

4-H teaches budding ag scientists about cover crops

For over 100 years, the 4-H Youth Development Program serving Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties has been preparing young people for careers in agriculture. As a part of the University of

Illinois Extension, 4-H has always been in a unique position to take cutting edge agricultural research into local communities – and this legacy continues today!

Now, in partnership with Illinois State

Participants will dissect plants, conduct soil experiments, explore biodiesel, take a field trip to real biology labs, and more!



YOUR HAVANA CERTIFIED SOLUTION PRO TEAM WISHES YOU A SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE SPRING PLANTING SEASON!!!



ALISON RUTH
(217) 430-4952 cell
(309) 543-4399 office

HAVANA OFFICE
(309) 543-3351

University's Center for Math, Science, and Technology, local youth have the opportunity to assist with this cutting-edge research in the 4-H Cover Crop Scientist Special Interest (SPIN) Club.

This new SPIN Club will allow youth to investigate the role that cover crops can play in our ecosystems and our economy.

Participants will dissect plants, conduct soil experiments, explore biodiesel, take a field trip to real biology labs, and more! Plus, 4-H is a great way for young people to make new friends, build their leadership skills, and make a difference in their community.

This program is supported by the IPRE-FER project (Integrated Pennycress Research Enabling Farm and Energy Resilience), a grantee of the USDA's

National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Any young person, age 10-14, is welcome to join.

Meetings will be held at the Farmington Fire Station (49 N Cone St, Farmington) from 10 to 11:30 am.

Meeting dates are as follows: Mar 21, Mar 28, Apr 4, Apr 18, Apr 25, and Apr 26.

To learn more about joining 4-H or the 4-H Cover Crop SPIN Club, visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/fmpt> or call 309.347.6614

About 4-H: Illinois 4-H strives to help youth learn skills for living. University of Illinois Extension provides 4-H programs in every county in Illinois. Illinois 4-H aims to impact the lives of 200,000 youth each year through sustained learning clubs and groups and short-term programming

STEEL SUPPLIES

PROUD

To be a part of the community!

L. KAHN & SON, Inc.
533 South Water Street • Havana
309-543-3371

FACTS ABOUT MASON COUNTY

TAKEN FROM THE 2018 USDA CENSUS OF AG

Well Mason County farmers provide safe and healthy food for 94,080 local people!

TOTAL POPULATION
13,507

MARKET VALUE OF AG PRODUCTS SOLD
\$201,167,000

NUMBER OF FARMS
490

SIZE OF FARMS	1-499 acres	324
	500-999 acres	64
	1,000+	102

LAND IN FARMS
289,841 ACRES

PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS BY PRIMARY OCCUPATION

FARMING	286
OTHER	204

Visit: <http://www.specialtygrowers.org/prairie-bounty.html> for a list of local farmers' markets and to learn about what foods are produced and grown in Illinois

127 S. High St., P.O. Box 318 / Havana IL 62644 / 309-543-4451