

May CWL Newsletter

“It’s what you learn after you know it all that counts.” – John Wooden

Please pay close attention to the newsletter this month. There are some important dates and action that you need to take. If you have any questions, please let us know.

The body of this email contains all the information of the newsletter. A copy is also attached that may be easier to open and read. Also attached are the Market Basket Forms and the new addendum to the LIP form. There is no need to worry if you can’t open attachments, as everything is also contained in this email.

Message from Isabella

As planting is getting underway we can't help but be awed by what God has given us the ability to do. In order to keep doing it we are now in a position of decision. Will we choose to do all we can or just what we're comfortable doing? As the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) not your local humane society and PETA make a larger presence in Indiana we are forced to choose. Have you seen the billboard in Carroll County? It was placed there by PETA and says "Meat Kills" Go Vegetarian. What will you do? Have you considered making a donation to your local humane society to meet a need they may have? Perhaps sponsor charitable events or make donations in your county FB name and suggest to your members to do the same in their farm name. These are just a few suggestions to get you thinking. If you have any questions please call or write. Your DWL has a sample letter to the editor you can personalize for your county and local paper.

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Summer Council – (It’s time to RSVP!)

Summer Council will be taking place on Wednesday, June 10th here at the home office. We’ll be “Cultivating A Field of Champions” this year and we want you to be involved. But you first have to let us know you will be here. Please email Jena at jhalcomb@infarmbureau.org to RSVP or call 317-692-7830. Please make sure your reservation is in by May 22nd. There are no cards to mail in, just email or call us to save your spot. If you can not make it, you can send your assistant, but the session is open to just one person from your county. Registration will begin at 8:30 on the 10th with the session getting underway at 9:00a.m. Topics that will be discussed include the public’s perception of agriculture, answering questions about the farm bill and farm payments, and strengthening rural communities.

CWL Roller Bags

Last year at Spring Conference, some of you were awarded a bag with wheels for your participation in the LIP Program. We have found that some of those bags, the lettering is coming off. If your bag has this problem, bring it with you to Summer Council and we will get it fixed.

FB Interest Groups

We all have a passion for various aspects of agriculture. FB wants to help you stay in the loop and involved in topics that may be of interest to you. Members of these interest groups will receive email updates, be included when new information becomes available and may be asked to serve on committees related to these groups. If you are interested in any of the groups below, please let Joni know your name, county, cell number and email and we will get you in the group:

Drainage

Taxes

Wind

Zoning

Animal Agriculture

Becoming a Volunteer

Do you know others in your county that would like to be involved and become a trained Ag In The Class volunteer? Volunteers must be a Farm Bureau member, preferably engaged in agriculture production, with a desire to positively promote agriculture. If you know of an interested person, have them contact their county woman leader or district woman leader for information.

2nd Quarter Market Basket

It's Market Basket time again! The survey is included in this message and also attached if you prefer to open it and print it off that way. We have also created a new survey just for Indiana, how much is your cookout? It should be fun to see what items you come up with. Both surveys need to be back at the home office by May 18th. You can send, email, or call in your results. All entries will be entered into a drawing. This quarter we will award a \$50.00 gift certificate for your own groceries!!

Market Basket Price Survey

FRUITS/VEGETABLES

_____ Red Delicious apples, 1 lb.

_____ Russet potatoes, 5 lbs.

Optional items – list prices if possible:

_____ Dole American salad, 1 lb. (or Classic Iceberg)

_____ Orange juice (not from concentrate), ½ gal.

MEAT

_____ Ground chuck, 1 lb. (Note: if not available,

use 80-85 percent lean ground beef)

_____ Sirloin tip roast, 1 lb. (Also known as:

Beef Round Tip Roast, Face Round Roast, Tip Sirloin Roast,

Crescent Roast, Knuckle Roast, Round Roast, Ball Tip Roast,

Cap Off Roast, Knuckle-Peeled Roast)

_____ Center cut pork chops, 1 lb.

_____ Bacon, 1 lb.

_____ Whole chicken fryers, 1 lb.

Optional items – list prices if possible:

_____ Sliced deli ham (lunch meat), 1 lb.

_____ Boneless chicken breast, 1 lb.

DAIRY

_____ Whole milk, gallon

_____ Mild cheddar cheese, 1 lb.

_____ Eggs, one dozen large, Grade A

Optional items – list prices if possible:

_____ Whole milk, ½ gallon

_____ Organic milk, ½ gallon

_____ rBST-free milk, ½ gallon

_____ Shredded mild cheddar cheese, 1 lb.

_____ Eggs, one dozen large, “cage-free”

BAKING/CONDIMENTS

_____ All-purpose flour, 5 lbs.

_____ Corn oil, 32 oz.

_____Vegetable oil, 32 oz.

_____Mayonnaise, 32 oz.

BREAD/CEREAL

_____Cheerios, 8.9-oz. box

_____White bread, 20-oz. loaf

SHOP UPON RECEIPT OF SURVEY THROUGH MAY 17

Name/County: _____

City/State in which survey was conducted: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed survey by Noon EASTERN, May 18, to:

Mail, email, or call in your results to:

Joni Wallman

jwallman@infarmbureau.org 317-692-7870

or

Jena Halcomb

jhalcomb@infarmbureau.org 317-692-7830

2009 Cookout Market Basket Survey

- \$ _____ 3lb. Potato Salad
- \$ _____ 1lb. Ground Round
- \$ _____ 10pk. Oscar Mayer Hot Dogs
- \$ _____ Bush's 28oz. Baked Beans
- \$ _____ French's Classic Yellow Mustard 8oz.
- \$ _____ Red Gold Ketchup 24oz.
- \$ _____ Kraft American Singles 16 slices
- \$ _____ 8pk. Hamburger Buns
- \$ _____ 8pk. Hot Dog Buns
- \$ _____ 2lt. Coca Cola
- \$ _____ 11oz. Bag Lay's Classic Potato Chips

Name: _____

County: _____

Surveys need to be mailed, emailed, or phoned in by

noon on May 18th.

LIP Form Addition

We are always looking for ways to make life easier, less forms, electronic communication, etc. As the DWL's have been reviewing programs, they are looking for ways to make programs better for everyone. The latest change comes to the Extension Award. Very few counties actually filled out the forms for this award, but we know there are many counties that work with their local extension service. Starting now, there will be no award forms to fill out. At Summer Council you will each receive an addendum form to add to your LIP paper. This will allow you to keep track of events that you do with the extension service as well as other commodity or community groups in your county. Instead of the plaques that used to be awarded, you will have the opportunity for more points on your LIP papers. More details and the forms will be given to you at Summer Council or mailed if you can't make it. We have included an electronic copy of the form for those with email. But everyone will get a paper copy in June.

Ammonia Fertilizer Safety Video

This link was sent to us by AFBF. If you have a way to show this video in your board meeting, it is a good reminder of how to handle these tanks.

The Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association and the Illinois Department of Agriculture used a grant from the Fertilizer Research and Education Council to produce an Ammonia Fertilizer safety video for farmers. They aren't duplicating copies of the program but are posting it on the www.ifca.com site and the www.agr.state.il.us site. They have notified all fertilizer and chemical dealers in Illinois to alert their farmers to watch the posted video just before heading out to the fields this spring.

AFBF Women's Communication Boot Camp

The AFB Women's Leadership Committee is sponsoring the third annual Farm Bureau Women's Communications Boot Camp, July 21-24, 2009 in Washington, DC. Applicants must be women who are Farm Bureau members. The program is open to all women, not just those involved in women's committees.

A copy of the application form can be found at www.fb.org or email us and we can forward you a copy. The deadline for submitting applications for the Boot Camp is **May 8, 2009**. A maximum of fifteen applicants will be selected to participate. Once you complete the application, please forward it to Joni, as it must be signed by the state office before going to Washington.

All those who applied will be notified by May 29, 2009 as to whether or not they have been accepted in the program. Applicants who are selected to participate will pay a \$200 registration fee. Participants will also be responsible for their transportation and hotel. If, within three months of completion of the seminar, the applicant uses the skills she gained and reports on the activity, she will have half her registration fee reimbursed.

Promotional Items

Many of you are preparing for ag days and county fairs. This is just a reminder that many of our promotional items are available in limited quantities and go fast this time of year. If you are interested in any materials you can view the catalog on our website www.infarmbureau.org under the members only section. To place an order please contact Jena at jhalcomb@infarmbureau.org or 317-692-7830.

That's all for now, keep in touch!