

**Delaware County Farmers'  
Institute and Farm Bureau records  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Ball State University Archives and Special Collections
<b>Title</b>	Delaware County Farmers' Institute and Farm Bureau records
<b>Date</b>	1919-1943
<b>Extent</b>	0.4 Cubic feet 1 box
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Delaware County Farmers' Institute and Farm Bureau records, Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries

## **Administrative History**

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The Delaware County Farmers' Institute was established to improve the lives of Indiana's rural population and provide educational programs and exhibitions for county residents focused on agriculture and rural life. The organization also encouraged cooperative interaction between rural and urban residents in the county. County Farmers' Institutes in the state were supported by the Indiana Farmers' Institute, established in the 1880s, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The Indiana Farm Bureau was founded on March 25, 1919 as the Indiana Federation of Farmers' Associations. The Delaware County and Center Township branches of that organization began meeting in the same year. These groups were founded to organize farmers and protect agricultural interests at the local, state, and national level.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection includes minutes, membership rolls, financial records, and programs ranging from 1919-1943 that document the organization and advocacy of agricultural groups in Delaware County, Indiana. The Delaware County Farmers' Institute records include minutes, membership rolls, financial records, and programs that document the membership of the Farmers' Institute and training opportunities offered by the organization from 1922-1943. A ledger with unidentified records related to education is also included. The Delaware County Farm Bureau records include minutes, membership rolls, and financial records documenting the membership, governance, creation of committees, and advocacy efforts of the organization.

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## **Arrangement**

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Arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Delaware County Farmers' Institute records, 1922-1943

Series 2: Delaware County Farm Bureau records, 1919-1929

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

Ball State University Archives and Special Collections

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### **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Archives and Special Collections as a donation.

### **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

### **Processing Information**

Collection processed 1996/02/13 by M. Seelinger. Finding aid created 1996/02/13 by M. Seelinger. The name of the collection was changed from Indiana Farmers Institute Records to Delaware County Farmers' Institute Records and reorganized 2009/07/31 by Maren L. Read. Finding aid revised 2009/07/31 by Maren L. Read. Collection title changed to Delaware County Farmers' Institute and Farm Bureau records; revised arrangement; EAD finding aid created 2012/08/21 by Stephen Jones.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Center Township Farm Bureau. (Delaware County, Ind.)
- Delaware County Farm Bureau. (Delaware County, Ind.)
- Delaware County Farmers' Institute. (Delaware County, Ind.)
- Indiana Farmers' Institute. (Ind.)

### **Genre(s)**

- Documents
- Financial records
- Programs

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Delaware County (Ind.)

### **Subject(s)**

- Agriculture
- Farmers
- Farmers' institutes
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History

## Series 1: Delaware County Farmers' Institute Records, 1922-1943

## Collection Inventory

<b>Series 1: Delaware County Farmers' Institute Records, 1922-1943</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Community Institute Planning brochure, undated	1	1
Delaware County Farmers' Institute membership and financial records, 1923-1937	1	2
Delaware County Farmers' Institute minutes, 1928-1938	1	3
Delaware County Farmers' Institute minutes and financial records, 1938-1943	1	4
Delaware County Farmers' Institute programs, 1932, 1937-1940	1	5
Indiana Farmers' Institute schedules, 1936-1942	1	6
Teaching ledger, 1922-1923	1	7
<b>Series 2: Delaware County Farm Bureau records, 1919-1929</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Center Township (Delaware County, Ind.) Farm Bureau minutes, membership rolls and financial records, 1919-1929	1	8

**Series 2: Delaware County Farm Bureau records, 1919-1929**

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Delaware County Farm Bureau membership and financial records,  
1919-1924

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