



White County Farm Bureau® 96th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.
White County Farm Bureau Building
304 E Robinson St.
Carmi, IL

Lunch catered by
YESTERDAY'S

Be sure to read the
official meeting notice!

VFD deadline near; takes effect Jan. 1

The Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) takes effect Jan. 1. It provides oversight on how farmers deliver antibiotics to livestock in feed or water. The goal is to ensure that antibiotics important in human medicine are not used to improve feed efficiency or to promote livestock growth. These classes of antibiotics can be used only under these circumstances:

- ▶ Only for treating sick animals;
- ▶ With veterinarian oversight;
- ▶ For the prevention and control of a specific disease.

What to do before Jan. 1

Livestock farmers (including 4-Hers showing livestock) need to establish a working relationship with a veterinarian. Known as a Veterinary Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR), it verifies that you and your veterinarian agree to work together on animal health issues. It ensures that the veterinarian knows about your farm and the livestock you raise. It also verifies that you share expectations about how your animals are cared for.

Beyond January 1

After a VCPR is in place, your veterinarian's written instructions must accompany any antibiotic given by feed or water. Drugs must follow label directions; to treat, prevent or control a disease. The antibiotic cannot be used as "extra label." Your veterinarian will keep the original copy (print or electronic) and will provide copies to you and to the distributor of the VFD drug. Both you and your vet must keep copies for two years.

What's not covered

VFD does not cover antibiotics given by injection.

For more information

County Farm Bureaus have produced a brochure with additional information on VFD. The brochure is available in the Farm Bureau office and at your local veterinarian's office. Additional information on VFD is available at www.ilfb.org/vfd.

VFD The Veterinary Feed Directive

Effective January 1

Are You Ready?

FOUR Key Points

- 1 Establish a VCPR with your veterinarian
- 2 Obtain a VFD for feed containing antibiotics medically important to human health
- 3 Use VFD antibiotics only on animals as directed
- 4 Keep a record of each VFD for two years



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www.ilfb.org/VFD

Annual Meeting notice

The 96th Annual Meeting of the White County Farm Bureau will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Farm Bureau Building, 304 E. Robinson St. in Carmi, Ill.

The business meeting will include reports from the president and the manager, financial and membership reports for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2016, approval of the acts and deeds of the Board of Directors, authorization for the selection of delegates to the 2017 IAA Annual Meeting, election of officers and directors, and discussion of any other business properly brought before the membership.

Officer positions on the Board of Directors up for election are Rusty Walsh (president), Larry Beck (vice president), and Kevin Seifried (secretary-treasurer).

According to the board restructuring plan, approved by an amendment to the organization's bylaws, the following directors will be up for election:

- District 1 (Burnt Prairie, Gray, Mill Shoals, & Phillips Townships) – Jeff Young
- District 2 (Carmi, Enfield, Hawthorne Townships) – Brad Gates and Bryce Williams
- District 3 (Emma, Indian Creek, and Heralds Prairie Townships) – Bob Baumgart
- At-Large (all of White County) – Brooks York

The 2017 Nominating Committee members are Ken Lamont, Don Duvall, and Vance Burzynski. Voting members in good standing as of Jan. 1, 2017, are eligible to vote. Members must cast their ballot in person at the annual meeting.

The business meeting will conclude with lunch catered by Yesterday's Catering.

Reservations are requested. Please contact the White County Farm Bureau office by Jan. 11, 2017, to RSVP.

Thank you for your membership and we hope to visit with you at our annual meeting.

Kevin Seifried, Secretary
White County Farm Bureau

Board reorganization approved

In celebration of Illinois Farm Bureau's 100-year anniversary, county Farm Bureau leaders and staff from around Illinois have been developing a plan for the Future of the Organization. One of the recommendations from the plan is for county Farm Bureau boards to reorganize away from geographical boundaries and move towards at-large districts. The change allows county Farm Bureau boards to be comprised of the most qualified members in the county based on ability and interest, without restrictions on where they live in the county.

At the November meeting of the

White County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, directors approved a change to the organization's bylaws that restructures the makeup of the board. The change combines townships into three districts based on Farm Service Agency boundaries. While the change does maintain some geographic boundaries for member representation, it provides additional flexibility to the Nominating Committee when selecting future candidates for the board.

District 1 is comprised of Mill Shoals, Burnt Prairie, Gray, and Phillips Township. District 2 is comprised of Enfield, Carmi and Hawthorne

Townships. District 3 is comprised of Indian Creek, Heralds Prairie and Emma Townships. There will be three directors from each district, plus one director that will be at-large. Each of these positions is for a three-year term. The other three directors on the board are the officers, who are also elected at-large for a one-year term. The total number of directors will remain at 13.

More information on the Future of the Organization recommendations as well as the board reorganization plan will be available at the upcoming White County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Jan. 18.

Seminars to cover crop insurance

Farmers and landowners looking to learn about changes coming to the 2017 Federal Crop Insurance Program in the Farm Bill will get a chance during several upcoming crop seminars. Farm Bureau and Country Financial will sponsor dozens of talks across the state throughout winter to better equip farmers and landowners with the knowledge they need to make sound financial decisions regarding their crop coverage.

The White County Farm Bureau and local Country Financial representatives, Rick Basinger, Rick Satterfield and Rick Barbre will host a seminar at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Farm Bureau office in Carmi.

"These events offer farmers a chance to better understand how their lifework can be managed and protected," Country Financial Representative Rick Basinger said.

Participants will hear from Country Financial Crop Agency Manager Doug Yoder, on Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) performance and the forecast for next year.

Admission is free, and a meal will be served. To register, contact the White County Farm Bureau (618) 382-8512.

Scholarship available

The White County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee is pleased to offer one \$500 scholarship to a White County student. Applicant must live in White County and major in an ag-related

study for the fall 2017 semester.

Applications will be available on the White CFB website at www.whitecfb.com by Jan. 1. The deadline to submit applications is Feb. 28.

4-Hers: Apply for project grant

The White County Farm Bureau is pleased to offer White County 4-Hers the opportunity to apply for a Farm Bureau 4-H Project Grant. A total of \$1,000 in grants are being offered for 2017.

The goal of this program is to encourage young 4-Hers to begin new projects by eliminating potential cost burdens they may have, as well as encourage new individuals to become active in the White County 4-H program.

Individual grants will range from \$25 to \$150 per 4-Her. Applicants must be between the ages of 8 and 14, and cur-

rently enrolled in the project that they are applying for. Applications must be completed by the 4-Her, and signed off by a parent/guardian and the 4-H Club Leader. Not all project supplies are eligible for the grant, and not all applications will be funded.

Applications are available through the White County Extension office, the White County Farm Bureau office, or they can be downloaded at www.whitecfb.com. Applications are due March 1, 2017.

If you have questions about the White County 4-H Grant, please call (618) 382-8512.

Polaris ending discount program

We have been informed that Polaris will be terminating their Member Benefits Partnership Agreement with Farm Bureau, effective Jan. 1, 2017.

Until that time, members can still take advantage of great discounts on Polaris Sportsman, Ranger, RZR, GEM, and Brutus.

For a limited time members can receive \$1,000 off Brutus. Members can receive \$300 off Ranger, RZR, and GEM; and \$200 off Sportsman.

Go to www.ilfb.org/benefits/polaris.aspx to complete your discount certificate.



Thank you, SWCD!

We would like to sincerely thank Debbie Gray and the White County Soil & Water Conservation District for assisting us with our Irrigation Aggregation Meeting in November. Their role in the process is a tremendous help to the farmers in White County.