

ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU® ANNUAL MEETING HELD RECENTLY

The Randolph County Farm Bureau® was recognized for its achievements during the 95th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau® held in Chicago December 5-8. In the Membership Group III, the following committee awards were received:

Gold: Membership Quota, Ag Literacy, Commodities & Marketing, Local Affairs, and Communication and Promotion.

Silver: Health & Safety, Legislative/Political Process, Member Relations, and Policy Development.

Randolph County also received recognition in its continuous growth in its voting membership since 2001. In addition, the county received a Silver for its Multi-County Project efforts. County Farm Bureaus in Membership Group III are those with between 2,516 and 4,769 members. Illinois Farm Bureau® presents program and committee awards in recognition of outstanding county Farm Bureau® volunteer efforts throughout the year.

Besides winning awards, Randolph County Farm Bureau® led the policy development discussions on animal agriculture during the delegate session on Monday, December 7. The livestock committee's resolution to strike the sentence on Line 29 and 30; Encourage all Illinois Livestock Producers to Register Their Premises Through the National Animal Identification System, passed overwhelmingly. A few people spoke in favor of mandatory premise id, but it didn't make it very far in the discussion process. Illinois Farm Bureau's new policy now reads: Support a voluntary national animal identification program administered by the USDA that has confidentiality for the producers and equine owners with federal funding for a standardization of this system. This program needs to be cost-effective and not economically burdensome to producers. Thanks to all the hard work of the livestock committee for their commitment to ensuring that our members have the choice to sign up for the NAIS system.

The Illinois Farm Bureau® has set the 2010 State Legislative Priorities. For more information on these priorities, click the link below. Also, to read more about Illinois Farm Bureau's Update on Climate Change Talking Points, click link below.

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