



# 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, March 19, 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: February 19, 2026**
  - 5. Public Comment**
  - 6. Partners: Presentations/Announcements**
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- A. Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
- B. Northern Illinois Food Bank Updates (Rob Desio, Senior Manager of Public Policy and Benefits)
- C. Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Updates (Kat Gerdts, Administrative Coordinator)
- D. Small Farmer Needs Assessment (Alexis Barnes, Extension Educator)

**7. New Business**

- A. Proclaiming April 10, 2026, as the 25th Anniversary of the Farmland Protection Program
- B. **Resolution:** Authorizing the Approval of Qualified Vendors to Provide Technical Services for Food and Agriculture Projects in Kane County
- C. **Resolution:** Authorizing a Contract with [Consultants TBD] to Provide Food and Agriculture Project Consulting Services

**8. Reports Placed On File**

**9. Executive Session (if needed)**

**10. Adjournment**