



## **Cargill's Commitment to Illinois**

- The Cargill Grain Company of Illinois was formed in 1931.
- Today, Cargill provides nearly 3,000 jobs in 26 communities throughout Illinois.

### **Cargill has locations in the following communities:**

Beardstown	Bloomington	Chicago	Columbia	Dallas City
Deerfield	East St. Louis	Flora	Florence	Gibson City
Gilman	Goodfield	Havana	Hennepin	Lacon
Meredosia	Morris	Naperville	New Boston	Ottawa
Paris	Pontoon Beach	Seneca	Spring Valley	Tuscola
Woodridge				

### **Supporting Programs for Youth**

- Illinois locations have supported seven AFS exchange students through Cargill's scholarship program.
- Cargill is a leading sponsor of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, having contributed more than \$1.2 million nationwide since 1992. Cargill employees and businesses participate in farm safety activities in several Illinois communities.
- Cargill has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to college-bound Illinois youth.
- Cargill received the *Illinois 4-H Partners Award* for its ongoing support of 4-H groups in the state.

### **Improving Quality of Life**

- As part of its commitment to reducing solid waste, Cargill Pork in Beardstown developed a process to turn the solid waste from the plant into compost. The composting project has decreased the amount of waste Cargill sends to limited landfill space in Illinois by 58% — or 2.7 million pounds per year.
- In the last five years, Cargill businesses and employees have contributed nearly \$600,000 to United Ways across Illinois.
- Cargill donated \$50,000 to the Beardstown police department for a new dispatch center.
- Several Cargill businesses along the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers have contributed volunteer time and financial resources to support Living Lands and Waters, an organization aimed at preserving the banks of the nation's rivers.
- Several Cargill businesses in Illinois have teamed up to fully fund and build a house with Habitat for Humanity. In the last five years, Cargill has donated almost \$70,000 to Habitat for Humanity and has helped build eight homes for people in need.
- Cargill locations support 4-H Healthy Lifestyles grants promoting nutrition and fitness.

### **Supporting Education**

- Since 1996, Cargill has committed more than \$1 million to the University of Illinois for academic programs in agriculture, engineering and business.
- Cargill Pork pledged \$150,000 to Beardstown High School – including funding for new science labs and a mobile science lab, helping to bring science curriculum to local students.
- In partnership with Lincoln Land Community College, Cargill offers English as a Second Language classes to its employees and their families.
- In the last five years, Cargill has provided scholarships to more than 130 college-bound students in Illinois.

Cargill is an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services with 149,000 employees in 63 countries. Cargill contributes more than \$36 million a year globally to civic and charitable organizations that help nourish the people and possibilities in communities where its employees live and work.