



# Kane County

## KC Agriculture Committee

### Agenda

Government Center  
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A  
Geneva, IL 60134

JUBY, Roth, Allan, Lenert, Penesis, Sanchez, Williams and ex-officio Pierog (County Chair)

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**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**10:30 AM**

**County Board Room**

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#### **2026 Committee Goals**

##### **1. Farmland Protection**

Oversee the implementation of Kane County's Farmland Protection Program, working in concert with the Farmland Protection Commission, with a focus on increasing total acreage preserved for farming, improving access to farmland for future generations, and exploring new conservation strategies.

##### **2. Growing for Kane**

Direct activities aligned with the Growing for Kane Program that support Kane County's food growers with funding, technical expertise, and policy improvements to make healthy, locally grown foods more accessible.

##### **3. Funding Advocacy**

Advocate for funding to advance initiatives that support farm businesses and farm practices that strengthen Kane County's agricultural sector.

##### **4. Staff Oversight**

Provide oversight of County staff administering projects and programs that address the needs of farmland preservationists, agricultural businesses, food assistance organizations, and residents with limited access to fresh grown foods.

##### **5. Raising Awareness of Agriculture**

Raise community awareness of the value of agriculture in Kane County for providing economic benefits, opportunities for land stewardship, a sustainable source of healthy foods, and maintaining a historic rural heritage.

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- 1. Call To Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Remote Attendance Requests**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2025**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Partners**

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- A.** Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
- B.** Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Updates (Kat Gerdts, Administrative Coordinator)
- C.** Northern Illinois Food Bank Updates

**7. Presentations/Announcements**

- A.** Farmland Protection Program Update (Sarahy Castro, Farmland Preservation Administrator)
- B.** Growing for Kane Project Summary and Consultant RFQ (Matt Tansley, Planner)

**8. New Business**

- A.** Chicago Tribune: Livestock Methane Article, Author- Adriana Perez

**9. Reports Placed On File****10. Executive Session (if needed)****11. Adjournment**