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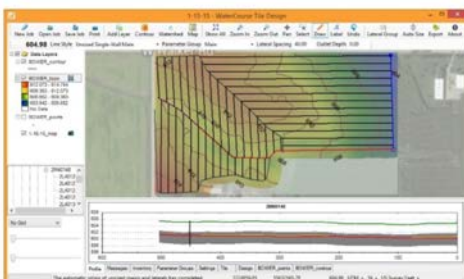
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Meeting Notice

Annual Summer Member Meeting
June 27, 2015 - 10 am

Lasata Winery

Route 33 - Lawrenceville, IL

Brief Board Meeting at 9:50 am

(See map & directions on page 19)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE


Hello to all from Southern Illinois.

Spring certainly has arrived, along with all the rush and the showers, and now the mud for many of us. In our travels recently Judy and I have seen lots of water standing on corn fields and by the looks of what can be seen from the highways, there was considerable erosion. Lots of work to be done yet to maintain our most valuable natural resource, the soil.

The summer picnic and meeting are just around the corner and Norm Kocher has put together a good program in the Lawrenceville and Vincennes area, an interesting part of Illinois. The golf outings are being planned for Area 6 and Area 3 and I hope everyone will have an opportunity to attend these good time events.

Due to an effort by the State of Illinois EPA we have been introduced to a program called the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS), a plan to clean up the Gulf Hypoxia, more specifically reduce the Nitrate and Phosphate loading to the waters leaving Illinois. At this point all the Ag organizations have engaged this plan and are in the process of developing research facilities and promoting exhibitions to demonstrate practices that will assist with this clean-up effort. ILICA has been approached by several of these organizations to assist with construction of these research and development facilities. Just to name a couple, the Illinois Corn Growers, the Wetlands Initiative group and Dr. Cooke with University of Illinois. Partnering with these groups will offer the ILICA the opportunity to be viewed as an environmentally responsible group of contractors and the opportunity to raise some funds with exhibitions. In addition, we have again been approached by the Farm Progress Show to do a tiling demo during the show. The fact that these groups contact us and call us back indicates we do quality work and they enjoy working with this organization. Considering all the Midwest environmental issues being considered in other neighboring States, I think we need to be building on this positive image of the ILICA organization. The Illinois Farm Bureau and The Council of Best Management Practices has announce a roadshow to introduce this Strategy to the public. There are about a dozen meetings scheduled thru out the state, about half during the day and half during the evening. I think it would be beneficial to attend one of these meetings.

The summer Drainage Workshop is being planned as usual and most likely will include some sessions on best management practices that can help with the NLRS discussed above. We always appreciate all the support we



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Membership meetings are being planned and are a must to retain our existing members and to solicit new members constantly. Janet, Wayne, Norm and Jerry always do a great job, but they could use some help from all of us. Each and every member should be constantly watching and thinking about a new member to help with growing this great organization. The Board is presently discussing ways to improve on the ILICA certification program. We would like to develop this program to include more members and to increase the merits of this program.


As always, work safely and have a productive construction season. Hope to see all of you at some of these coming events.


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 *** Outing sponsors that also purchase a foursome receive special pricing on golf & dinner registration; **buy 3 get one free!**



2015 ANNUAL PICNIC & MEMBER MEETING

June 27th, 2015

Lasata Winery - Highway 33, Lawrenceville, IL

Please RSVP by June 20th

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Name/Company Name: _____

- Yes, I/we will attend the member meeting at 10 am . # _____
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The annual picnic and member meeting is set for June 27th at Lasata Winery. The meeting will be held at 10 am followed by lunch at noon. After lunch everyone is welcome to tour any of the choices listed below before the group dinner at Dogwood BBQ Restaurant in Vincennes.

Below is a list of Locations, Hours & Prices:



Indiana Military Museum, 715 S. Sixth St., Vincennes, IN 47591
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Don't forget about the group Dinner at the Dogwood BBQ Buffet in Vincennes, IN
Hope to see you all there!

This notice is to inform all officers, directors, alternate directors, chairmen and members of standing committees, and all active members of the Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association, Inc. that the next ILICA members meeting will be held on June 27, 2015 at 10 am at LaSata Winery.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ILICA LADIES PAGE

Eat Your Water!

People who work out in the heat need more hydration than most, so why not consider some of these ideas for lunch bucket snacks!

Cucumber - Water content: 96.7%

This summer veggie—which has the highest water content of any solid food—is perfect in salads, or sliced up and served with some hummus, says Keri Gans, RD, author of *The Small Change Diet*. Want to pump up cucumber's hydrating power even more? Try blending it with nonfat yogurt, mint, and ice cubes to make cucumber soup. "Soup is always hydrating, but you may not want to eat something hot in the summertime," Gans says. "Chilled cucumber soup, on the other hand, is so refreshing and delicious any time of year."



Iceberg lettuce - Water content: 95.6%

Iceberg lettuce tends to get a bad rap, nutrition-wise. Health experts often recommend shunning it in favor of darker greens like spinach or romaine lettuce, which contain higher amounts of fiber and nutrients such as folate and vitamin K. However, crispy iceberg has the highest water content of any lettuce, followed by butterhead, green leaf, and romaine varieties. So when the temperature rises, ditch the tortillas and hamburger buns and use iceberg leaves as a wrap for tacos and burgers.

Celery - Water content: 95.4%



That urban legend about celery having negative calories isn't quite true, but it's pretty close. Like all foods that are high in water, celery has very few calories—just 6 calories per stalk. And its one-two punch of fiber and water helps to fill you up and curb your appetite. This lightweight

veggie isn't short on nutrition, however. Celery contains folate and vitamins A, C, and K. And thanks in part to its high water content, celery neutralizes stomach acid and is often recommended as a natural remedy for heartburn and acid reflux.

Radishes - Water content: 95.3%

These refreshing root vegetables should be a fixture in your spring and summer salads. They provide a burst of spicy-sweet flavor—and color!—in a



According to the old rule of thumb, you're supposed to drink eight glasses of water per day but you don't have to drink all that water. Roughly 20% of our daily H₂O intake comes from solid foods, especially fruits and vegetables. It's still important to drink plenty of water—especially in the summertime—but you can also quench your thirst with these 15 hugely hydrating foods, all of which are at least 90% water by weight.

small package, and more importantly they're filled with antioxidants such as catechin (also found in green tea).

Tomatoes - Water content: 94.5%

Sliced and diced tomatoes will always be a mainstay of salads, sauces, and sandwiches, but don't forget about sweet cherry and grape varieties, which make an excellent hydrating snack, Gans says. "They're great to just pop in your mouth, maybe with some nuts or some low-sodium cheese," she says. "You get this great explosion of flavor when you bite into them." Having friends over? Skewer grape tomatoes, basil leaves, and small chunks of mozzarella on toothpicks for a quick and easy appetizer.

Green peppers - Water content: 93.9%



Bell peppers of all shades have a high water content, but green peppers lead the pack, just edging out the red and yellow varieties (which are about 92% water). And contrary to popular belief, green peppers contain just as many antioxidants as their slightly sweeter

siblings. Gans says. "Peppers are great to slice up when you get home from work, while you're making or waiting for dinner."

Cauliflower - Water content: 92.1%

Don't let cauliflower's pale complexion fool you: In addition to having lots of water, these unassuming florets are packed with vitamins and phytonutrients that have been shown to help lower cholesterol and fight cancer, including breast cancer. "Break them up and add them to a salad for a satisfying crunch," Gans suggests. "You can even skip the croutons!"



Watermelon - Water content: 91.5% water



It's fairly obvious that watermelon is full of, well, water, but this juicy melon is also among the richest sources of lycopene, a cancer-fighting antioxidant found in red fruits and vegetables. In fact, watermelon contains

more lycopene than raw tomatoes—about 12 milligrams per wedge, versus 3 milligrams per medium-sized tomato. Although this melon is plenty hydrating on its own, Gans loves to mix it with water in the summertime. "Keep a water pitcher in the fridge with watermelon cubes in the bottom," she says. "It's really refreshing, and great incentive to drink more water overall."

ILICA LADIES PAGE

Eat Your Water! (cont.)

Spinach - Water content: 91.4% water

Iceberg lettuce may have a higher water content, but spinach is usually a better bet overall. Piling raw spinach leaves on your sandwich or salad provides nearly as much built-in hydration, with an added nutritional punch. Spinach is rich in lutein, potassium, fiber, and brain-boosting folate, and just one cup of raw leaves contains 15% of your daily intake of vitamin E—an important antioxidant for fighting off the damaging molecules known as free radicals.



Star fruit - Water content: 91.4% water

This tropical fruit, also known as carambola, comes in sweet and tart varieties and has a juicy texture similar to pineapple. Its eye-catching shape looks great in a fruit salad or as an edible garnish on the rim of a summer cocktail, and as an added bonus it's rich in antioxidants, especially epicatechin—a heart-healthy compound also found in red wine, dark chocolate, and green tea. **One note of caution:** People with kidney problems should avoid star fruit because of its high levels of oxalic acid.



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Strawberries - Water content: 91.0%

All berries are good foods for hydration, but juicy red strawberries are easily the best of the bunch. Raspberries and blueberries both hover around 85% water, while blackberries are only slightly better at 88.2%.



"I love strawberries blended in a smoothie or mixed with plain nonfat yogurt—another hydrating food," Gans says. Strawberries add natural sweetness to the yogurt, she adds, and the combo of carbohydrates, fiber, and protein make a great post-workout recovery snack.

Broccoli - Water content: 90.7%

Like its cousin cauliflower, raw broccoli adds a satisfying crunch to a salad. But its nutritional profile—lots of fiber, potassium, vitamin A, and vitamin C—is slightly more impressive. What's more, broccoli is the only cruciferous vegetable (a category that contains cabbage and kale, in addition to cauliflower) with a significant amount of sulforaphane, a potent compound that boosts the body's protective enzymes and flushes out cancer-causing chemicals.



Grapefruit - Water content: 90.5%

This juicy, tangy citrus fruit can help lower cholesterol and shrink your waistline, research suggests. In one study, people who ate one grapefruit a day lowered their bad (LDL) cholesterol by 15.5% and their triglycerides by 27%. In another, eating half a grapefruit—roughly 40 calories—before each meal helped dieters lose about three and a half pounds over 12 weeks. Researchers say that compounds in the fruit help fuel fat burn and stabilize blood sugar, therefore helping to reduce cravings.

Baby carrots - Water content: 90.4%

A carrot's a carrot, right? Not when it comes to water content. As it turns out, the baby-sized carrots that have become a staple in supermarkets and lunchboxes contain more water than full-size carrots (which are merely 88.3% water).

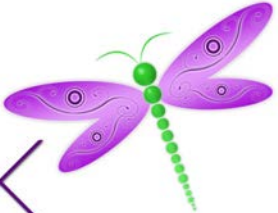


Cantaloupe - Water content: 90.2%

This succulent melon provides a big nutritional payoff for very few calories. One six-ounce serving—about one-quarter of a melon—contains just 50 calories but delivers a full 100% of your recommended daily intake of vitamins A and C.




Source: Health.com - Amanda MacMillan



THANK YOU ...

Marie Bunting would like to extend her sincere thanks for the love, support and comfort she and her family received from the ILICA family after the sudden loss of her sister, Kay.

Whether you attended the celebration of life service, sent a card or called with condolences, each act of kindness has meant more than you will ever know.



Thank you,
The Marie Bunting Family



RCPP FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR 2016

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will direct up to \$235 million to improve the nation's water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support wildlife habitat and protect agricultural viability. Fiscal year 2016 funds are available through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), NRCS' newest conservation tool. Pre-proposals are due to USDA by July 8, 2015.

RCPP, created by the 2014 Farm Bill, empowers local leaders to work with multiple partners—such as private companies, local governments, universities, non-profit groups and other non-government partners—along with farmers and forest landowners to design solutions that work best for them. Local partners and the federal government both invest funding and manpower to projects, maximizing their impact. This is second round of projects funded through RCPP. The first round offered funds and support to three Illinois projects, all of which finalized formal agreements so work can officially begin.

According to Illinois State Conservationist Ivan Dozier, "We had great response for the first year of RCPP but we were all still learning details of the new program. Now that we've been through the process once and gained experience with all aspects of developing goals and roles, I believe we'll see

even more promising and innovative proposals for RCPP in 2016."

"What's powerful about this program is the potential these partnerships can offer. We know farmers can make changes that restore or improve their land and NRCS can assist them. But when you add even more funds, more skills, more ideas and volunteers, and you target your efforts, the implications are incredible. That's what RCPP can do. And we can do it right here in Illinois by bringing the right people together to make wise choices that have a positive effect on the land, the water, and on Ag operations."

In January, USDA announced \$394 million in awards for 2015 RCPP applications (which combined funding for fiscal years 2014 and 2015). For 2016, there will be up to \$235 million in RCPP funds nationwide to invest in conservation on private land. Dozier hopes to see Illinois proposals that bring solutions and funds to Illinois farms and Illinois' precious natural resources. NRCS is now accepting new proposals for RCPP. Pre-proposals are due July 8. For more information on applying, visit the www.nrcs.usda.gov and click on the big box that says RCPP.

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IOWA LICA SUMMER FIELD DAYS JULY 29TH - 30TH



“Year of the Pond”

In the latest Iowa LICA newsletter, it was announced that this summer’s field day will focus on a constructed pond project that will only be partially done after this years event.

Iowa LICA contractors will start the pond construction 10 days to 2 weeks prior to the field day to install all the pipe and core trench. The process will be filmed to document the entire project so it can be shown to others well after the field day wraps up.

This is being touted as the “best show yet” so mark your calendars for the date and plan on joining our LICA neighbors to the west for this exciting project. Iowa LICA has made many improvements to the site during these events, so there’s already a lot to see!



Rooms for the Expo have been blocked at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Marshalltown, Iowa ... but don’t wait too late to reserve your room. Room rate is \$79 + tax per night.

From I-80 W: Take US 6/IA-14 exit 164, toward Newton/Monroe. Turn right onto US-6E/IA-14N and continue to follow IA-14N for 9.7 miles. Turn left onto CR-F17/Highway F17 W/IA-223 and follow 2 miles. Turn right onto Highway S62 N/CR-S62 and continue on CR-S62 for 8 miles. Turn right onto 290th St/CR-E63 and the farm is on the left in 1/2 mile.

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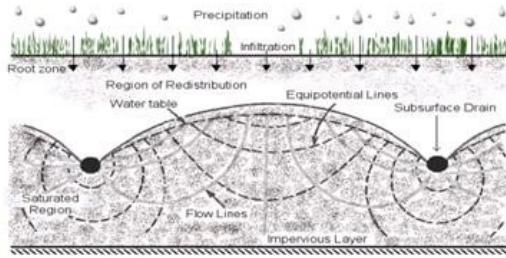
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Drainage Water Capture and Reuse For Claypan Soils

Source: Kelly Nelson, Research Agronomist and Professor, University of Missouri Greenley Research Center, Novelty

Economic situations have caused several farmers to re-evaluate production systems that maximize yield and maintain environmental sustainability. Agricultural drainage is not a new concept; however, a drainage water capture from the subsurface drain tiles and reuse system has been used to improved water quality and increased production on drought prone claypan soils. Subsurface drainage water from agricultural lands contributes to the quantity and quality of water in receiving streams when properly implemented water management systems are adopted.

Upland, flat claypan soils commonly have a seasonal perched water table from November to May which is caused by an impermeable underlying clay layer that restricts internal drainage. Research was initiated in 2001 at the MUDS (MU Drainage and Subirrigation) site near Bethel, MO to determine the suitability of claypan soils for a drainage water capture and reuse system, and to evaluate the effect of the system on corn and soybean grain yields at different drain tile spacings compared to non-drained soil. Over the years, additional sub-plots were added to evaluate response of soybean cultivars, corn hybrids and N management systems to the water capture and reuse system.

Research has evaluated drainage only and drainage water capture and reuse (subirrigation) systems when drain tiles were installed at 20 and 40 ft spacings in a Putnam silt loam. Water level control structures are generally placed in controlled drainage mode in June and subirrigated through the drain tiles using an electric pump to lift water from the lake to the water level control structures (Figure 1).

Water from the drain tiles flows into the lake (north) while the system is in drainage mode. Water is then reused through the drain tiles for subirrigation and the water level in the soil profile is maintained using a

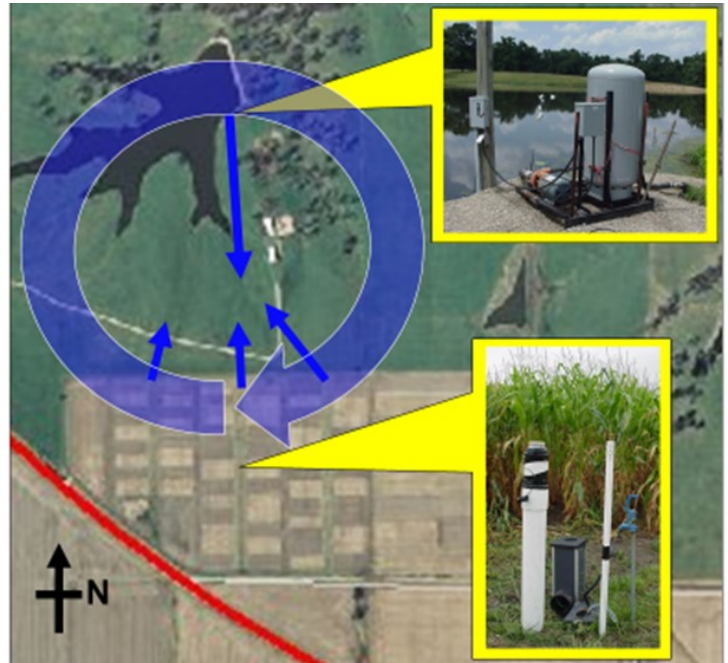


Figure 1. Water capture and reuse at the MU Drainage and Subirrigation site near Bethel. An electric pump (top right) is used to lift water to the water level control structures (bottom right) when subirrigating. Water level control structures are used to reduce nitrate-N and ortho-P loss during the winter months, and managed the water table level in the soil profile.

water level control structure. This semi-closed loop system should reduce nutrient loss greater than a free flowing drainage system. Drainage water management has reduced nitrate-N loss up to 85% and ortho-P loss up to 80% in a claypan soil. Computer models estimated the optimal drain tile spacing was 20 ft for drainage and subirrigation purposes. In 2009 and 2011, a 40 ft spacing was too wide to effectively drain these soils (Figure 2) and stand losses were observed in 5 to 6 rows between the drain tiles.

Crop production has benefited from timely water removal using the drainage system as well as water reuse through subirrigation. On average, soybean planting date has been delayed about 2 days for the non-drained con-

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Figure 2. Corn plant stand above the drain tiles on a 40 ft drain tile spacing and 5 to 6 rows between the drain tiles in 2009 and 2011.

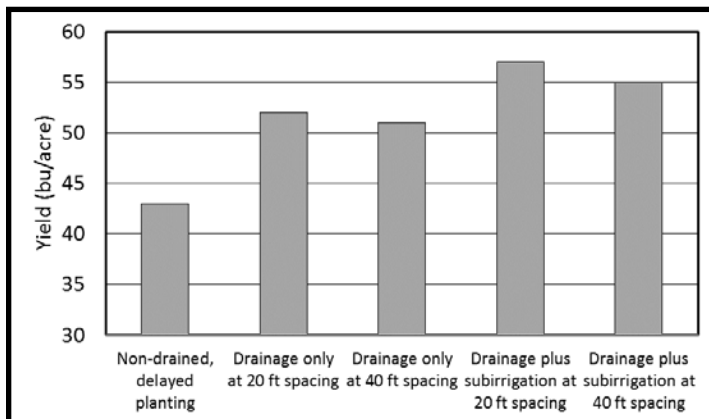


Figure 4. Corn grain yield response to 20 and 40 ft drain tile spacings operated as drainage only and drainage plus subirrigation systems from 2002 to 2012.

control compared to drained soils. Average soybean yields have increased 9 bu/acre with drainage alone compared to the non-drained, delayed planting control (Figure 3). Similarly, drainage plus subirrigation increased average soybean yields up to 14 bu/acre compared to the same non-drained control.

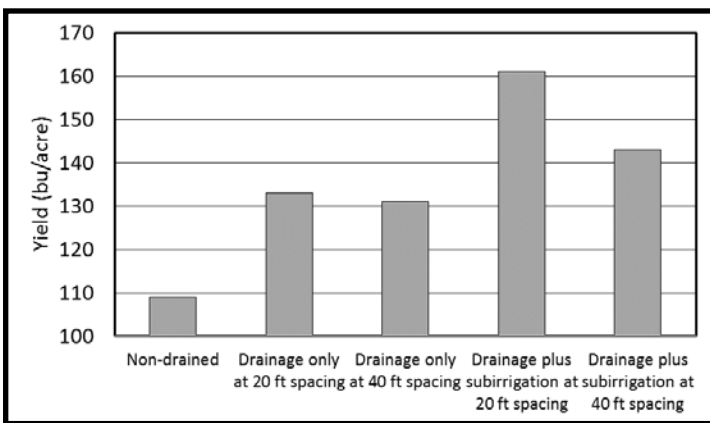


Figure 3. Soybean yield response from 2002 to 2013 to a drainage and drainage plus subirrigation systems at 20 and 40 ft drain tile spacings.

Corn grain yields have increased on average up to 24 bu/acre while water reuse has increased average yields up to 52 bu/acre when compared with non-drained, non-irrigated soils planted on the same day (Figure 4). Grain yield variation may occur with a subirrigation system from above the drain tile to between the drain tiles under extremely dry conditions (Figure 5). This has been due to limited water storage in the soil profile

due to the shallow impermeable claypan layer that is 20 to 24 inches deep at this location. This can affect lateral water flow from the drain tiles when the system is subirrigating the crop. A narrower drain tile spacing would reduce grain yield variability, but the cost-effectiveness of a narrower spacing (< 20 ft) needs to be determined. The utility of drainage systems in conjunction with the capture and reuse of drainage water is a win-win situation for crop production systems and the environment. Additional information on this and related research is available at: <http://greenley.cafnr.org/muds/>.



Figure 5. SoDrainage plus subirrigation (left) and non-drained controls (right) planted on March 16, 2012 (top) and April 26, 2012 (bottom). Each ear on the left was removed from a row above the drain tile, 2.5 ft from the drain tile, 5 ft from the drain tile, 10 ft from the drain tile, 5 ft from the drain tile, 2.5 ft from the drain tile, and above the drain tile.

THE STARS ARE LINING UP FOR ILICA SUMMER FIELD DAYS

It's been a long time coming, but things are finally moving forward on at least one of the many projects ILICA has been invited to participate in. As with every construction project, things are never as easy as they should be, so getting plans, commitments, and board approval has been par for that course. But it appears most of those hurdles have been crossed and the real work is beginning.

The Wetlands Initiative group has been working long and hard along with Erika Turner, NRCS District Conservationist from the Princeton field office, to develop a wetland plan designed to process tile water and what rain falls into it. They will have the ability to monitor how this practice impacts nutrient loss, making this a very timely and important project, given the hot topic of Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs). The show committee is putting their collective noses to the grindstone to secure the signed contract and locate the needed equipment for this project.



Thacker wetland building site near Ohio Illinois.

And it appears there is still a chance that there will be a project or perhaps even two, during this year's Farm Progress Show. You'll have to stay tuned for more detail on that but information will be posted on the website as soon as possible.



Since things are starting to happen pretty fast on these projects and other events are being rescheduled for that reason, updated information will be placed on the website as details are finalized.

The ILICA office will also send out emails and mailings as needed.

The July drainage workshop registration and sponsorship forms will also be mailed since the next newsletter will be published too late for attendees to respond.

And as always, please feel free to contact the ILICA office at (309) 446-3700 and talk to either Lauri (lauri@illica.net) or Janet (janet@illica.net) if you have any questions about any of the scheduled ILICA events mentioned in the *ILICA News*.



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SUMMER DRAINAGE WORKSHOP MOVED TO JULY 21ST - 22ND

August is the new February and now July is getting as crowded as any of those months! Juggling the summer events has been a bit of a challenge in the past, but with the building project opportunities ILICA has been approached with, other events, although important in their own right, have been re-scheduled to make room for the more weather related components of ILICA's summer timetable.

However, planning began for the workshop prior to and during the May board meeting conference call so after checking with the required facilitators and Richland Community College, the initial plan continues, just on Tuesday and Wednesday July 21 - 22, instead of the first week of August.

The tentative outline for this year's workshop is:

Illinois Drainage Law

- Outlet locations
- Drainage Disputes
- What happens when a ditch needs to be dug and it will impact another property?
- Do you need permission to tie into a district main?

Drainage System Design

- Reading Contour Maps (perhaps help from the Geography Department)
- Designing for Drainage Water Management
- Designing for Sub-Surface Irrigation
- Internet design tools. ex. Google Earth, Drop Box, Smart Phone Apps.
- Designing along contours

Best Practices: or How to install:

- Control structures
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Friday, June 19, 2015

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Summer Member Meeting & Picnic
Lasata Winery - Lawrenceville, IL

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Member Meeting - 10 am

Farmers Market - 8 am - Noon

Catered lunch @ LaSata Winery - Noon

Tours, shopping etc. - 1 - 5 pm

6 pm Group Dinner - Dogwood BBQ Buffet - Vincennes, IN

Summer Drainage Workshop

Richland Community College

July 21 - 22, 2015

Tentative Topics

Illinois Drainage Law, Drainage System Design,
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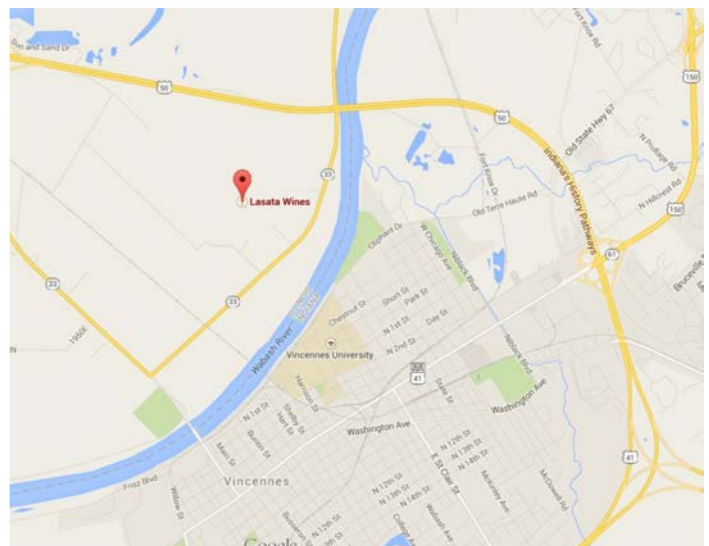
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2015 NATIONAL ICA SUMMER MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 14

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Caterpillar Motor Grader Tour

6:00 pm Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

8:30 am - 3:00 pm Dillard's Private Showing

8:30 am - 3:00 pm Tour Bayou Meto Water Mgmt. Project & Hands-on Equip. Demo.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Seminars:TBA

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Rock Town Distillery

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Executive Directors

5:00 pm **Grand Prix Rubber Duck Race Sponsored by IMC Scrapers**

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Roaring 20's Associates' Night

FRIDAY, JULY 17

7:00 am - 7:30 am Devotions

7:00 am - 7:30 am Committee Chairs

7:30 am Opening Breakfast

Committee Meetings

8:45 am - 9:45 am Education/Tech
Legislative
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10:00 am - 11:00 am By- Laws
Conservation, Exc.
Ladies & Devotions
Associates

11:15 am - 12:15 pm Convention
Long-Term/
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On-Site Waste
Safety/Insurance

FRIDAY, JULY 17 (CONTINUED)

12:30 pm Lunch

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm Membership Policy

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm Region Meetings

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Budget

5:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Mark Twain Riverboat Sponsored by Case**

SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:00 am - 8:30 am Devotions


9:15 am - 10:30 am Board Meeting

12:00 pm Lunch

1:45 pm - 9:00 pm Afternoon in Hot Springs & Murry's Dinner
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Weds. July 15
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Water Mgmt. Project/Demo. No. Attending _____
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Thurs. July 16
 Rock Town Distillery No. Attending _____
 Cost \$ 20 per person Total \$ _____

Sat. July 18
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