

2024

CALENDAR

FOCUS ON FARMING



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Nathan Waldhoff, Effingham



Lynne Mulch, Jefferson



Kelly Rose, Marion



Jennifer Minnis, Edgar

AGRIFACT

Good Roads Machinery based in Pennsylvania built the first snowplow for motorized equipment in 1913.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 New Year's Day FCI Offices Closed	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day FCI Offices Closed	16	17	18	19	20
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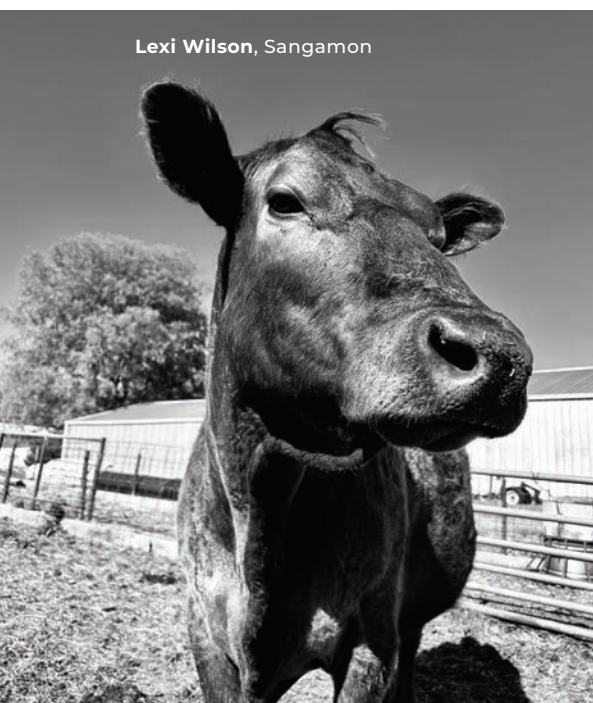
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Marianna Craighead, Iroquois



Lexi Wilson, Sangamon



Kecia Morris, Williamson



Megan Shoaf, Effingham

AGRIFACT

Illinois pig farms produce nearly 2 billion pounds of pork annually. That's over 6 billion pork chops.

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					Groundhog Day	
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	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday		Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	Crop Ins. Area Plan Production Reporting Deadline (Corn/ Soybeans)		
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	Presidents' Day					
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Brooke Clary, Adams



Aimee Hall, Pope



Becky Norris, Jefferson



Rachael Lautenschlaeger, St. Clair

AGRIFACT

The first commercially used barbed wire was patented by Joseph Farwell Glidden of DeKalb, Illinois in 1874.

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	Casimir Pulaski Day					
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Daylight Saving Time Begins					Crop Ins. Sales Closing (Corn/Soybeans)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day		Spring Equinox				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday						
	Easter Sunday					
31					Good Friday	

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Victoria Salger, Randolph



Lynn Paulus, Logan



Kayla Niederhofer, Jefferson



Brandy Harland, Franklin

AGRIFACT

Holstein cows were first imported to the United States from the Netherlands in the 1850s.

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Passover Begins

Passover Ends

Crop Ins. Individual Plan Production Reporting Deadline (Corn/Soybeans)

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Jared Gregg, Platt



Karley Tucker, Greene



Loren Pribble, Johnson



Kristin Travis, Massac

AGRIFACT

Earth is the only planet whose atmosphere produces rainbows.

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Mother's Day						Armed Forces Day
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	Memorial Day FCI Offices Closed					

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Nathan Payne, Marion



Sara Jane Caise, Iroquois



Carolyn Beitz, Shelby



Jodee Harmon, Johnson

AGRIFACT

American anglers spend \$7.4 billion a year on fishing gear.

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	◆ FCI Cash Patronage Week ◆					
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Father's Day			Juneteenth FCI Offices Closed	Summer Solstice	Flag Day	
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Jessica Wells, Lawrence



Chase Crisp, Franklin



Jamie Pingsterhaus, Clinton



Ryan Bott, Vermilion

AGRIFACT

Rodeos first began in the late 1800s as casual events where contestants showed off cowboy skills and entertained spectators.

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	1 Crop Ins. Wheat Premium Due	2	3	4 Independence Day FCI Offices Closed	5	6
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14	15 Crop Ins. Acreage Reporting Deadline	16	17	18	19	20
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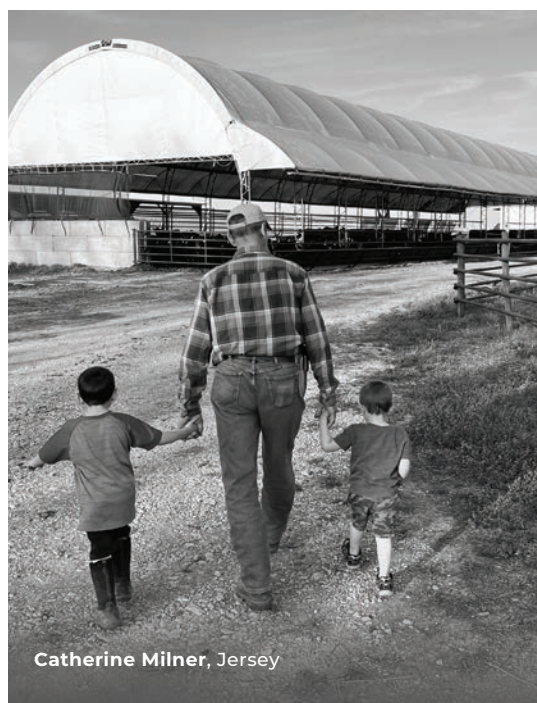
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Kristen Mette, Effingham



Chloe Gibson, Wayne



Catherine Milner, Jersey



Johanna Starr, Vermillion

AGRIFACT

Farm families own and operate 96% of all Illinois farms today.

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Bradey Duitsman, Champaign



Danielle Buss, Washington



Lindsey Queen, Perry



Lauren Kramper, St. Clair

AGRIFACT

Illinois is the second leading exporter of soybeans and feed grains with 44% of production shipped globally.

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1	2 Labor Day FCI Offices Closed	3	4	5	6	7
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Autumnal Equinox 29	30 Crop Ins. Wheat & Margin Protection Sales Closing Deadline and Corn & Soybeans Premium Due					

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Seth Jewell, Clark



Sweeney Farms, Coles



Colton Logeman, Massac



Kathy Goetting, Randolph

AGRIFACT

In 1834, Hiram Moore of Michigan invented the combine harvester, which was pulled by teams of horses, donkeys, or mules.

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	Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day FCI Offices Closed	22	23	24	25	26
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				Halloween		

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Deb Gough, Coles



Lynelle Wachtel, Effingham



Kaylee Hamson, Jefferson



Tammy Schneider, Kankakee

AGRIFACT

Beef cows are raised on 22% of Illinois farms.

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Daylight Saving Time Ends		Election Day				
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	Veterans Day FCI Offices Closed			Crop Ins. Wheat Production Reporting Deadline		
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				Thanksgiving Day FCI Offices Closed	Day After Thanksgiving FCI Offices Closed	

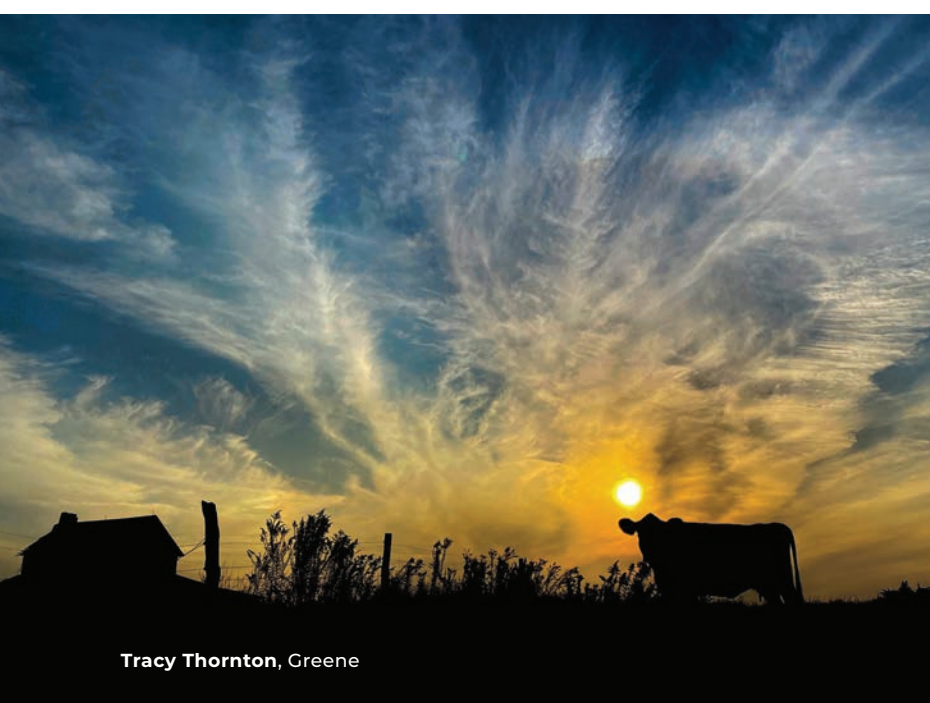
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Lori Megleo, Pope



Tracy Thornton, Greene



Amy Mathena, Marion



Deb Freed, Logan

AGRIFACT

Goats are sociable animals and become depressed when separated from their companions.

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1 Crop Ins. PRF Sales Closing and Acreage Reporting Deadline	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Crop Ins. End of Insurance Coverage (Corn/Soybeans)	11	12	13	14
15 Crop Ins. Wheat Acreage Reporting Deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice
22	23	24 Christmas Eve FCI Offices Closed	25 Christmas Day FCI Offices Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				



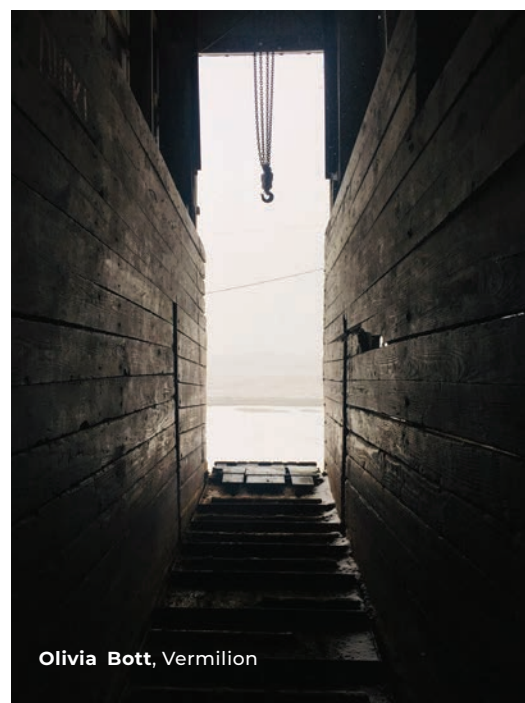
Mike Lonergan, Morgan



Paul Meharry, Champaign



Bailey Crisp, Franklin



Olivia Bott, Vermilion

AGRIFACT

In Illinois, nearly 1 million people are employed in the food and fiber industry. 75,000 of them are farm operators.

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