



THE CHICAGO FARMERS
An Agricultural and Agribusiness Organization

About The Chicago Farmers' Farmland Forum

The Farmland Forum will be held at the Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center in Joliet on Saturday, February 7, 2015. The Forum, sponsored by The Chicago Farmers, will feature a variety of educational sessions, as well as a diverse blend of exhibitor booths. The booths will feature all aspects of buying and selling farmland, as well as other vendors who have an interest in all-things Ag. The \$50.00 registration fee includes access to the all breakout sessions, exhibitor hall, and lunch.

Directions

Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center
17840 Laraway Road, Joliet, IL 60433

From the North: I-355 South to I-80 West to Briggs Street Exit (#134), turn left (South) on Briggs Street. Briggs Street becomes Manhattan Road/Route 52. Turn right (West) on Laraway Road. Entrance will be on right (North) side of Laraway Road.

From the South: I-55 North to Arsenal Road Exit (#244), turn right (East) onto Arsenal Road. Arsenal Road becomes West Manhattan Road. Turn left (North) onto Route 53. Turn right (East) onto Laraway Road. Entrance will be on left (North) side of Laraway Road.

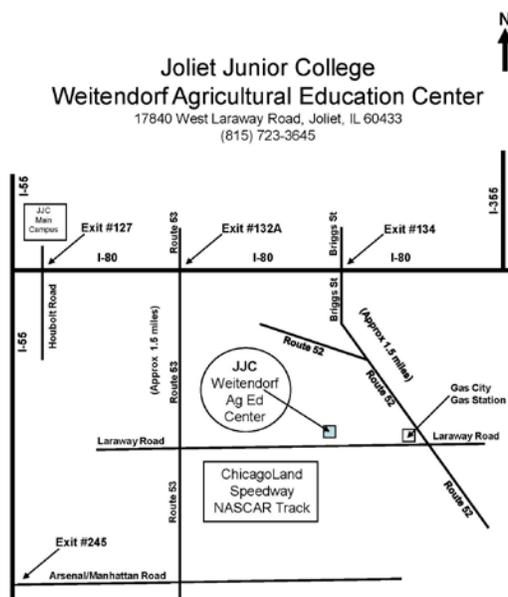
From the West: I-80 East to Route 53 Exit (#132A), turn right (South) onto Route 53. Turn left (East) on Laraway. Entrance will be on left (North) side of Laraway Road.

From the East: I-80 West to Briggs Street Exit (#134), turn left (South) on Briggs Street. Briggs Street becomes Manhattan Road/Route 52. Turn right (West) on Laraway Road. Entrance will be on right (North) side of Laraway Road.



Lodging

The Chicago Farmers has a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn Joliet I-80. To reserve a room, call (815) 725-2424. To receive the discounted rate, reference The Chicago Farmers. Reservations must be made by January 6, 2015 to receive the special \$109.00 rate.



The Chicago Farmers: 2015 Farmland Forum

Attendee Registration Form

Breakout sessions are limited to 40 persons per classroom. Sign-up is “First Come, First Served.” Register early!

- Pre-register online for sessions! You may also return this form with payment by mail to reserve your seat.

OR

- Register for sessions at the Forum by stopping at the session sign-up table, but please note that a late fee will be applied.

ATTENDEE INFORMATION
<i>Complete One Form Per Attendee</i>
Register by January 26th \$50.00 Per Person
Check-in at the Forum registration desk the day of the event. Tickets are not issued for this event.
<i>Walk-ins are welcome at \$75.00 per person.</i>
Name:
Company:
Address 1:
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Email:
Return completed form with \$50.00 registration fee per attendee. Make check payable to:
<i>THE CHICAGO FARMERS</i> c/o: Administrative Offices 19244 S. Blackhawk Parkway, Unit 73 Mokena, IL 60448
To register and select sessions online with a credit card, visit www.chicagofarmers.org.
Questions? Call 312-388-FARM (3276)

BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
<i>Registration Opens at 8:00 AM</i>		
<i>Mark 'X' to Indicate Your Session Choices</i>	<i>Mark 'X' Here</i>	<i>You may choose One Session for Each Time Slot</i>
8:45 – 9:30 AM		
		Charitable Remainder Trusts
		Diversified Farm Landscapes Incorporating Bioenergy
		Does Grain Storage Pay?
		Farmland Values
		Improving Soil Health with Cover Crops
10:15 – 11:00 AM		
		Ag Production Costs
		Farm Law 101
		Keys to Succession Planning
		Organics: How Do I Get Started & Farm Leases: What is Fair?
		Rooftop Farming in Downtown Chicago
11:00 – 1:00 PM		<i>Complimentary Lunch Served</i>
11:15 – 12:00 PM		
		1031 Like-Kind Real Estate Exchange
		Benefits of Peer to Peer Groups
		Engaging Non-Operator Women Farmland Owners in Ag Conservation
		Grain Market Outlook
		How and Where to Market Organic Grain
1:15 – 2:00 PM		
		Does Grain Storage Pay?
		Farmland Values
		Keys to Succession Planning
		Organic and Local Market Discovery
		UAVs in Ag: Where are we headed?
Visit the exhibit area from 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM		

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Customize Your Agenda: Select from our Outstanding Sessions

1031 Like-Kind Real Estate Exchanges

Doug Deininger, Deininger Land

Defer paying taxes on the sale of real estate by doing an IRS 1031 like-kind exchange. Learn the basics of timing and types of exchange properties that qualify.

Ag Production Costs

Dwight D. Raab, Illinois FBFM Association

A look back to recent production costs and income to help understand what you can and can't control.

Benefits of Peer to Peer Groups

Julie DiNatale, Farm Journal Media

Top Producer's Executive Network (TPEN) is an exclusive opportunity to improve your business as part of a world-class, professionally facilitated peer-to-peer network. TPEN members benefit from the opportunity to openly share information with other top producers in a focused effort to build breakthrough success for themselves, their families and their employees. The mission of TPEN is to help producers improve their operations with the goals of making more money in less time with fewer headaches and a higher quality of life.

Charitable Remainder Trusts

Bradley S. McCann, Spesia & Ayers

The use of charitable remainder trusts in estate planning.

Does Grain Storage Pay?

Chip Nellinger and Adam Dryer, Blue Reef Agri-Marketing, Inc.

With the recent drop in commodity prices, farmers need to utilize their grain storage in the most advantageous way possible. This session will talk about how to maximize on farm storage through basis, carry and spreads as well as an outlook on commodity prices into the upcoming growing season.

Engaging Non-Operator Women Farmland Owners in Agricultural Conservation

Jennifer Filipiak, American Farmland Trust

Women are entering agriculture as inheritors of farmland in unprecedented numbers. Women own or co-own more than 300 million acres of U.S. farmland, and over the next two decades, about 240 million acres of farmland are likely to change owners, with much of it transferred to women. While women are increasingly becoming the primary farm decision makers and they consistently express strong conservation programs. In this session, you will learn about the work AFT has been doing to engage non-operator women farmland owners in agricultural conservation.

Diversified Farm Landscapes Incorporating Bioenergy

Maria Cristina Negri, Argonne National Laboratory

New approaches are needed to satisfy the Country's need for food, feed, fiber and energy without compromising environmental quality. This presentation will discuss an opportunity to intensify the production of food, feed, fiber and energy from our agricultural landscapes whereby land and soils that are less suitable for commodity crops may be dedicated to energy crops. Planning for crop placement at the farm and watershed scale may allow for economic resilience and environmental efficiencies, and provide the opportunity to diversify rural economies.

Farmland Values

Mike Morris, 1st Farm Credit Services

We will take a look at post trends in the land markets and the factors that drive changes.

Farm Law 101

Rich Schell, Wagner & Schell, LLP & Andy Holstine, Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McCardle

Both landowners & tenants face a variety of potential legal issues in managing and owning farmland. This session will cover key updates in succession planning, tax strategies, value added, and federal and state legislative and policy changes.

Grain Market Outlook

Todd Gleason, UofI Extension, Info Tech & Communication Services

Grain marketing is a key component of your everyday management decisions. Todd Gleason will moderate a panel discussing your options for marketing the crop this year and what you should be planning for the crop next year. With the tight margins of today marketing can be the difference between profit or loss on your operation.

How and Where to Market Organic Grain

Gary McDonald, Organic Resources

Marketing is about knowing the players and building relationships.

Improving Soil Health with Cover Crops

Dan Towery, Ag Conservation Solutions

Cover crops are not new but how they are being used is new. Cover crops combined with minimal soil disturbance results in a soil that is more resilient, productive, and environmentally friendly.

Keys to Succession Planning

Sara Schafer, Farm Journal Media

The Farm Journal Legacy Project is a catalyst for families to begin the process and an essential go-to source for the tools to simplify the complex and daunting task of succession planning. Learn about the resources involved and how farm families can formalize their goals, wishes and plans.

Organic and Local Market Discovery

Jim Slama, FamilyFarmed.org

We will look at the marketing options to help farms and food businesses develop markets for local and organic products. We will also look at a few examples and discuss resources that are able to help people in this developing sector.

Organics: How Do I Get Started? & Farm Leases: What is Fair?

Gary McDonald, Organic Resources

The discussion will focus on aspects of organic transition and the three purses to consider when drafting a fair and equitable, organic farm lease.

Rooftop Farming in Downtown Chicago

Kevin Jezewski, SAVOR... Chicago

This will be an informative presentation exploring rooftops as an opportunity for urban agriculture! There can be many benefits to rooftop agriculture, including job creation, promotion of local food security, and a reduction on transportation impacts. In addition to being a "cool-roof" building strategy, rooftop agriculture can also contribute to achieving LEED-ND Credit 13 with "on site food production." Learn more about this new frontier in "farmland."

UAVs in Ag: Where are we headed?

Randy Aberle, RA Seeding Solutions

We will talk about the current FAA regulations regarding Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). The different types of UAVs and their uses will also be discussed



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