

Need a Gift Idea?



Meat Certificates from McLean County Farm Bureau make great gifts or stocking stuffers!

Meat certificates are available in any amount and can be redeemed at any grocery store or meat market. To purchase yours, contact Mary at (309) 663-6497.

U of I Extension to Host 2011 Farm Economics Summit

University of Illinois Extension will host an Illinois Farm Economics Summit on Fri., Dec. 16 at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington.

The summit begins at 8:15 a.m. and concludes at 1:30 p.m.

The program will address farm profitability, market outlook for crops and livestock, estate planning and risk management options.

The cost is \$50 per person if registered by Dec. 15. Registration at the door is \$65 per person as space permits. Lunch is included.

For more information about the summit or to register online visit: <http://farmdoc.illinois.edu/ifes/2011/index.htm>.

Please contact Sue Esposito at 217-333-5506 or sesposit@illinois.edu with any questions.

Member Discount Offered on MaxVisor Market Advice Service

McLean County Farm Bureau members can save with a discounted rate on MaxVisor, a marketing advisory service from AgriVisor, LLC and Illinois Farm Bureau.

The MaxVisor Select Service package includes a yearly break-even analysis with an AgriVisor analyst, weekly e-mail commentary, text and recorded voice messages as appropriate and the ability to call and speak with an analyst.

The package also provides the opportunity to create a brokerage account through AgriVisor.

The annual fee for the package

is normally \$1,900, but Farm Bureau members can sign up at the discounted rate of \$1,200 - a \$700 savings!

Farm Bureau members can also sign up for free to receive the E-Plus package, which provides online daily commentary and recommendations from AgriVisor covering corn, soybeans, wheat, cattle, hogs and inputs.

Please contact AgriVisor at 1-800-676-5799 for more information. Make sure to have your Farm Bureau membership card ready if you want to sign up for the E-Plus package or MaxVisor services.

Upcoming Events:

December

Wed. 7	8 a.m.	Leave a Legacy Workshop
Tues. 13	7 p.m.	Farm Bureau Board Meeting
Thurs. 15	5 p.m.	Young Leaders at WJBC Brotherhood Tree
Mon. 26		Office Closed - Merry Christmas!

January

Mon. 2		Office Closed - Happy New Year!
Wed. 18	8:45 a.m.	FFA Acquaintance Day
Thurs. 19	5 p.m.	MCFB Annual Meeting
Sat. 28	12 p.m.	Young Leaders at ISU Basketball

MCFB Foundation Offers Scholarships

Applications for the 2012-2013 McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation are now available and must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2012.

The McLean County Farm Bureau Foundation will award five \$1,000 scholarships based on leadership, not academics, to students interested in pursuing an agricultural related career.

Two scholarships will be awarded to seniors in high school, one to an ISU student and two to students attending other colleges.

Applications are available at www.mcfb.org/scholarships. Please contact the Farm Bureau office at (309) 663-6497 with any questions.

Merry Christmas!



from McLean County Farm Bureau

IAA Foundation Scholarships Due Feb. 1

Applications are now available for the 2012-2013 IAA Foundation scholarships. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2012. Scholarships available to McLean County students include:

- **IAA General Scholarships:** three \$3,000 scholarships, two \$1,000 scholarships and one \$1,100 scholarship, ag-related major required
- **William J. Kuhfuss Scholarship:** \$1,000, ag-related major required, must be enrolled at a post-secondary school in Illinois, preference to students with an agricultural

background and/or ag-related major

- **Heartland NAMA Steven A Hammerschmidt Memorial Scholarship:** two \$1,000 scholarships, requires an additional essay, must be a junior or senior attending ISU or U of I, ag-related major required
- **Dale E. Butz Scholarship:** \$1,000, ag-related major required
- **Greg Carney Scholarship:** \$1,500, 4-H and production ag background required, must be a University of Illinois Student

with ag-related major

- **Fletcher A. Gourley, Leonard Southwell and Roger Capps Scholarship:** six \$2,000 awards to children of Prairie Farms Dairy patrons
- **Illinois Soybean Association Crop Science Scholarships:** ten \$4,000 awards, must be a junior at ISU, U of I, SIU or WIU majoring in a crop production or crop science discipline

For complete eligibility requirements and to download the application visit: www.iaafoundation.org.



Kevin Poppe (left) recognizes Richard Chrisman for serving as chair of the Prime Timers for 10 years at the annual Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 1. Poppe will serve as the new chair.

Chrisman Recognized for Service as Prime Timer Chair

Richard Chrisman was recognized for serving as chair of the McLean County Farm Bureau Prime Timers for 10 years at the group's annual Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 1, 2011. Kevin Poppe will serve as the new chair.

About 85 retired Farm Bureau members attended the annual event. Musical entertainment was provided by the O'! Rascals band and the meal was catered by Tom Young.

The Prime Timers meet every other month for lunch at Denny's (701 Eldorado Rd) in Bloomington. All Farm Bureau members age 60 and older are welcome to participate.

Please contact the McLean County Farm Bureau office at (309) 663-6497 if you would like to be added to the Prime Timers mailing list to receive postcard invitations for upcoming meetings and activities.

Did you pay your Farm Bureau dues?

The deadline for 2012 McLean County Farm Bureau dues was **December 1, 2011**. If you have not yet paid your dues, please submit your payment by mail, over the phone or stop by our office at 2243 Westgate Drive, Suite 501 in Bloomington.

If you have any questions about your membership status or how your membership can work for you, contact the Farm Bureau office at 663-6497 or dues@mcfb.org.

Thank you for your continued support of agriculture as a Farm Bureau member.

MCFB Annual Business Meeting

The McLean County Farm Bureau Annual Business Meeting will be Thurs., Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Building, 402 N. Hershey Rd in Bloomington.

All voting members are welcome to attend. Reservations are not required.