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Calendar of Events March 2026

- March 9th – Board Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- March 17th – Meat Order Deadline
- March 21st – Annual Bowling Outing 11:45
- March 25th – Meat Order Pick-Up

Happy
first day of Spring –
Friday, March 20th



Help Us Grow the Next Generation: 2026 'Grow Your Own Food' Program

By Kara Norton
Each spring, one of the most rewarding things we do is put agriculture directly into the hands of local students. Our "Grow Your Own Food" – A Container to Table Activity continues in 2026, and we need your help to make it another success!

Hosted by DuPage County Farm Bureau and College of DuPage, this hands-on program gives students the opportunity



DCFB
Executive
Director
Kara Norton

to plant, nurture, and learn where their food comes from. Through this experience, school aged children gain a better understanding of agriculture, gardening, and plant care — and the important role farmers play in feeding our communities.

Sponsoring a Classroom

For just \$50, you can sponsor an entire classroom of 25 students. Donations support the transplanting supplies

needed for students to successfully grow their tomato plants.

Every contribution – whether \$50, \$100, \$150, \$200, or more – directly impacts local students and strengthens agricultural literacy in DuPage County.

Donations can be made payable to the **DCFB Foundation**, and your generosity

helps ensure that this program continues to grow year after year.

Volunteer to Deliver Supplies

In addition to financial support, we are looking for volunteers to help deliver program materials to participating schools.

Delivery volunteers will transport potting soil, trays of

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— UPCOMING EVENTS — Mark your calendars for these 2026 EVENTS

- Annual Bowling Event – March 21st
- Grow Your Own Food – May 4th–6th
- Food Science 101 – April 10th



Food Science 101

Join us for a FREE adult education event focused on food science, food safety and busting online food myths.

Friday, April 17th at the DuPage County Fairgrounds
2015 Manchester Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187 -Building 5

- 9:45am– Check In
- 10:00 am– Speakers from Chicagoland Food Science Foundation
- 11:30am– Light lunch provided

Pre-Registration is required. Please register by April 6th.
Scan the QR code or fill out the form below. Registration is limited.

Food Science 101 - Registration Form
DCFB: 245 S. Gary Ave, Carol Stream, IL 60188

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Food Restrictions: _____

Will You Stay for Lunch: Yes No Total Number of Attendees: _____

Grow Your Own Food

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plants, containers, cups, and other supplies to classrooms. Please note that volunteers must be able to lift up to 50 pounds.

Deliveries will take place during school hours on:

Monday, May 4

Tuesday, May 5

Wednesday, May 6

Morning (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) and afternoon (12:00



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p.m.–2:30 p.m.) time slots are available.

Delivery locations will be assigned based on the town in which you live and your availability.

Growing More Than Plants

Programs like “Grow Your Own Food” are about more than soil and seedlings. They are about cultivating curiosity, responsibility, and an appreciation for agriculture at an early age. When students harvest what they’ve grown, they also harvest knowledge — about food systems, nutri-

tion, and the hardworking farmers who make it all possible.

I invite you to consider supporting this program through classroom sponsorship, volunteering your time, or both. Together, we can continue planting the seeds of agricultural understanding throughout DuPage County.

Thank you for your continued support of the DuPage County Farm Bureau Foundation and for helping us grow the future.



Let's Strike Up Some FUN

Last chance to sign up for the DuPage County Farm Bureau's Annual Bowling Outing! Join us, Saturday, March 21st at Bowlero, 558 E. North Ave., Glendale Heights. Check-in is at 11:45 a.m. Open to all members, families, and friends; this event is a great time and serves a vital purpose by raising funds for our Ag in the Classroom program and scholarships.

Bowlers of all skill levels are invited to join the fun! Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. We will also be offering a 50/50 raffle.

If you are not able to attend but would like to support our event, we are accepting donation items to be used for prizes. Consider donating gift certificates, raffle baskets, and store merchandise. We appreciate your support!

Registration closes Friday, March 14th. Register online at dcfb.org or fill out the registration form and send it to the DuPage County Farm Bureau at 245. S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188.

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CHECK IN AT 11:45 A.M.

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST

BOWLERO
 558 E. NORTH AVE.
 GLENDALE HEIGHTS

All DCFB Members, Family & Friends are welcome!

Cost: \$20.00 per bowler (3 games & shoe rental) Bumper Lanes available for kids (under 12)

PRIZES!	AWARDS!	FUN!	50/50 DRAWING!
..... DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 14TH			
NAME _____	NAME AND AGE OF BOWLERS _____		
FB MEMBER # _____	_____		
EMAIL _____	_____		
PHONE _____	_____		
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Illinois AGRICULTURE in the ClassroomSM

Kristina Baumbach
Education Coordinator
DuPage County Farm Bureau



Ag in the Classroom is a free program that visits DuPage schools to teach the importance of agriculture. The lessons can be adjusted for all age levels and meet learning standards. We would also be happy to be a part of community events that relate to our agricultural literacy program vision and goals. Virtual options are available.

For more information contact:
dupageaitc@dcbf.org or 630-668-8161.

January's Numbers:

3,018 students • 139 teachers
#1 Lesson Topic: Football
Total Students Reached to Date: 27,122

Teacher Quote about an AITC Visit:

"Kenna is an incredible teacher and value when she visits the classroom! Her passion for the subject shines through, and the students learn so much about agriculture from her. I also appreciate her hands on activities."

— 3rd Grade Teacher, Briar Glen Elementary

With the big game on the horizon, January was the perfect month for our students to learn about the plants and animals needed to play football! Did you know, one cowhide can be used to make 20 footballs? Students learned about beef cattle, turf grass, cotton, wheat, dent corn, dairy cattle, and pigs. This is one of our newer lesson topics, and everyone had a great time! Our younger students made a football field featuring all the plants and animals they had learned about, while our older students played the football escape box game. These students cracked clues related to different plants and animals as they figured out special codes to finish the game. Everyone left knowing the role that agriculture plays in one of their favorite sports!

Photos, L-R:

The 3rd graders at Pleasant Hill played "Truth or Hogwash" pig trivia with Kenna.

The 4th graders at Washington loved doing the football escape box activity with Denise.

The 3rd graders at Bower learned about the plants and animals used for taco ingredients with Kenna.



Did You Know?

One cowhide can make 20 footballs. Approximately 700,000 footballs are produced annually for the NFL. That's 35,000 cowhides!



District 44 Community Connections Event

On February 6th, AITC had the opportunity to host a booth at the District 44 Community Connections Event in Lombard. This special program was a combination of the STEAM Expo and Activities Fair. Students and families were invited to spend the evening learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math concepts from many local organizations. At the AITC booth, over 100 students learned about the different types of corn grown in Illinois and how each type is used. Students also learned about the elements needed for seeds to germinate and made a special corn kernel germination necklace which they took home. A great time was had by all!



2026 Bookmark Contest

All 2nd-5th grade classrooms in DuPage County are invited to participate in our spring Bookmark Contest! This year's theme is "Down on the Farm". Students should depict what their ideal farm would look like. This can include crops, livestock, machines, barns, equipment, etc. Bookmarks must be completed during class time. The winner's design will be made into a bookmark and donated to local libraries along with our annual book donation. We will also use the bookmarks as a DCFB promotional item. Entries are due to the DCFB office by April 10th at 3:00pm. Teachers may email dupageaitc@dcbf.org to receive an entry form and full contest rules.

Happy St. Patrick's Day & Happy Spring!



FARM GATE

By Joanie Stiers



It's National Ag Month Hats Off to the Many Roles of Family Farmers

Our son has 39 hats hanging in his bedroom – bill facing down and caps evenly spaced in a single row on hooks positioned within inches of the ceiling.

Wait. Make that 42. Dad just returned from two farm shows.

Farmers own and wear many hats, a culture traced back to at least his great-grandpa's era in farming. Farmers love to wear hats. Ag retailers love to give them away as walking advertisements. And nowadays, many schools allow hats during the academic day, making them both a style statement and a part of today's youth identity.

Metaphorically, farmers wear many hats throughout the day, a juggling act worth recognizing in this season that honors National Ag Day on March 24, 2026. Being a full-time farmer means embracing a wide range of part-time roles: grower, mechanic, heavy equipment operator, agronomist, meteorologist and veterinarian among them.

You could add scientist to the list: The liquid fertilizer jar tests in our shop fridge prove this one. Logistics manager is another: Necessary to direct trucks hauling grain 11 months of the year. Firefighter, too: This last dry and abnormally hot harvest required that. Add in accountant: We keep our own books. Then, our grain requires a marketer, our freezer beef a sales lead;

our employees, a human resources manager; and the next generation, a mentor and teacher.

An impressive 96% of Illinois farms are owned by families, and on those farms family operators and their employees must assume many roles with enough skill to be mechanics at 8 a.m., marketers after the late-morning USDA report, agronomists before the kids get off the bus and accountants by dusk. We personally recognize the value of partnering with outside professionals who improve our performance in those fields as we conduct this orchestra of crops, people, tools and nature.

Our son owns trucker-style farm hats for nice events, school and playing golf. He reserves a grungy one for farm work and another for outdoor FFA events. He also displays one that belonged to his great-grandpa, a nod to Gramps and his former hat collection. I still can picture those farm caps, more than 100 that fully covered Gramps' farmhouse office walls to the point Granny didn't realize termites had destroyed the studs behind them.

Outside of termite exterminator, farmers wear many hats in every sense of the phrase.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her parents and brother in west-central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans and hay, raise beef cattle and operate side businesses related to the family operation.



Very Pinteresting

A column dedicated to finding you healthy recipes using the freshest ingredients

Sheet Pan Greek Chicken Pitas

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Ingredients

1 1/2 pounds chicken breasts or thighs, thinly sliced

1/3 cup full-fat plain Greek yogurt

1/4 cup olive oil

6 cloves garlic

1 tablespoon smoked paprika

2 teaspoons dried oregano

1 teaspoon curry powder

1 teaspoon onion powder
chili flakes

salt and black pepper

4 russet potatoes, cut into matchsticks

6 fresh pitas or naan, warmed

1 cup tzatziki

For Serving

pickled red onions

shredded lettuce

fresh dill and parsley

crumbled feta cheese

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 425°F.

Toss the chicken with the yogurt, olive oil, garlic, paprika, oregano, curry powder, onion powder, and season with chili flakes, salt, and pepper.

Spread the chicken on a baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes, toss, then bake 5–10 minutes more, until cooked through. Broil 1–2 minutes to char the edges (watch closely).

On a second baking sheet, toss the potatoes with olive oil, salt, and pepper. Roast 20 minutes, until crisp and tender.

Stuff the warm pitas with lettuce, fries, chicken, and tzatziki. Top with pickled onions, herbs, and feta. Enjoy!



Farmer's Almanac—March 2026

Sky Watch:

A total lunar eclipse begins at 4:52 A.M. EST on the 3rd, with totality starting at 6:08 A.M. For observers in the eastern U.S. and Canada, totality begins low in the west in the bright morning twilight and is barely visible. On the 7th and 8th, Venus and Saturn meet low in the west. The conjunction is visible through binoculars at 7:15 P.M., while a small

telescope will reveal Saturn's rings to be nearly edgewise. On the 19th at 7:15 P.M., look for Venus to the upper left of the crescent Moon, low in the west. On the 20th, Venus dangles below the Moon. The Moon hovers next to Jupiter on the 25th and 26th, due south at 7:30 P.M., with the conjunction visible for hours. The waxing Moon moves on to meet Leo's main

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2026 Foundation Scholarships—Accepting Applications

High School seniors and college students are urged to apply for the 2026 scholarships provided by the DuPage County Farm Bureau Foundation. Scan the QR code or visit our website at dcfb.org under the Foundation tab to apply today. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact our office at (630) 668-8161 or email info@dcfb.org.

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Arnold Oestmann Scholarship

Up to seven \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who will be pursuing a bachelor's degree. **There are no restrictions on the college course of study.** This scholarship was created in memory of Arnold Oestmann of Westmont, IL. Mr. Oestmann was a past president of the DuPage

County Farm Bureau. **Application deadline is April 1, 2026.**

DuPage County Farm Bureau Foundation General Scholarship

Up to five \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who will be pursuing a **bachelor's degree related to the agriculture industry.** Agriculture involves a wide range of careers. Qualified programs may include, but are not limited to, horticulture, agronomy, engineering, veterinary, communications, environmental science, food science, biology, etc. Applicants must explain how their chosen career path will impact the agriculture industry. **Application deadline is May 1, 2026.**

Culinary & Nutrition Scholarship

Up to two \$2,000 scholar-

ships will be awarded to high school seniors or current college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in a **culinary or nutrition-related program.** Food begins on a farm, and those working in related industries can study food and the importance and impact it has in our daily lives. **Application deadline is May 1, 2026.**

Trade Scholarship

Up to two \$2,000 trade scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors or current college students enrolled in a **Trade and Technical career program.** Areas may include, but are not limited to, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, truck driving, etc. **Application deadline is May 1, 2026.**

Ken F. Ebersold Scholarship

Up to three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to current college freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, or those pursuing a master's degree. Students must

be actively and successfully pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in an agricultural related course of study. This scholarship was created in memory of Ken F. Ebersold of Downers Grove, IL. Mr. Ebersold was a past president of the DuPage County Farm Bureau and an active volunteer for many years. Past recipients of this scholarship may apply during each year of their college career. Application deadline is May 1, 2026.



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Beat the Winter Blues by Growing Some Leafy Greens

By Christopher Enroth,
 Illinois Extension

What's a Leafy Green?

Leafy green vegetables are among the easiest crops to grow, whether in the ground or in containers. They start readily from seed, provide extended harvest periods, and are nutritious. That's a pretty good deal if you ask me.

Leafy greens are vegetable crops prized for their leaves. Lettuces and spinach are common options, but others include chard, kale, collards, arugula, mustard, turnip greens, beet greens, bok choy, and cabbage. Some greens are best eaten fresh, while others shine when cooked in various ways, from sautéed to roasted, or even grilled.

Starting Leafy Green Seeds

Of course, I tell people not

to start their garden seeds too early, because timing is important in vegetable gardening. I generally recommend seeding leafy greens outdoors in late March or early April. Many leafy greens – such as kale, collards, lettuce, and arugula – perform very well when direct-sown outside. However, that means waiting longer to get seeds going. One trick that allows us to cheat a little is to start seeds indoors.

There are various seed-starting calculators online, but your best resource will always be the instructions on the seed packet. In Central Illinois, I begin starting leafy green seeds indoors around the first or second week of March. If I lived in Southern Illinois, I'd already be within the ideal seedstarting win-

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Daffodils: A Symbol of Renewal and Hope

By Emily Swihart,
Illinois Extension

Daffodils are among the most beloved spring flowers known for their bright blooms and easy cultivation. Beginner gardeners to experienced horticulturists alike have delighted in daffodils for centuries. As our spring advances, we take a closer look at the flower that has become an emblem of renewal and hope and a welcome sight that announces the start of the growing season.

The Origin of the Daffodil

Daffodils (*Narcissis* species) are native to regions of Europe and Northern Africa. The origin of the name *Narcissis* being used to describe the genus of plants we now know as the daffodils is conflicted. According to the *Metamorphoses* of Ovid, a compendium of ancient Greek and Roman mythological narratives, *Narcissus* is a young man who "pines away with love for himself, and is changed into a flower which bears his name." It should be noted that specifics regarding the type of flower is omitted from this text. A few decades later, Pliny the Elder insisted that the Greek word "narkao" which means "to be numb" is the root of *Narcissis*, referencing the toxic properties of the plant.

Regardless of where the

name is derived, daffodils gained popularity as an ornamental garden plant in the late 1800, approximately 250 years after tulips gained fame and notoriety, and remain popular today.

Types of Daffodils

Thanks to breeding and cultivation programs, there is an abundance of daffodils available on the market today. According to the American Daffodil Society, there are over 32,000 registered cultivars.

Daffodils are divided into 13 descriptive divisions. These 13 divisions are the same for miniature daffodils which include species and cultivars whose blooms are typically less than two inches in diameter.

- Division 1: Trumpet daffodil
- Division 2: Large-cupped daffodil
- Division 3: Small-cupped daffodil
- Division 4: Double daffodil
- Division 5: Triandrus daffodil
- Division 6: Cyclamineus daffodil
- Division 7: Jonquilla daffodil
- Division 8: Tazetta daffodil
- Division 9: Poeticus daffodil
- Division 10: Bulbocodium hybrids
- Division 11: Split-cupped daffodil
- Division 12: Other daffodil cultivars
- Division 13: Daffodils distinguished solely by botanical

name

Within these categories, there are early, mid-, and late spring blooming cultivars. When planting daffodils, choose a variety of bloom times for an extended season of blossoms. In addition to various flower forms and bloom times, various colors are available. Yellow is the most iconic color for daffodils but blooms with white, orange, pink, and green hues are also available.



Growing Daffodils

The spring-blooming flowers must be planted in autumn before the ground freezes. Once planted, bulbs begin developing a strong root system that will help support the plant in the following spring. Daffodils prefer sandy-loam soils in full sun to part sun location. Plants that receive inadequate levels of sunlight will produce foliage but no flower, a condition referred to as "coming up blind".

Plant bulbs in masses for an increased visual impact in the spring. Plant bulbs twice as deep as the bulb is high with the tip pointing up. Spacing bulbs four to six inches apart is recommended. Planting bulbs closer will result in an instant display the following spring but will quickly become overcrowded.

After blooms fade, leave the foliage on the plant. Green leaves will continue to photosynthesize, replenishing energy stores in the bulb. This is essential for bulb and bloom longevity. Allow the leaves to die back naturally,

remove them only after they have begun turning yellow. In a perennial bed, plant other blooming species to provide visual appeal following the daffodils and distract from the daffodil foliage.

A Bouquet of Daffodils

Daffodils make a beautiful bouquet that can brighten any mood and room. With proper care during harvesting, a bouquet of daffodils can look beautiful for up to a week.

Harvest flowers with the longest stem possible by reaching base of the flower stem, moving foliage out of the way so a snip can be used to make a clean cut. Place cut flowers into a plastic bucket of clean water as soon as possible after cutting. Avoid laying

cut stems on the ground to minimize exposure to soil and soil borne pathogens that can clog the flowers vascular system.

Harvest daffodils when the flower head has become perpendicular to the stem and the petal colors begin to show. The sap of the flower may cause skin irritation for some, wearing gloves helps keep the sap away from sensitive skin. The sap is also harmful to other cut flowers, so they need to be conditioned before being used in mixed bouquets. Condition the flowers by isolating them in cool water for three to four hours, allowing time for the sap to drain from the stem. Repeat this process every time the stems are cut. Once conditioned, daffodils can be included in mixed arrangements without harm.

Good Growing Fact: Daffodils can be extremely long-lived. Hever Castle and Gardens in Kent, England claim some of the daffodils in their famous display gardens are over one hundred years old.

Almanac

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star, Regulus, on the 29th. Spring begins with the vernal equinox on the 20th at 10:46 A.M. EDT.

March 2026:

Temp. 41° (3° above avg.); precip. 2" (1" below avg.). 1-7 Snowy; chilly, then milder. 8-13 Lake-effect snow east, flurries west; colder. 14-18 Sunny, warmer. 19-28 Showers, turning very warm 29-31 Sunny, cooler.

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Leafy Greens

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dow for leafy greens. And if I lived in Northern Illinois, I'd need to wait about two additional weeks.

Growing Leafy Greens

Once you've gotten your leafy greens through the early spring cold snaps, it's time for them to face the heat of summer. Leafy greens tend to grow and taste better during the cooler months. Some, such as chard, collards, and kale, will hold up throughout the summer and provide a continual harvest. Others, such as lettuce and spinach, struggle in the heat and may bolt, which means they flower and begin producing seed. Once bolted, lettuce and spinach become bitter and are best pulled, tossed into the compost pile, and replaced with something else. Bolted greens can always be replanted later in summer for a fall crop.

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Some looseleaf lettuces can be grown further into summer because they are slightly more heat-tolerant, especially if provided with shade from taller crops or shade cloth and given adequate moisture.

If you are growing in containers, make sure to use a high-quality potting mix – avoid garden soil or topsoil. I suggest seeding directly into containers, following the seed packet directions.

You can begin harvesting once the leaves are large enough to use. Seed packets typically provide helpful guidance on when and how to harvest. Using scissors or a sharp knife minimizes damage to plants that will be harvested repeatedly. For crops like kale, harvest the lower leaves and avoid cutting from the top. Kale will continue to grow upward as the bottom leaves are removed – I've seen some impressively tall kale plants over the years!

As winter continues to serve up its

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2 bedroom apartment, 1 block from downtown Lombard. If interested please contact Don Tuchscherer at 630-279-3530

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE – 2400 sf (for front half of building only) OR... BUILDING FOR SALE (About 5000 sf) w/warehouse space) Stand alone all brick building, own parking lot, walk to train, close to tollways. All new carpeting, click it flooring, paint, hardware, lighting, close to downtown Lisle. Call Michael Powers, 630-675-5178 for more info & pictures.

WANTED

2/3 BOTTOM I.H.C. pull-type hydraulic plow. 847-274-0977

MISC. SERVICES of sewing, patching, mending, and repairing of clothing. 630-234-6058, Michael.

heavy, carb laden meals, nurturing those first sprouts is a welcome reminder that spring is coming, along with lighter, brighter harvests of leafy greens.

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Hooray for DCFB DISCOUNTS

Restaurant Discounts

Adelle's Modern Kitchen + Bar

15% off full meal for 2 guests or fewer (excludes alcohol, tax & gratuity). Cannot be combined with other discounts, promos and/or carryout.

535 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 784-8015

Anyway's Pub – Bloomingdale

Anyway's Pub – Oakbrook Terrace

10% off of food purchase
304 W Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, IL 60108
(630) 351-8870
5 E Roosevelt Rd, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
(630) 932-9323

Blueberry Hill

10% off bill. Not valid with other offers or promotions.
405 N Eola Rd, Aurora, IL 60502
(630) 499-1500

Caliendo's Restaurant and Bar

10% off food and non-alcoholic beverages. Not applicable for specials
05050 Winfield Rd, Winfield, IL 60190
(630) 690-1555

Cooper's Corner

15% off food bill up to \$15 value, dine in only. Not valid with other offers or on holidays. One discount per table and one beverage must be purchased per entrée
27W150 Roosevelt Rd, Winfield, 60190,
(630) 690-2668

Culver's

10% off purchase
Only at participating locations
290 S Schmale Rd, Carol Stream, IL 60188
(630) 933-9747

908 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 889-1140

4068 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 444-1700

Egg'lectic Cafe

10% off bill. Not valid with other offers or promotions.
145 N Hale St, Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 690-9001

Hawthorne's Backyard

10% off food (excluding specials).
1200 West Hawthorne Ln, West Chicago, IL 60185
(630) 293-6700

Muggs-N-Manor

10% off all food orders. Not valid with other offers/discounts. Offer valid for pick-up/dine-in only. Must show membership card.
437 S Addison Rd, Addison, IL 60101
(630) 833-2570

Papa Rays Pizza & Wings

Two large pizzas, two toppings for \$29.99; Family Meal Pack – 1, 16" cheese pizza, 10" cheese garlic bread, 10 pics. wings, 1, 2 liter soda
267 West Elk Trail, Carol Stream, IL 60188
(630) 752-9680

Sarpinos Pizzeria

(Downers Grove Location)
Buy one pizza at regular price, get a second pizza for \$5
5107 Fairview Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 515-0005

Shinto Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar

20% off full priced items, max value of \$20, not valid with any other discounts or offers
504 N. Route 59, Suite 116
Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 637-8899

Uncle Bub's BBQ

\$5 off \$20 purchase while dining in
132 S Cass Ave, Westmont, IL 60559
(630) 493-9000

Village Tavern & Grill

10% off Sunday-Thursday
Not valid with other offers
291 S Schmale Rd, Carol Stream, IL 60188
(630) 668-1101

Entertainment Discounts

Arcada Theatre

15% discount on tickets to the theatre
105 E. St. Charles, IL 60174
(630) 962-7000 • oshows.com

Des Plaines Theatre

15% discount on tickets to the theatre
1476 Miner St. Des Plaines, IL 60016
(630) 962-7000 • oshows.com

DOLLYWOOD

Online ticket purchase program
Visit Dollywood Store to save on tickets to your next visit to Dollywood theme park and Dollywood's Splash Country.
Call the DCFB Office for code.

Enchanted Castle

Purchase one regularly priced ride or attraction ticket, get one of equal or lesser value FREE. Discount available in-park only and may be used up to 4 times on the same transaction. Present your DCFB membership card at the Ticket Booth to receive discount.
1103 S. Main St. Lombard, IL 60148
(630) 953-7860 • www.enchanted.com

Fox Bowl

Buy one game, get one free for up to 4 people, subject to lane availability
1101 Butterfield Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189
(630) 690-2400 • www.foxbowl.com

Mighty Oak Athletic

50% off the first month of training
6424 S. Cass Ave., Westmont, IL 60559
(630) 464-9498 • MightyOakAthletic.com

Parkside Lanes

Free shoe rental with purchase of 2 paid games
34W185 Montgomery Rd, Aurora, IL 60504
(630) 898-5678 • www.parkside54.com

Pinot's Palette – St. Charles

15% off (online only). Must use discount code FARMBUREAU at checkout.
3823 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL
(630) 338-0278
www.pinotspalette.com/stcharles

Local Business Discounts

A-Archer Sewer & Plumbing

\$50.00 off any service call
504 W. Edgewood Rd. Lombard, IL 60148
(630) 932-9800 • www.a-archer.net

Downers Grove Training & Grooming

\$100.00 off all training schools and \$10.00 off any grooming
2151 63rd St., Downers Grove, IL 60516
(630) 724-7039

Ferrari Plumbing

\$55.00 off any plumbing service
1727 Stoddard Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 709-7277
www.ferrariplumbing.net

Fresh and Silk Flowers

(Carol Stream Location)
15% off all goods and extras
578 W Army Trail Rd, Carol Stream, IL 60188
(630) 690-7822
www.freshandsilkflowers.com

Gravity Express Limousine

10% off services
gravityexpresslimousine.com
(224) 200-4543

Hills Roofing Inc.

10% off any job up to \$200
6817 Hobson Valley Dr. Ste.112
Woodridge, IL 60517
(630) 963-1555
hillsroofinginc.com

HR Skylights

6817 Hobson Valley Dr. Ste.112
Woodridge, IL 60517
(630) 592-2418
hrskylights.com

Light of the Soil

50% off retail price on all worm castings and compost teas purchased through website, shows, or calling.
2479 Baier Rd, North Aurora, IL 60542
(630) 439-7966

Royal Polish Nail Salon

10% off your scheduled visit
116 Galena St. West Chicago, IL 60185
(630) 876-1202

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Remember to check out all your membership benefits at:
<http://ilfb.abenity.com>

March Meat Order

Pick up is located inside the DCFB office.
More product is available on our website store : DCFB.org

PRODUCT	PRICE	QTY	COST
Hamburger Patties, 5lb	\$35.00		
Bourbon Marinated Steak, 8pc	\$44.00		
Ground Round, 10lb	\$56.00		
Bratwurst Burgers, 5lb	\$35.00		
Top Sirloin Butt Steak, 8pc	\$54.00		
Hot Dogs, 5lb	\$44.00		
Honey BBQ Chicken Breast, 10pc 5 lb	\$37.00		
Plain Chicken Breast, 10pc 5 lb	\$34.00		
Tequila Lime Chicken Breast, 10pc 5 lb	\$37.00		
Bratwurst Links, 20 pc	\$30.00		
Chicken Bacon Ranch Burgers, 5lb	\$37.00		
BBQ Boneless Pork Chops, 10pc	\$34.00		
Plain Boneless Pork Chops, 10pc	\$34.00		
Stuffed Pork Chops, 4pc	\$34.00		
Bone In Pork Chops, 10pc	\$34.00		
Boneless Beef Short Ribs, 5 lb	\$41.00		
Pork Back Ribs, 5 lb	\$32.00		
Italian Sausage Links, 20 pc	\$32.00		

Grand Total \$ _____

Name: _____ FB#: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Send payment payable to : DuPage County Farm Bureau 245 S. Gary Ave.,
Carol Stream, IL 60188

Order Deadline: March 17th

Dates/prices subject to change

Pick up: March 26th at the DCFB office from 8:30am-4pm