

FARM *Partners*

Top 5 Reasons A Farm Landowner Should Belong to Illinois Farm Bureau®

① Protecting Your Interests!

Agriculture has an incredible story to tell. Farm Bureau provides a united voice for our members. We serve as your watchdog, protecting your interests and advocating at the local, state and federal levels for you – regardless of your farm's size and your level of involvement.

② Shared Values!

Tired of elected officials and others determining what you should be worried about? Through grassroots engagement, you and other farmers/landowners set the organization's policies and goals. All with a focus on protecting the economic well-being of agriculture and our rural way of life.

③ Information & Resources You Need!

Staying connected is important. Our members have on-demand access to the latest news, information and staff who specialize in the hottest ag topics – including regulations, private property rights, taxes, farm leases, easement agreements and more.

④ Your Legacy!

Farm landowners enjoy a unique agricultural heritage. In addition to efforts protecting your family farm asset, Farm Bureau and our Affiliates give you the tools and resources to assist with estate/legacy planning.

⑤ Agriculture's Future!

Are you concerned about preserving agriculture for the next generation? We're helping farmers tell their story to the general public and developing the next generation of ag leaders. There's no better place to find educational, developmental and networking opportunities than Farm Bureau.



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Cook County Farm Bureau®

A grassroots organization made up of local farmers and friends from the urban, suburban and rural areas. Members create the policy and direction of the organization and serve in various volunteer leadership roles to determine its future.

Here is a glimpse at Cook County Farm Bureau Farmer Member programming and focus...

Member Communications:

- Local information services through local member resources including the Co-Operator publication, In & Around Urban Agriculture publication, cookcfb.org, social media channels and speakers bureau deliver important agricultural and farming knowledge to members and the general public.
- State and regional focused agricultural information from the award-winning Illinois Farm Bureau communications team through FarmWeek, ILFB Partners, IFB.org, FarmWeekNow, documentaries, social media and more!

Agricultural Advocacy:

- Leadership in local, state and national policy development and advocacy in the areas of urban agriculture, organic agriculture, specialty crops, food access, and government assisted nutrition programs.
- Development with the Cook County Board of Commissioners a county resolution recognizing the importance of and in support of area agriculture.
- Understanding of local agriculture to implement strong agricultural policies and infrastructure development in the urban area through local volunteer farm advocates and our staff.

Marketing:

- Agricultural “buy local” guide publication, discover local/buy local directory through website, and affiliated companies that provide business solutions to solve issues and problems.
- Business development and training programming in support of the efforts of urban agriculture with marketing seminars, informational workshops, and urban garden grants.

Education Through Foundation scholarships/funding:

- Agriculture career higher education scholarships
- Leadership training for farm members
- Master Urban Farmer certification support
- Master Gardener certification support
- Mental health resources and support
- Ag in the Classroom programming

