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Return to **Lake County Farm Bureau 70 US Hwy 45, Grayslake IL 60030** by April 30, 2019



What Are GMOs?

What are GMOs? Are GMOs safe? Why do farmers grow GMO crops? We know there are a lot of questions regarding GMOs, Genetically Modified Organisms. Let's start with the basics: When people refer to genetically modified organisms - GMOs - they are referring to crops developed through genetic engineering, a more precise method of plant breeding. Genetic engineering, also referred to as biotechnology, allows plant breeders to take a desirable trait found in nature and transfer it from one plant or organism to the plant they want to improve, as well as make a change to an existing trait in a plant they are developing. Some examples of desirable traits commonly transferred include resistance to

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What Is a GMO?

GMOs are the product of a specific type of plant breeding where precise changes are made to a plant's DNA to give it characteristics that cannot be achieved through traditional plant breeding methods.

SELECTIVE BREEDING

Plant breeders look for, select and cross-breed the best performing plants in the field, similar to how farmers have naturally improved the crops they grow since farming began.

ADVANCED BREEDING

Breeders identify and tag desirable characteristics (traits) within a plant genome. They use this information to pick which plants to cross-breed and create better performing crops.

GM PLANT BREEDING

If a plant needs a trait that can't be achieved through advanced breeding, a gene can be turned off or moved, or a gene from another source can be inserted.

DROUGHT TOLERANCE

STRONG STALKS AND ROOTS

GMOs can help farmers ...

- prevent crop disease
- control insects
- manage weeds
- change nutritional profile

There are 10 GMO crops commercially available in the U.S. today:

For more information, visit www.GMOAnswers.com

LCFB Golf Outing is June 20

The Lake County Farm Bureau would like to invite you to enjoy a day of golf at this year's annual golf outing. This year's outing will be held on Thursday June 20 (rain date July 18) at Deerpath Golf Course in Lake Forest. The day will begin with an 11:00 a.m. shotgun start. Deerpath requires all golfers to wear proper golf attire (no tank tops or cutoffs), and everyone must use a cart, walking is not permitted.

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EXPERIENCE WRIGLEYVILLE At this year's LCFB Cubs Trip!

The Lake County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce this year's Chicago Cubs membership trip. This year's trip will allow those in attendance an opportunity to explore Wrigleyville prior to watching the Cubbies take on the Cincinnati Reds! The trip will take place on Wednesday, September 18th, and will include transportation to and from Wrigley Field, as well as admission to the game. There are a limited number of seats available for this trip, and as has always been the case with Farm Bureau Cubs trips, we are expecting the allotted buses to fill up quickly.

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insects and disease and tolerance to herbicides that allow farmers to better control weeds.

What Crops Are GMOs?

Today, there are ten genetically modified crops available/grown in the United States. These ten crops include: alfalfa, apples, canola, corn (field and sweet), cotton, papaya, potatoes, soybeans, squash

and sugar beets. No other crops that are grown in the United States are GMOs. For more info on the basics of Genitally Modified Organisms please see the image above for more information.

The graphic on the front page as well as the information in this article was taken from gmo answers.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6, 2019

Backyard Chickens 101

June 11, 2019

Shipshewana

June 18 & 20, 2019

AARP Smart Driver Course

June 20, 2019

LCFB Golf outing

July 8-11, 2019

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Cubs Trip

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Soil Testing at LCFB

With Spring just around the corner the Lake County Farm Bureau would like to remind our members about our soil testing program. There are three different tests available which will help you learn how to improve the soil in your lawn/garden.

Why a soil test?

Soil in its natural state is rarely fertile enough for the best growth of plants. Usually it is necessary to replenish the earth's store of plant nutrients to obtain the most vigorous lawn, the most abundant and brilliant flowers, the prettiest trees and shrubs, and the greatest yield of fresh veggies.

What is the best time to test soil?

Proper sampling is important to obtain accurate results. Samples can be taken any time during the warmer months, when soil temperatures are at least 55 degrees. If the soil is too wet to spade, rototill or hoe, it is generally too wet to take a sample. On the other hand, extremely dry soil should not be sampled either.

How often should I test?

Ideally, soil should be tested every 3-5 years, more frequently with intensive use. Try to sample during the same season each time for best comparison.

SOIL TEST PRICES:

	Basic Test	Lawn/Garden Test	Lawn/Garden Plus Test
Non-member	\$35	\$45	\$60
Member	\$25	\$35	\$50

Basic Test includes soil pH, Phosphorus (P1), Potassium (K), and Organic Matter levels.

Lawn/Garden Test includes soil pH, Phosphorus (P1), Potassium (K), and Organic Matter level and fertility recommendations if needed.

Lawn/Garden Plus Test includes soil pH, Phosphorus (P1), Potassium (K), Organic Matter, buffer pH, Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC), % Base Saturation, Sulfur (S), Zinc, (Zn), Iron (Fe), Manganese (Mn), Copper (Cu), Boron (B), and fertility recommendations if needed.





REMEMBER

MEMORIAL DAY

Prime Time Travelers Calendar

Thursday, April 11, Luncheon at the University of Illinois auditorium from noon to 2 p.m. For lunch we will enjoy Sliced Roast Loin of Pork w/Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, and dessert. The entertainment will be a presentation given by Susi Roos, RN on Using Essential Oils for Better Health and Aging. You will learn how you can use these oils to reduce pain and inflammation, boost immune function, and support our cardiovascular, nervous, and digestive systems. To RSVP please call 847-223-6506 no later than **Friday, April 5, 2019.**

Thursday, May 9, Luncheon at the University of Illinois auditorium from noon to 2 p.m. For lunch we will enjoy Oven Fried Chicken, American Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls and dessert. The entertainment will be a presentation given by Dr. Carly J. Girard of Hearing Associates. May is National Hearing Month and her presentation will focus on "The Newly Discovered Link Between Hearing Loss and Dementia". To RSVP please call 847-223-6505 no later than **Friday, May 3, 2019.**

Thursday, June 13, Luncheon at the University of Illinois auditorium from noon to 2 p.m. For lunch we will enjoy BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Rolls, and Dessert. The entertainment will be a presentation given by Jane Trump of the Grayslake Historical Society. June is National Dairy Month and her presentation is entitled, Milk Wars: Money, Mobsters and Mayhem. To RSVP please call 847-223-6506 no later than **Friday, June 7, 2019.**

FOR
THOSE
55 AND
OVER

*Free
Lunch!*

55 & OLDER LCFB MEMBERS ONLY

If you are 55 or older and looking for a great opportunity to meet new people, hear some great presentations, and enjoy an amazing lunch we want to see you at an upcoming Lake County Farm Bureau Prime Timers luncheon! If you have never attended a Prime Timers luncheon in the past, we want you to join us on Thursday, April 11 and your lunch will be complimentary!

Contact our office today to reserve your spot! The Prime Timers are a close group of LCFB members 55 and up who meet for lunch and entertaining/informative guest speakers the second Thursday of each month from 12:00-2:00 at the University of Illinois Extension office. Reservations are due one week prior to the luncheon date. Please contact our office today at 847-223-6506 to reserve your spot and give them the code phrase FREE LUNCH! We hope to see you soon!



AARP Smart Driver Course

The Lake County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce that our organization will be hosting an AARP Smart Driver Course. This course is open to Lake County Farm Bureau members, and will take place on Tuesday, June 18th, and Thursday, June 20th from 9:00 to 1:00. The two-day course will be held at the Lake County Farm Bureau office located at 70 US Hwy 45 in Grayslake.

The AARP Smart Driver Course teaches valuable defensive driving strategies and provides a refresher of the rules of the road.

Since 1979, the course has helped more than 15 million drivers learn research-based tips to adapt their driving to compensate for physical and cognitive changes that may occur with aging. Plus, you may qualify for a multi-year automobile insurance discount by completing the course. (check with your COUNTRY Financial Representative for details)

The AARP Smart Driver Course is the nation's largest driver safety course, and is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older.

By taking the AARP Smart Driver Course you will learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. In addition you will learn:

- *How to minimize the effects of dangerous blind spots*
- *How to maintain the proper following distance behind another car*
- *The safest ways to change lanes and make turns at busy intersections*
- *Proper use of safety belts, air bags, anti-lock brakes, and new technology found in today's vehicles*
- *Ways to monitor your own and others' driving skills and capabilities*
- *The effects of medication on driving*
- *The importance of eliminating distractions, such as eating, smoking, and using a cell phone*

The cost of this course is \$15 for AARP members, and \$20 for non AARP members. If you would like to sign up to attend this two day course contact Information Director Andy Blaul by phone at 847-223-6506, or via email at ablaul@ameritech.net. Space for this program is limited, and capacity crowds were reached the last few times this course was held at the Farm Bureau, so reserve your spot today!

AG in the CLASSROOM



FUN FACTS

- One ear of corn averages 800 kernels in 16 rows
- The United States produces about 40% of the world's corn
- Illinois is ranked second in corn production with 12,000,000 acres of corn
- Juices and soft drinks contain corn sweeteners. A bushel of corn can sweeten 400 cans of soft drink.

Word Search

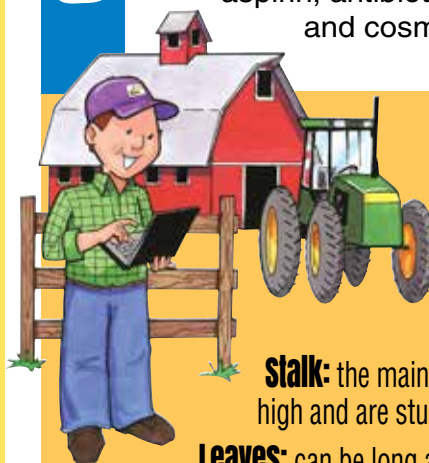
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COB, CORN, EAR, ENDOSPERM, FEED, FOOD, FUEL, GERM, HUSK, KERNELS, LEAVES, PERICARP, SEED, SILK, STALK, TASSEL

USES OF CORN

Corn is used for a variety of items including food, feed, and fuel. The most common types of corn are Sweet and Field. There are 3,500 different uses for corn. Field corn is used by livestock and poultry farmers to feed their animals. It is also used in ethanol gas, manufactured goods, and food products such as corn oil, corn syrup, and corn cereal. Sweet corn is consumed as a vegetable. Aside from being eaten on the cob, corn is a major ingredient in other foods such as peanut butter, potato chips, soups, baby food, chewing gum, and cooking oil. Corn can also be found in non-food items such as fireworks, glue, paint, laundry detergent, aspirin, antibiotics, plastics and cosmetics.



Farmer Talk

Tassel: the male part of the flower that sits at the top of the plant and attracts bees.

Stalk: the main body of the plant. They grow several feet high and are sturdy to hold the ears of corn.

Leaves: can be long and grow upwards before curving down.

Silk: female part of the plant's flower and it grows out of the top of the cornhusk

Husk: the green leaves surrounding the corn ears

Ear: surround the silk, husk, kernels, and cob and occurs when the plant is mature.

Kernels: small seeds attached to cob and are consumed.

Endosperm: holds energy and protein used to grow plant. This is where the starch is held and is what is used the most in corn processing.

Pericarp: outside cover of the seed protecting the inside from cold temperatures, moisture and insects until the seed is ready to germinate.

Germ: only living part of the seed

Tip Cap: where the kernel is attached to cob and where it receives water and nutrients.

Jokes!

What do you call a mythical veggie?

A UNICORN

What has ears but cannot hear?

A FIELD OF CORN

What did the corn say when he got complimented?

AWW SHUCKS!

Why didn't anyone laugh at the gardener's jokes?

BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO CORNY!



CONTEST RULES: CHILDREN AGES 12 AND UNDER!

Complete and return the Word Search puzzle and you could win Two Movie Tickets! Find all of the hidden words, return the puzzle along with the contest entry form by **Friday, May 17** and you'll be entered in that month's drawing.

MAIL TO: Lake County Farm Bureau, AITC, 70 US Highway 45, Grayslake, IL 60030

Congratulations, **PAYTON RALLEME** of LAKE VILLA for being last month's contest winner!

Contest Entry Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ AGE: _____



Visit Amish Country



Lake County Farm Bureau members are invited to join our trip to Shipshewana, Indiana on **Tuesday, June 11, 2019**. A coach bus will depart from the Lake County Farm Bureau office at 6:00 a.m. for the 165 mile trip to Amish Country. We will have a movie for your enjoyment on the bus.

Once we arrive, participants will have the opportunity to begin touring the shops and flea market.

At 11:00 am, a traditional family style Amish meal will be served at the Blue Gate Restaurant. Meal includes meat, potatoes, dressing, vegetables, salad, bread and your choice of pie. Meal is included in the cost of the trip.

After lunch, participants will have an opportunity to continue shopping and visit the flea market. Those looking for a little more adventure may opt to take a carriage ride around town, tour one of the many quilting, candle making or furniture shops or just relax under a shade tree in the center of town.

We will board the bus heading back to Lake County at 4:00 p.m., watch another movie and hopefully arrive back at the Farm Bureau by 7:30 p.m.

The cost of this trip for Lake County Farm Bureau members is \$55. If you would like to bring a friend that is not a Lake County Farm Bureau member, the cost for their trip is \$65.

Registration and payment are due at the Farm Bureau office by Tuesday, May 28. The trip will take place, rain or shine, so please dress for the weather. If the trip is cancelled for any reason, you will receive a full refund. Otherwise, payment is non-refundable. Please mail payment and coupon to LAKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU, 70 US HIGHWAY 45, SUITE 120, GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Freitag at 847-223-6506. Please visit www.shipshewana.com for further information on Shipshewana, Indiana.

ALL TIMES LISTED ARE CENTRAL TIME!!!

Shipshewana Tuesday, June 11

Name _____ Member Non Member

Name _____ Member Non Member

Name _____ Member Non Member

Name _____ Member Non Member

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

•Cubs trip

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Those who attend the trip will depart from the Farm Bureau office in Grayslake at 2:30, and arrive at Wrigley around 3:45. Everyone will be on their own to then explore the area around Wrigley Field prior to the game's start at 7:05. This is a long day packed with lots of entertainment!

The cost to attend this trip is \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members.

As previously mentioned, space for this trip is limited, and all ticket requests will be filled on a first come-first served basis.

If you would like to sign up to attend this trip please see the accompanying sign-up form.

WRIGLEYVILLE/CUBS GAME TRIP

I would like to reserve _____ seats for the trip Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ (members \$55 each, non-members \$65 each)



Name(s) of those attending:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Form and payment must be received in the Farm Bureau Office by Sept. 9. Trip is limited to the first 55 people who sign up.

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MEAT BUNDLES

PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX

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- One Boneless Chuck Roast
- Two Top Butt Steaks
- Four T-Bone Steaks
- Two Top Round Steaks (1" thick)
- One Chuck Roast
- Ten - 1 lb pkgs Ground Chuck (95-97% lean)
- Two - 3 lb pkg Patties

GOURMET GRILL PAK - \$280

- Six - 10 oz Ribeye Steaks
- Eight - 10 oz New York Strip Steaks
- Six - 16 oz T-Bone Steaks
- Two Slabs Pork Loin Back Ribs
- Two - 2 lb pkgs Patties

MID SIZE BEEF BUNDLE - \$240

- Ten - 1 lb pkgs Ground Chuck
- Two Rib Steaks
- Four T-Bone Steaks
- Two Top Butt Steaks
- Two Top Round Steak (1" thick)
- Two Boneless Pot Roast
- One Sirloin Tip Roast
- Two Tri Tip Roast

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FREEZER PLEEZER - \$170

- 5 lb Chicken Cutlet
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- Four – 10-12 oz Strip Steaks

MINI FREEZER BUNDLE - \$95

- Four ½" Pork Chops
- Four Cubed Steaks
- Three – New York 10-12 oz
- One - 1 lb pkg Pork Sausage Links
- One Boneless Pork Loin Roast
- One Sirloin Tip Roast
- Two - 1 lb pkgs Ground Chuck

COUNTRY STYLE GRD CHUCK - \$43

- 12 - 1 lb pkgs Lean Ground Chuck

GROUND CHUCK PATTIES - \$30

- 6 lb box 1/3 lb patties (18 patties)

BONELESS PORK CHOP BOX - \$37

- Ten - 1" Chops / Pork Roast

SAUSAGE - \$55

- Two - 1 lb pkgs Bulk Pork Sausage
- Two - 1 lb pkgs Pork Sausage Links
- One pkg of 6 Italian Sausage
- One pkg of 6 Pork Dogs
- One pkg of 6 Bratwurst
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Local Discount Provider Spotlight!

Every issue of the Diversified Farmer will now feature a business partner from our Business to Member discount program. Be sure to visit our website www.lcfb.com for info on all of the savings/discounts available through the B2M program!

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Attention Teachers: AITC Program is Looking for You!

As a new school year begins, so do the countless opportunities for teachers to take advantage of FREE resources from the Lake County Farm Bureau.

Each year the Lake County Farm Bureau's Agriculture in the Classroom program brings new and exciting activities that help to make the students in Lake County more aware of how the production of our food and fiber takes place. Agriculture in the Classroom is filled with unique activities and learning materials that are fun AND educational! We are always willing to consider implementing your ideas, and are open to any ideas about how the program may be enhanced. Please feel free to suggest new ways to educate the youth in Lake County about the importance of agriculture.

The Lake County Farm Bureau would like to encourage you to take the opportunity to review the following benefits that are offered through the Agriculture in the Classroom program. We encourage you to pass this information on to principals and teachers in your area to help promote the outstanding programs that are available through AITC!

Here is an overview which pro-

vides a sense of some of the highlights of the AITC program over the course of the previous year:

FREE Classroom Presentations (K-8th)

The Lake County Farm Bureau's AITC program offers presentations that are available on a number of different subjects that are related to agriculture and are delivered in classrooms by our team of presenters which is made up of former teachers and farmers. The large number of topics that are available allows us to cater to different age groups in order to provide a unique learning experience for students of all ages from K through eighth grade. AITC presentations are always completely FREE and are available to all classes in Lake County as well as youth groups and community outings.

This past year our team of presenters provided a total of 230 presentations which were attended by over 5500 students! These presentations are available throughout the school year, and provide children in Lake County with a chance to connect with agriculture, which is something that everyone uses, but few children

in our area really know anything about.

AITC Grants

Each year the Lake County Farm Bureau also provides a number of \$250 grants to teachers in our county who would like to incorporate agriculture into their classrooms. Some of the most common grant requests that receive funding include starting school gardens, growing herbs with indoor gardens, and purchasing agriculturally-related learning materials.

This past school year the AITC program provided fifteen grants to teachers. There are always more grants available, so we encourage teachers to apply. The upcoming school year's grants are currently available, and will be due to the Farm Bureau office by November 8, 2019.

Educator Field Trip

Every summer the Lake County Farm Bureau's AITC program offers a trip that allows teachers to gain first-hand experience of local agribusinesses in Lake, Cook, and Kenosha Counties. This past summer 18 teachers attended the trip, which offers CPDUs upon completion. The trip received great reviews, and we are always looking for new teachers to join us next summer!

Not just schools benefit from AITC!

In addition to schools and individual classrooms taking advantage of the Lake County Farm Bureau's AITC program other organizations have also started to use the program as well. The AITC program visits libraries, summer camps, and youth groups like Boy/Scouts in order to try to reach as many children as possible about the importance of agriculture.

The Ag Adventure at the Lake County Fair continues to be a large draw at the Lake County Fair each summer. The area features revamped activities and displays where kids at the fair can experience some educational fun time totally free of the charge. The Farm Bureau's AITC program funds the displays and activities at the Ag Adventure, secures staff for the area, as well as provides planning and work hours to help make this a great experience each year at the fair.

Agriculture in the Classroom contributions make a difference

Last year thousands of Lake County Farm Bureau members voluntarily donated money to the Ag in the Classroom cause and the Ag in the Classroom committee would like to thank them for their contributions.

Membership renewal time is here again and the Ag in the Classroom committee would like to let you know what programs have benefited from your contributions in the last year! These include:

Over 230 classroom presenta-

tions reaching over 5,5000 students were made last school.

Our Educator Adventure added many new stops and was well attended. Thousands of teaching materials with agricultural themes were distributed to schools

Over \$3,000 in classroom grants were awarded to Lake County teachers to help fund lessons that educate children about agriculture.

Every dollar donated with member dues each year to the Ag in the Classroom program helps the Farm Bureau reach more children. Thank you, again, for adding value to the program by contributing to the AITC Fund on your dues payment!

• Golf Outing

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This year's outing will have a 50/50 raffle and other fun events. All proceeds from this event will benefit the newly created Mary Lou Diebold Memorial Scholarship. After golf is complete all participants will enjoy dinner on the outdoor patio and a drawing for raffle prizes will take place.

Additional events include longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt competitions for both men and women.

Cost is \$55 per member and

\$65 for non-members. This will cover the cost of green fees, cart and meal.

Please complete the form below and return along with your payment to Lake County Farm Bureau, 70 US Highway 45 Suite 120, Grayslake IL 60030.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna at 847-223-6506 or e-mail dfreitag@ameritech.net.

REMINDER: Payment must be included with registration.

Ag in the Classroom Request Form

_____ I would like to schedule a FREE Classroom Presentation

_____ I would like information about the 2019 Educator Field Trips

_____ I would like a 2019-2020 AITC Grant Application

_____ I would like information about books, videos, and other agricultural materials

Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Grade: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ home or school (circle one)

Email: _____

PLEASE SEND TO:

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