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An Interview with Deanna Glosser, PhD

Part of the Illinois State Museum's and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Oral History of Agriculture in Illinois*

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Deanna Glosser, *Agriculture in Illinois*, Oral History project

Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Deanna Glosser was born on March 27, 1950 in Chicago Illinois. Both of Deanna's parents grew up on farms in rural areas of Illinois and as a child she had a connection to those farms, visiting in the summer. Deanna explained that as a child it was great to visit the farm because the work was fun and different than city life and there were always things to do and play with. She did admit that she probably was not the best at milking cows or collecting eggs, but her grandfather was very patient and taught her well. Deanna eventually went to college at the age of 30 and received an undergraduate degree in Anthropology focusing on what and how people eat. She later received a Doctoral Degree in Environmental Planning and became interested in food planning in cities, which led her to the Slow Food Movement. Deanna explained that the Slow Food Movement started in reaction to a McDonald's opening in the center of Rome, and the plethora of corporate fast food franchises. Now the organization is found world wide and has approximately 183 thousand members. The focus of this organization is to get food on the table that is locally grown in a responsible and respectful way, and to educate people through tomato and wine tastings, farmers markets, and other seasonal events.

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