

SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



A note from our president...



Welcome to the first newsletter from the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices (CBMP). My name is Chris Hausman. I farm in Champaign County. I serve as a director on the Illinois Farm Bureau board and as president of the Illinois CBMP.

CBMP's goal is to provide useful and timely information for Illinois farmers as we work to protect and improve water quality in Illinois, through the use of best management practices.

The Council is composed of farm organizations and allied agribusinesses. It includes the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Corn Growers Association, Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association, Syngenta Crop Protection, GROWMARK and Monsanto.

As a farmer, I don't use the same practices as my parents or my grandparents. I adapt because doing so helps me grow more, and in many cases provides an economic boost. It's the right thing to do. Adopting best management practices helps ensure an abundant, clean water supply will be available to future generations.

I hope you enjoy our CBMP newsletter. If you have comments or questions, feel free to contact us at IllinoisCBMP@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Chris

ILLINOIS FARMERS: TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER NUTRIENT LOSS REDUCTION

Dan Schaefer, director of Nutrient Stewardship, the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, provides [his four best tips for farmers this month](#).

FALL MANURE APPLICATION TIME: PAY ATTENTION

If you've got "liquid gold," it's time to start pumping. [Here's what you need to know](#).

HOW TO MEET NLR'S GOALS WITH COVER CROPS

Learn tips from the Illinois Soybean Association's Sustainability Showcase and how you can use them for nutrient management on your farm.

IFCA LAUNCHES 4R CODE OF PRACTICE AND 4R PLEDGE

Learn about the code and take the pledge to reduce nutrient losses, assure profitability and protect the environment and avoid unnecessary regulations.

CBMP ENDORSES NUTRIENT BMPs - STOP AND PAY ATTENTION!

Check out the new poster that will help retailers and advisers raise awareness and educate ways to reduce nutrient loss.
