

EDGAR COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FINDINGS

Environmentally Sustainable Crop Field Nutrient Study



The Edgar County Community Foundation board presents a check for over \$9,000 to help support the innovative high school student study of plant nutrient use and excess deposits in farm fields and adjacent waterways. The project is directed by Dr. Howard Brown. Illini FS, other agribusinesses and local landowners are cooperating in this pilot project which is now underway at Paris High School. Students enrolled in vocational agriculture and chemistry classes take and analyze soil samples from nearby cropland, compare the results with professional soil lab data, and begin to build a history of fertilizer application related to crop need. Dr. Brown hopes to offer the opportunity to join this project for other high school ag programs in Edgar County.

Pictured from left at the recent ECCF Farmers' Breakfast are, back row, Foundation directors Harry Frost, Bill Minnis, Aaron Phipps, Ned Jenison, Rob Anderson, board president Brad Tucker, David Sullivan, Bob Morris and Susan Saxton; front row Dr. Brown and Warren Sperry, ECCF development manager. Dr. Brown is Manager of Agronomic Information and Environmental Stewardship for Illini FS, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois.

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