The Many Faces of Know Your Farmer
Know Your Food

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THE MANY FACES

KNOW YOUR FARMER
KNOW YOUR FOOD

EAT HEALTHY
LIVE HEALTHY
URBAN GARDEN
Rural Development

United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development
Committed to the future of rural communities
Value Added Producer Grant

Kilgus Farmstead
Ropp
Jersey Cheese,
Normal, IL

Value Added Producer Grant
Business Programs

Mt. Carroll Community Development Corporation

Rural Business Enterprise Grant
Business Programs

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Business Programs

Watershed Foods

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Guaranteed Loan
Business Programs

Thrushwood Farms
Quality Meats

Business & Industry
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Community Programs

City of Palestine

Direct Community Facility Loans
“When we decided to address our energy costs during the expansion of Mahomet IGA, we looked into a state of the art, "first of its kind" system to heat and cool our compressor system, our store and our water with groundwater.

The USDA was great in assisting us in understanding the grant process at every step. With the cost of the system, the USDA grant was the deciding factor in investing in this project.”

Brooks Marsh, President/CEO
Village Market IGA Inc.,
Mahomet, IL
FNS Supports Local Foods

USDA Food and Nutrition Service

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Mission

- The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) increases food security and reduces hunger in partnership with cooperating organizations by providing children and needy families access to food, a healthful diet, and nutrition education in a manner that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence.

- FNS serves 1 in 4 Americans each year
WIC & Seniors
Farmers Market Program

• Serves low-income mothers, young children and seniors.

• Uses coupons at farmers’ markets, roadside stands, and community programs that grow fruits and vegetables.
SNAP & Farmers Markets
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Connects K-12 schools with regional or local farms
USDA Foods

USDA Foods are Healthier

- More whole grains
- Less sugar
- Less sodium
- Less fat
Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRCS

“Core 6” practices for Organic growers

1. Conservation Crop Rotation
2. Cover Crop
3. Nutrient Management
4. Pest Management
5. Prescribed Grazing
6. Forage Harvest management
EQIP is a “fix it” program; EQIP helps landowners solve existing resource problems
NRCS’ EQIP Offers...

- Financial & technical help
- A way to voluntarily address soil, water & related natural resource concerns on private lands
- Structural solutions, management techniques & conservation practices
Farm Service Agency
FARM SERVICE AGENCY COMMUNITY GARDENS IN ILLINOIS
TAZEWELL COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN
PRODUCE FROM ONE PICKING
FAYETTE COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS
PRODUCE IS DONATED TO THE CEFS FOOD PANTRY, FAYETTE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER, AND AREA NURSING HOMES

Cucumbers – 224 lbs.  kohlrabi – 21 lbs.  squash – 47 lbs.
Zucchini – 35 lbs.  green peppers – 24 lbs.  jalapenos – 38 lbs.
Eggplant – 48 lbs.  tomatoes – 66 lbs.  okra – 3 lbs.
Kale – 5 lbs.  garlic – 3 lbs.  raspberries – 21 lbs.
Gooseberries – 3 lbs.
MACOUPIN COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN
CARLINVILLE, ILLINOIS
MANY ROWS OF VEGETABLES GROWING
ALL PRODUCE WAS DONATED TO THE CARLINVILLE FOOD PANTRY
MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS
The Community Garden was established several years back to provide food for those in need. Some of the produce includes tomatoes, onions, lettuce, pickles, green peppers, squash, and sweet corn. Assisting with this project has been the 4-H, Master Gardeners, and Junior Master Gardeners. Each year we have delivered the produce to Western Egyptian Senior Citizen center to be distributed or prepared for those in need. Preparation is underway for the 2012 Community Garden.
Potatoes were given to the County FSA Office from a Mason County Producer.

They donated 2770 pounds to Central Illinois Food Bank and 1100 pounds to several different local food pantries and churches in Mason County.
POTATOES, POTATOES, POTATOES
COUNTY OFFICE PROGRAM TECHNICIANS HAVE POTATOES BOXED AND READY FOR DELIVERY TO FOOD BANK
BOND COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN
GREENVILLE, ILLINOIS
DONATED TO THE BOND COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FOOD PANTRY

green beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, watermelons, cantaloupe, cilantro, oregano, basil, chives.

11 pounds of cucumbers and 7 pounds of tomatoes.
2010 ILLINOIS COMMUNITY GARDEN PRODUCED 3,030 LBS OF PRODUCE AND IN 2011 WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL WITH 4,096 LBS
FSA EMPLOYEES HARVESTING VEGETABLES
ZUCCHINI FROM ONE PICKING
OTHER GARDEN PRODUCE – ONE PICKING
SWEET CORN HARVEST – ONE PICKING
ATHENS FFA CHAPTER HELPING WEED AND PICK PEPPERS
CENTRAL ILLINOIS FOOD BANK RECEIVING FIRST PEPPERS FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN
ATHENS FFA CHAPTER AND THE ADVISOR – GARDEN PARTNER