



# NEWS & *Insights*

*Fall 2024*

## **Rick Hiatt AFM, ARA Elected President of ASFMR**

Rick Hiatt, AFM, ARA, a partner with Hiatt Enterprises, Pontiac, IL, is the 2024/25 President of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. He was sworn into his new position on Nov 12 during the organization's annual meeting held in Kansas City, MO. Hiatt has been actively involved with the Illinois Chapter since 1974 and has served as chair of many committees and as Chapter President in 2016. He was named to the Chapter's Hall of Farm in 2019.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**February 5, 6**  
ISPFMRA Annual Meeting  
w/education day Feb. 5  
East Peoria, IL

**March 26, 27**  
Land Values Conference  
w/Broker Licensing Class  
March 26  
Bloomington, IL



# Liz Says...



by Elizabeth Strom, AFM President, ISPFMRA

When I was asked to write my final column as president of the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers for the fall newsletter, I could not believe that my term is coming to a close. It feels like just yesterday that I stepped into this role, with so many plans and ideas ahead of me. And yet, here we are—closing out a year that has flown by in the blink of an eye. While this is the message I’ve been preparing for, it’s a bittersweet moment. Writing a “final” column doesn’t feel like a celebration of an ending, but rather a reflection on all we’ve accomplished together and a look to the future.

First and foremost, I must express my deepest gratitude to the many individuals who have been an unwavering source of support throughout this journey. The role of “President” is only possible because of the incredible people who make up our leadership team and membership. I want to offer a special thanks to our executive director, Carroll Merry. Your guidance, patience, and expertise have made this year a success, and I am beyond grateful for everything you’ve done. Carroll, thank you for your tireless work behind the scenes—our chapter would not function without your leadership.

I’ve been privileged to serve alongside a group of leaders who are not only talented but deeply committed to advancing the goals of our organization. The hours of time, effort, and energy they’ve poured into our programs, events, and initiatives are truly remarkable. To the Board, thank you for your dedication and collaboration. Your support has been invaluable, and I know that our chapter is in strong hands as we move into the future.

I also want to acknowledge the incredible work of all of our committee chairs. These individuals, along with their dedicated committees, are the backbone of our chapter. Without your hard work, our events, programs, and educational offerings simply wouldn’t be possible.

Looking back at our goals for the year, it’s clear that we’ve made tremendous progress. At the start of the year, we set out with ambitious objectives, and while we didn’t hit every target, I’m proud of what we have accomplished together. One of our key goals was to offer more educational opportunities and increase membership. We have worked diligently on these items and will continue to in the future.

A special congratulations to each and every one of our members, because of you, we were able to obtain the honor of being a 2024 Patron Chapter. Thank you for all of your efforts.

I am truly humbled by the opportunity to have served as your president, and I’m excited to see all the great things that lie ahead for the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. Thank you for your trust, your support, and your unwavering dedication to our shared goals. I look forward to continuing to work alongside all of you as we continue to build something great.

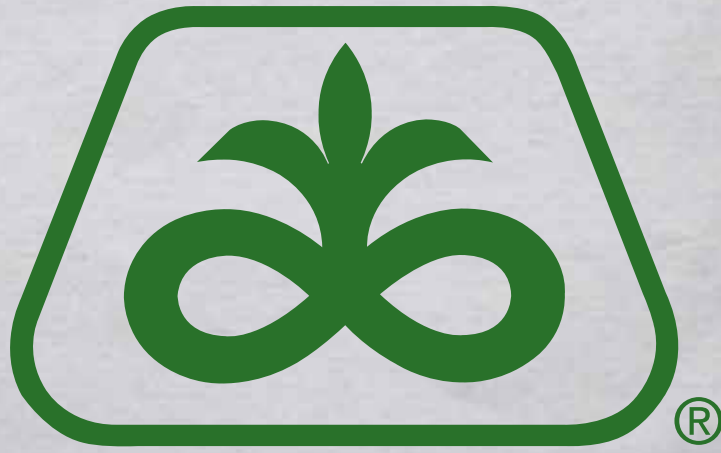
As I step down from this role, I leave with a heart full of gratitude and a deep appreciation for all that we’ve accomplished together. The future is bright, and I’m excited to see where we go from here. Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your president—it has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career.

Let’s keep pushing forward—together.

Elizabeth Strom  
President, Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers

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## Proposed Bylaws Changes

The Board of Directors of the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers have proposed the following amendments to the Society bylaws. These will be discussed and voted upon during the Business Meeting to be held Thursday, February 6, 2025

### Article 10 – Officers and Duties

#### Section 6. Academic Vice President.

The Academic Vice President shall perform such duties and shall have such powers as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President. The Academic Vice President shall serve as a link to the academic community and seek to inform the academic community of the purpose and mission of the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. ~~The Academic Vice President shall be appointed for a term of three years. The position shall be rotated between representatives of the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and Illinois State University.~~ The Academic Vice President shall be appointed for a term of three years. Terms may be extended for any additional terms at the expiration of each term at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Consideration for this position shall be given to representatives of the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and Illinois State University.

A recent change to the ASFMRA bylaws passed in February 2024, requires the proposed following amendment to the ISPFMRA bylaws:

### Article 10: Officers and Duties

#### Section 12. Representatives to the ASFMRA Membership Advisory Group

The Chapter's Board of Directors shall annually appoint the Chapter's representatives to the Membership Advisory Group of the Society from the Accredited, Professional, and Academic members. The officers of the chapter shall be given first consideration for the representative positions to the Membership Advisory Group. The representative's term of office shall begin on January 1 following their appointment. Each representative shall serve for ~~no less than one year or~~ no more than three years. A vacancy or substitution in this position shall be filled by a named Alternate also appointed by the Chapter's Board of Directors. However, when the Chapter's representative to the Membership Advisory Group also serves on the ASFMRA Executive Council, the representative shall be required to resign his/her position as the Chapter representative and the Board of Directors shall select an Alternate as the representative of the Chapter to the Membership Advisory Group of the Society.

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# LEX Program Opens Doors on Capitol Hill

By Nick Suiess

ISPFMRA Government Relations Committee Cochair

At the end of September, I traveled to Washington D.C. with ASFMRA through the Leadership Excellence (LEX) program sponsored by Pioneer. It was a great experience and an opportunity to learn firsthand about the legislative process. Due to the timing of LEX this year, many of our meetings with legislators were focused on farm bill negotiations.

As a group, LEX participants from across the country met with:

- Sen. Stabenow, Policy Staff – Senate Ag Committee Chair (D-MI)
- Sen. Bozeman, Policy Staff – Minority Ranking Member Senate Ag Committee (R-AR)
- Rep. G.T. Thompson, Congressman and his Policy Staff – House Ag Committee Chair (R-PA)

We were also given time to schedule some of our own meetings. During this time, I met with:

- Rep. Mary Miller, Illinois 15th District, and her Policy Staff – Member of House Ag Committee (R-IL)
- Sen. Durbin, Policy Staff – Member of Senate Ag Committee (D-IL)
- Sen. Duckworth, Policy Staff (D-IL)

It was a unique opportunity to hear the perspectives of several actors involved with the farm bill.

The one thing they all agreed on -- nothing was going to happen on the farm bill until after the election, and they were all correct about that. We still do not have a farm bill. Looking ahead, some of the most influential crafters of an eventual farm bill were seeing a chance to pass a farm bill during the current lame duck session.

The House passed their version of the farm bill out of committee last May. Illinois has a lot of representation on that committee, on both sides of the aisle. A bipartisan group of our Illinois Ag committee members voted yes, with the majority, to advance the bill out of committee. Mike Bost (R) IL-12, Mary Miller (R) IL-15, and Eric Sorensen (D) IL-17 all voted yes to advance the bill. Nikki Budzinski (D) IL-13 and Jonathan Jackson (D) IL-01, also from Illinois and on the House Ag Committee, voted no. The ASFMRA policy position on the topic of the farm bill is that one way or another, some form of a farm bill should be passed.

The Senate Ag Committee is farther behind the House in their process, and has not held any committee votes, nor have they released any text of a possible bill. I had the opportunity to question Senate Ag Committee Staff about

why their committee was not producing bill text. They responded that they felt the framework that they have produced is adequate at this time. Through LEX, I was able to let them know that I disagreed, and that the senate's framework leaves significant questions unanswered. To their credit, they did also ask our group some questions. They asked whether we see farm program payments being passed along to landowners in the form of higher cash rents. I took this question and responded with a firm, no. I further explained that cash rental rates are too competitive to be affected by safety net levels, and that farmers are not bidding for farms at an expected outcome that would trigger an ARC or PLC payment.

I believe this question comes from direct payment programs of the past, which one could argue, did get internalized into cash rents. Safety nets like ARC and PLC are completely different because they only pay on worse-than-expected outcomes. While I wish that this wasn't a question at this point, I am glad that they asked our group, and I hope the ASFMRA member experience that we shared had some impact. I'm grateful for their willingness to speak with us.

Next, we had a group meeting with Senator Bozeman's policy staff. Senator Bozeman is the minority party ranking member

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**Meeting With Rep. Mary Miller**

During his trip to Washington D.C. as part of ASFMRA's Leadership Excellence (LEX) program, Nick Suiess, cochair of the Chapter's Government Relations Committee, had the opportunity to meet with Representative Mary Miller, (R) 15th District, and discuss progress being made on a Farm Bill.

# College Corner

By: Dr. Jeff Galle

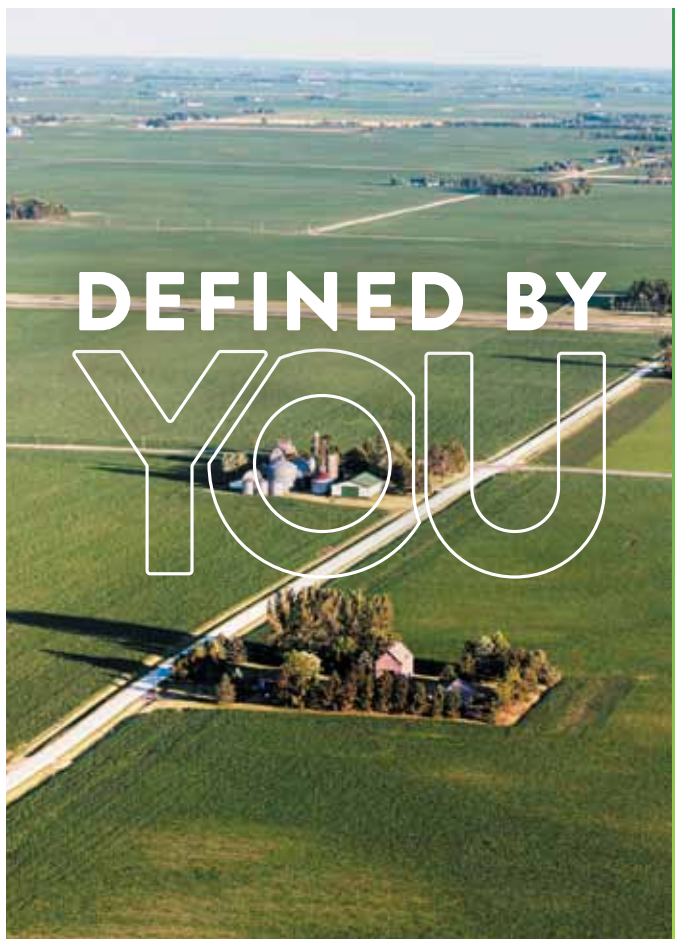
**G**reetings from Illinois College Agribusiness Management (ABM) program located in Jacksonville, Illinois. I am Professor Jeff Galle, coordinator of the ABM program. We are a small private college chartered in 1829, nearing its 200th anniversary. The student body is typically 1,000 students. The ABM program operates under the Business Department, providing students with a core of business classes along with a core of agriculture coursework.

The ABM program at Illinois College has three full-time professors delivering the curriculum and mentoring students. In addition to me, Assistant Professor Tim Finlay joined the faculty and brings a world of Agribusiness experience to the program having worked in the Agribusiness field and corporate America. The newest member of the ABM team is Assistant Professor Dr. Yanan Liu, who recently completed her doctorate at The Ohio State University. Dr. Liu is developing new courses and will initiate her research program with a diverse focus on Agribusiness.

New courses, including Commodities, Futures and Options plus Charting are being added to the curriculum. Inviting guest speakers into the classroom provides real-world exposure from a wide variety of professionals.

The ABM program continues to grow and expand with about 50 percent of students attending on campus and 50 percent enrolled in the on-line ABM program. Online courses run eight weeks and are completed asynchronously with students doing their work and submitting assignments on their own time. Every student completes an internship which provides students with a wide variety of real-world experiences. Students benefit from field trips by seeing the diversity of agriculture. “The IC Aggies” organization provides continued leadership opportunities along with fun and professional activities.

The program is growing and expanding with a major effort to inform the ag community of the Agribusiness Management Program at Illinois College.



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# LEX Program Opens Doors

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of the Senate Ag Committee. His staff was eager to get a farm bill passed during the lame duck session between the election and the end of the year. They spoke favorably of the House Farm Bill and expressed some concern about how certain portions of the senate framework would function in practice.

That same day, Congresswoman Mary Miller took a meeting with me in her office on Capitol Hill. I thanked her for her farm bill vote to move the House Bill out of committee. I also took the opportunity to share another ASFMRA policy position with her, the importance of preserving the 1031 tax deferred exchanges. It was good to be able to inform her of this lurking potential concern, and she understood and agreed with ASFMRA's position once she heard more about this niche issue of ours.

The next day, I had separate meetings with policy staff of Senator Dick Durbin and policy staff of Senator Tammy Duckworth in their offices. Being on the Senate Ag Committee, Senator Durbin's staff was already well informed of farm bill issues and indicated an openness to get something passed before year end if the opportunity is presented. Senator Duckworth's policy staff was unsure that a farm bill would get a vote before year end, however, indicated openness to a bill that included Senator Duckworth's non-negotiables. I invited Lauren Roth, of Pioneer to the meetings with Senator Durbin and Duckworth, where we were both their constituents. At senator Duckworth's meeting, Lauren offered a "thank you" to the senator for leadership on sustainable aviation fuel and support for using domestic corn and soybeans. I certainly appreciated Lauren's input here, because I was previously unaware of the extent of Senator Duckworth's involvement and interest in sustainable aviation fuels, and they have the potential to be an important new driver for demand of corn and soybeans.

On our final day, we met as a group with House Ag Committee Chairman G.T. Thompson and his staff. This meeting was extremely impressive as they know their bill backwards and forwards, and they are proud of what they have gotten through committee. There is so much that I could highlight from this meeting. Congressman Thompson expressed gratefulness to all the other members who passed the bill out of committee in the House, and specifically mentioned that Illinois Congressman Eric Sorensen as someone from the opposite party who has worked hard on the bill and taken a tough vote to show bipartisan support for the House Farm Bill.

Another particularly interesting point that Congressman Thompson mentioned was the potential to attach the House's farm bill to other must-pass legislation, such as a continuing resolution to fund the federal government at the end of the year. This is not how farm bills usually

pass, but it was encouraging to see that some are trying to get very creative to get a farm bill across the finish line after such a long delay.

There was so much more that we did at LEX, including some fun between our meetings, but this is already quite long. I've tried to stick to the top highlights. If you are thinking about signing up for the next round of LEX. I encourage you to do it. Talk to me at any ISPFMRA event, and I would be happy to share more!

I also want to give special thanks you to ASFMRA for putting the event together, and to Pioneer for sponsoring LEX! An extra big "thank you" to ASFMRA's Government Relations Representative, Stephen Frerichs. While it was our individual responsibility to coordinate our personal meetings, Stephen made the large group meetings happen and put in a lot of work into coordinating these group meetings with very high-level policy staff, the people who write farm bills, and even the Chairman of the House Ag Committee himself, on Capital Hill. I don't know where else you could have a similar experience to this other than ASFMRA's LEX, sponsored by Pioneer.

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## Memorial Scholarship Auction Information!

**W**e are sprucing up the auction! This year, items will be available to bid on via silent auction in the sponsor room during the morning portion of the annual meeting. To better facilitate an effective scholarship auction event, please pre-register your items with Seth Baker. Please call or email Seth at (217) 329-4048 or [seth@fieldlevelag.com](mailto:seth@fieldlevelag.com). By preregistering your item, the auction committee will be better able to market your item and plan for the event. In addition, this will also allow us to fully advertise the item donor (YOU) to the attendees throughout the day. All items can be delivered directly to Seth on the day of the conference as usual.

Unregistered items will still be accepted the morning of the annual meeting, but will be limited for sale only during the live portion of the auction with the usual donor recognition. If you are unsure of what items you would like to donate, the committee will also accept a cash donation that will be used to purchase an item for the auction with full recognition to the donor. Please let us know if that is how you'd like to proceed so we have time to find the perfect item for you.

We anticipate a positive change in the flow of our meeting day with this dual method scholarship auction to occur right after lunch. We look forward to seeing what kinds of items you can come up with this year!





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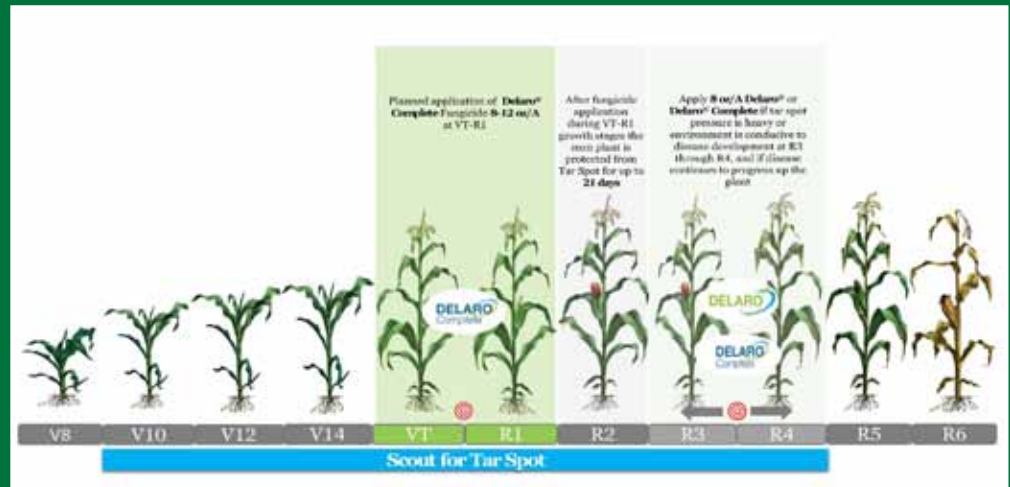
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**Time:** 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 5

**CE Credits:** 8 hours of Appraiser Education **has been approved** for members from Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Tennessee, Indiana

**Fee:** \$175 members, \$200 non-members (Fee includes course materials, luncheon, refreshments)

**Instructor:** Brian Gatzke, Northern Plains Appraisal, Brookings, SD  
Certified General Appraiser (ARA, MBA) (SD, IA, MN)

# Adapting to Changing Times

**Time:** 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 5

**CE Credits:** 3 hours ASFMRA Management Education CE

**Fee:** \$50 members, \$75 non-members (Fee includes afternoon refreshments)

1:00 p.m. - *The Status of Carbon Capture and Storage Projects in Illinois*  
Bill Bodine, Illinois Farm Bureau

2:15 p.m. - *Changes in LLC Reporting*  
Attorney Nathan Hinch with Meyer Capel, Bloomington  
New federal filing requirements under the Corporate Transparency Act

3:30 p.m. - *IRS Section 180 Tax Deductions*  
John Breen, Tax Director at RSM US LLP - Speaking on IRS Section 180 which allows landowners to treat the residual fertility present in the soil at the time of purchase as a deductible cost



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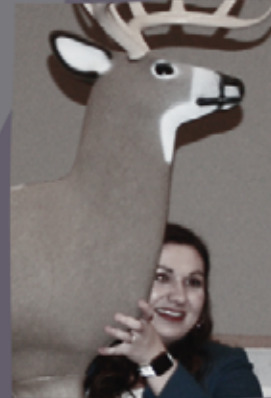


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# YPN Member Profile

## Nicole Schaefer

**Background:** I grew up on a small grain and livestock farm in Seneca, IL. In high school I was active in FFA where it fostered my love for agriculture. I went on to study Ag Business at Joliet Junior College and then Illinois State University. After graduation I started working for Compeer Financial as an appraiser. I currently reside in Mazon where my husband, who farms, keeps me closely tied to agriculture.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Apart from spending time with my husband, two kids, family, and friends, I enjoy cooking and experimenting with new recipes, reading books, and listening to podcasts.

**Employer:** Compeer Financial

**Role/Position:** Certified General Real Estate Appraiser



**How many years have you been in your profession?**  
12 years

**What influenced you to choose your profession?** I always knew I wanted a career in agriculture, thanks to my upbringing

and involvement in FFA. However, it was only after interviewing with the Chief Appraiser and my appraisal supervisor/mentor that I realized I would truly love the role of an appraiser.

**What do you enjoy about your profession?** I love the variety that appraising farmland offers. Each piece of land is unique as the project itself is and keeps the work interesting and engaging. I also love the wide range of people I am able to interact and connect with.

**What do you see for the future of your profession?** I see the future of the appraisal profession to be high paced with the use of technology integrations and data analytics playing a significant role in the way we appraise.

**What is a suggestion you would give to a young person that is considering a career in your profession?** Don't be afraid to connect with other professionals in the society or find a mentor in the field. Take opportunities to gain experience.

**Favorite inspirational quote:** It's not the big moves that change everything – its the smallest ones in your everyday life that do

**Professional Affiliations:** ISPFMRA

## 2025 Land Values Report Expanding to Electronic Distribution

If you have visited the Chapter website recently you've noticed that you can pre-order an electronic version of the 2025 *Land Values and Lease Trends Report*, which will become available late March.

This will be in downloadable pdf format only and there will be **NO CHARGE** for the Report. This comes about in an effort to reduce the costs of producing the Report. At 124 pages, the cost to produce a single copy is now at over \$8 each and because it weighs in at a pound +, postage has now risen to over \$12 each.

While the Report will continue in its current format, the electronic pdf version will offer some important benefits to readers AND advertisers:

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- People wanting a hard copy to be mailed to them will be able to order them at \$20 each. All ordering will be done online and payable in advance by credit card.

# Resilience and Growth

## 2025 ISPFMRA Annual Conference

February 6, 2025

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- 7-7:45 a.m. YPN Breakfast -- Featuring Guest Speaker *Annaliese Wegner*
- 7-7:45 a.m. Networking Trade Talk Exhibitors, Continental breakfast, Registration, Deliver Auction Items
- 8:00 a.m. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome
- 8:15 a.m. “Modern Day Farm Chick” *Annaliese Wegner*
- 9:15 a.m. Break -- Silent Auction Items on Display
- 9:30 a.m. The Demand for Low-Carbon Energy and the Farm Impact -- *Marquis Energy*
- 10:30 a.m. *Steven Cermak, Ph.D.* - National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research  
NCAUR’s Hot Topics for 2025 including Pennycress as a ‘green’ jet fuel and other value-added crops
- 11:30 a.m. Member Recognition Luncheon  
Annual Business Meeting  
Live Scholarship Auction  
Silent Auction Ends
- 1:00 p.m. *Monte Bottens*, Ag Solutions Network, AgEmerge Podcast  
Regenerative ag techniques to add value to farmland.
- 2:00 p.m. *Chris Hartter*, 360 YieldCenter -- Status and future opportunities in international ag, specifically eastern Europe and South America
- 3:00 p.m. Ice cream social
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#### At ASFMRA Annual Meeting

The Illinois Chapter was well represented at the ASFMRA Annual Meeting held November 18- 21 in Kansas City. The group shown above (plus one interloper from Iowa wearing a U of I cap!!) gathered at the hotel's Christmas tree for this photo. Maria Boengen, Ph.D. (inset photo) was given a surprise honor in being named Volunteer of the Year for the Society. She was cited for her work as editor of the *Journal of the ASFMRA*. Under her leadership, the readership and number and quality of submissions, have greatly increased, and the journal has expanded to 2 issues per year -- the regular annual issue and a special-topic, industry-focused supplement each year. The Chapter was also recognized for its Patron Chapter status.



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# Eric Schumacher, AFM

## YPN Member Profile

got my trainee appraiser license in 2019 and my real estate broker license in 2020.

### What influenced you to choose your profession:

I knew that dairy farming wasn't what I wanted for a career, but I still wanted to be involved in agriculture. As I looked into different professions, farm management was interesting because you get to help people in the day-to-day decisions for their farm and get to be involved in many different farms across the state.

### What do you enjoy about your profession?

I enjoy getting to know my clients and helping them in their decisions for their farm. I also enjoy meeting and working with all my tenants. I have a wide variety of tenants that have different farming practices to best fit their individual farms. I enjoy working on appraisals because each project is a different question that you have to find the best answer for. It's also interesting, working on appraisals, some of the differences in local markets and how it can influence the value of a farm.

### What do you see for the future of your profession?

I have a decent number of acres that are in southern Illinois, and I see a continued increase in professionally managed acres in that area. As farmers retire and ownership transitions to the next generation there will be fewer farmers and an increase in landlord-tenant relationships. For the appraisal side I see a continued push for more automation or computer-aided analyses. While I think it may help in some efficiencies, we need to be careful that we don't miss some of the finer details that come with local markets.

**Background:** I grew up on a small dairy and grain farm near Sigel, IL. I still live in Sigel with my wife Becky and our four children, Lydia, Emma, Grant, and Ethan. We are no longer a dairy farm but still do row crop farming and have around 120 head of beef cattle that we feed out. I went to the University of Illinois and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Ag Economics with a focus on Farm Management, and a minor in Crop and Soil Management.

### Hobbies/Interests:

I enjoy golfing, hunting, and helping coach my kids' different sports teams. I am also a lieutenant on the volunteer Sigel Fire Department. I enjoy helping my community and I believe volunteering your time is what makes our small communities so strong.

**Employer:** First Mid Ag Services

**Role/Position:** Farm Manager, Real Estate Broker, and Trainee Appraiser

### How many years have you been in your profession?

I've been with First Mid as a Farm Manager for 8 years. I



### What is a suggestion you would give to a young person that is considering a career in your profession?

Ask questions! Whether it's about the history of a farm; or why a certain farming practice is used; or why do we do things a certain way in the office; asking questions is the best way to learn. You may just learn that the only reason is "because that's how it's always been done". It's also a great way to connect with your clients on a more personal level.

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