

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Alex Jagers is from Princeton, Illinois and a 2022 graduate of Princeton High School. He was a Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship recipient while attending Illinois Valley Community College and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

During his four years of college, Alex gained valuable experiences through his internships with Sweetwater Technologies where he applied chemicals using drones and Kirwan Farms where he assisted with planting and harvesting. He also enjoyed his involvement in several agriculture-related organizations, including Young Leaders, Collegiate Farm Bureau, the Commodity Traders Association, Illini Pullers, and Field and Furrow Club. These experiences allowed him to expand his knowledge of agriculture while building relationships with others involved in the industry.

Alex graduated from the University of Illinois in May 2026 with a bachelor's degree in Farm Management and has been working for Sweetwater Technologies this summer as a drone crew foreman. This fall he plans to begin farming with his uncle and work towards the goal of taking over operation of the family farm. He is also interested in starting an agricultural drone business and using innovative technologies to improve efficiency and sustainability in farming.

Alex is grateful for the support of the Burreau County Farm Bureau Foundation and the donors who make its scholarships possible. The scholarships helped support his education and allowed him to pursue his passion for agriculture while preparing for a career in the farming industry.

REMINDER

FREEZER MEAL PICK UP

If you ordered Freezer Meals from our Foundation fundraiser, mark your calendars!

SEPTEMBER 28

3:00 – 4:30pm

Farm Bureau office: 1407 N Main St, Princeton

YOUNG LEADERS REPRESENT BUREAU COUNTY AT THE STATE FAIR

Six Bureau County Farm Bureau Young Leaders volunteered at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield alongside the Illinois Specialty Growers Association (ISGA). The ISGA Farm Stand, located in the Illinois Department of Agriculture Tent, offers specialty crops grown right here in Illinois throughout the fair. Their menu includes sweet corn, popcorn, watermelon, peaches, apple cider slushies, and ice cream.

Our Young Leaders helped serve and promote these locally grown products and had the opportunity to be featured as a Partner of the Day with ISGA. A big thank you to our Young Leader volunteers and the team at ISGA for this great opportunity!



L-R: Katelyn Stoller, Joe Michlig, Mya Kirgan



L-R: Blaken Strawn, Carli (Wright) Strawn, Addison Hicks

BUREAU COUNTY NUTRIENT STEWARDSHIP FIELD DAY RECAP

Bureau County Farm Bureau, Illinois Farm Bureau, and the University of Illinois hosted a Nutrient Stewardship Field Day on July 27 at Chris and Julie VonHolten's farm in rural Walnut. Those in attendance learned about the latest updates from data collected by U of I researchers Dr. Andrew Margenot, Luke Bergschneider, and Natacha De Gracia, and had the opportunity to travel to the fields to view some of the systems in place to collect the data.

The field day covered on-farm field-to-stream monitoring for agronomic and environmental goals, the value of monitoring nutrient losses in real-world conditions, and nitrogen balances in corn-soybean production and the role of biological N fixation.

A special shoutout to Caseelynn Shimmin with the Bureau Valley FFA for coming to grill lunch for everyone. Her help was greatly appreciated!



L-R: Luke Bergschneider, Chris VonHolten, Andrew Margenot, Natacha De Gracia



Alan Ottens checks out one of the many tile monitoring systems set up to monitor field-to-stream conditions.

FARM BUREAU DUES RENEWAL NOTICES COMING SOON WITH AN IMPORTANT CHANGE TO NOTE

A friendly reminder that Farm Bureau dues renewal notices will be hitting mailboxes in early October. Call, stop by, or mail in your dues payment!

*An important change to note:

The cancellation window has shortened from 120 days to 60 days. This means you will have only 60 days past the December 1 due date to pay your dues before your membership is canceled.