

1990

- Farm Bureau holds the groundbreaking ceremony for its location on Joliet Road.



Holding the artist's rendering of the new Cook County Farm Bureau's headquarters building are, left, Carl W. LeGant, Mayor of Countryside and Howard Paarlberg, President of Cook County Farm Bureau

- Famed farm broadcaster, Max Armstrong meets with Farm Bureau leaders to discuss the importance of speaking with consumers about farming.

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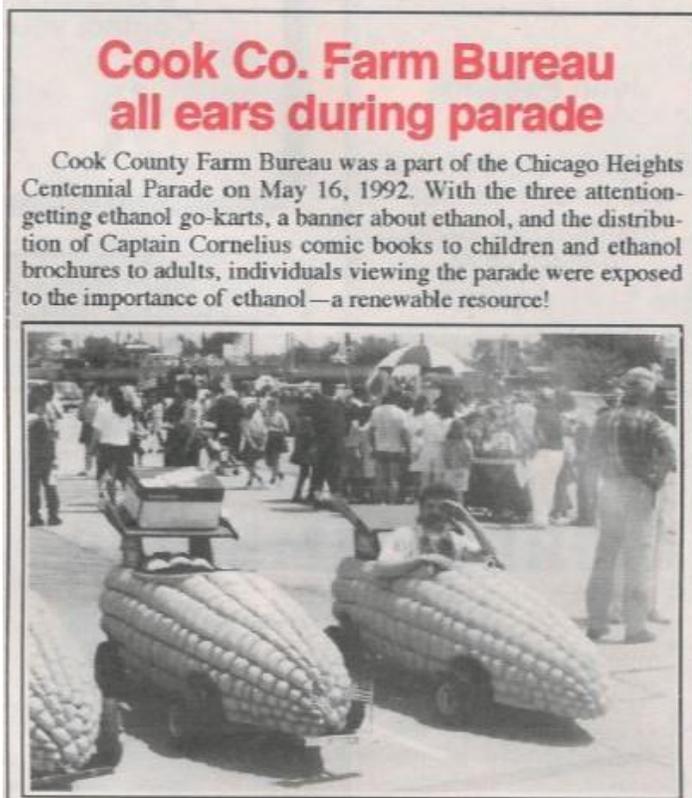
- Farm Bureau hosts open house to celebrate the grand opening of its new headquarters in Countryside.
- Agriculture in the Classroom reaches 3,555 students and 139 classrooms during its third year.

1992

- Cook County Farm Bureau® hosts a Legislative Pig Roast at Lloyd Brandau's farm.



- Farm Bureau is “all ears” during the Chicago Heights Centennial Parade.



- Pat Horcher becomes Cook County Farm Bureau’s first Agricultural Leader of Tomorrow (ALOT) graduate. ALOT is a seven-week program designed to develop and hone leadership skills.

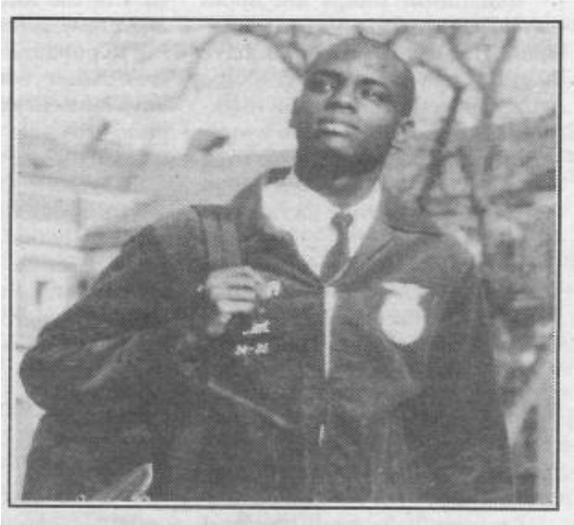
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- Farm Bureau, along with a 1952 Farmall Tractor, helps Lansing, IL celebrate its 100th anniversary during Lansing’s Centennial parade.

1995

- Farm Bureau launches its discounted movie ticket program for members.
- Farm Bureau board member, Pat Horcher, becomes the first Cook County Farm Bureau® member to receive an ALOT II Certificate of Completion after completing the “How to Lead Winning Campaigns” program. This three-day program was designed to help select Farm Bureau leaders to become experts in political campaign management in order to provide support to candidates and issues favorable to agriculture.

- Corey Flournoy, graduate of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences in Chicago is elected President of the National FFA Organization.



- Agriculture in the Classroom reaches over 12,000 students and more than 500 classrooms during its sixth year.

1996

- Farm Bureau launches its “Teachers’ Agricultural Institute” and graduates eight area teachers during the four-and-half day program. This program later becomes Farm Bureau’s “Summer Agricultural Institute”.

1997

- Cook County Farm Bureau unveils the Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation which is targeted at raising funds to support agricultural literacy and leadership. The Board of Directors approved the creation of the Foundation in 1996.
- The Foundation hosts its first Silent Auction to raise funds to support agricultural literacy.

1998

- Farm Bureau launches its “member-to-member” discount program enabling Cook County members to receive exclusive discounts at local partners.
- Volunteer Bernadine Horcher received the IFB “Apple for the Teacher” Award.



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- “Agriculture Adventures for Families” page, a favorite of local families is unveiled.
- The Agriculture in the Classroom program reaches 15,780 students in its 12th year of programming.
- The Cook County Farm Bureau Foundation awards its first two scholarships for students pursuing an agricultural field of study.
- 54 members enjoyed a bowling banquet at the William Tell wrap-up during the 1999 Sports Festival Activity.
- Then President, Howard Paarlberg, joined then Illinois Farm Bureau President, Ron Warfield, and then American Farm Bureau Federation President, Dean Kleckner, and other leaders in a meeting with Chinese Premier, Zhu Rongji, to encourage enhance U.S.-Chinese trade.
- Partners for Agricultural Literacy launches to improve agricultural literacy through teacher training and in-services, statewide coordination, special projects, and promotional activities.
- Current Manager, Bob Rohrer, joins the Cook County Farm Bureau.



Right to left: Michael Horcher, CCFB Board; Howard Paarlberg, CCFB President; Bob Rohrer, CCFB Manager; State Senator Lisa Madigan; and Ron Warfield, Illinois Farm Bureau President.