAC was established in 2009 designed to promote the economic and social well-being of individuals, farmers, businesses and agricultural – related interest in Cook County through nonpartisan political involvement. A copy of our reports are filed with the State Board of Elections and are available on the Board's official website [www.elections.state.il.us/](http://www.elections.state.il.us/)

CCFB annually supports local partner Food Pantries with food and cash donations through Food Checkout Day.

## Affiliated Companies

Throughout the years, the Farm Bureau has used business solutions to solve issues and problems of our members including the creation of affiliated companies that provide for the needs of members.

## Listed below are a few of the strongest Farm Bureau affiliated companies in the Country!

- **Country Financial** - In 1925, IFB formed an insurance company to provide Illinois farmers with fire insurance on farm buildings and their contents. Auto insurance was added in 1927, followed by life insurance in 1929. Today, the companies of COUNTRY Financial® offer a wide range of personal and business insurance options to consumers, as well as retirement, education, and investment products.
- **Conserv FS** - A part of the GROWMARK regional cooperative system affiliated with the Farm Bureau's in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, Conserv FS is an area cooperative serving Cook County and 10 other counties in the area providing farm inputs, fuel, seeds for crops and turf, urban services, custom farming, marketing, and financing for members.
- **IAA Credit Union** - one of the top-rated Credit Unions in the country, the IAA Credit Union serves the financial needs of members, Farm Bureau employees and retirees, and affiliated companies customers and patrons throughout the state by providing savings, checking, mortgages, auto loans, credit cards, and other special financial programs.
- **Prairie Farms Dairy** – Formed by Farm Bureau members in 1938, Prairie Farms Dairy is a dairy cooperative (owned by the dairy farmers who produce the milk used by our manufacturing plants to make the highest quality products available in the marketplace).