

## **Local Foods Production in Champaign County**

Thursday, September 19

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[Champaign County Economic Development Corporation](#)

1817 S. Neil Street, Suite 100

Champaign, IL 61820

Plenty of Free Parking!

Guest: Mr. Brad Uken, Manager, FBCMChampaign County Farm BureauThe Champaign County Farm Bureau along with several other partners including the University of Illinois Extension, Parkland College, the Illinois Farm Bureau, and the Village of Rantoul among others have been exploring the idea of creating a research and education facility in the Village of Rantoul for local foods producers.

Additionally, the group is exploring a Cooperative system concept to connect local foods farmers with land for farming and a potential processing facility all within the Village of Rantoul on land of the former Chanute Air Force base. This project has the ability to have a positive economic impact on the Village along with the region, help develop a strong sustainable local foods network in the area and change the eating lifestyles of those in the area.

Free Lunch provided by [Pekara Bakery!](http://www.champaigncountynet.org/)<http://www.champaigncountynet.org/>