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An Interview with Paul Gebhart

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*Agriculture in Illinois* Oral History project

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Paul Gebhart, a life-long livestock and organic farmer from rural Christian County, IL, was interviewed on the dates listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information & Synopsis:** Paul Gebhart was born on October 31, 1951 in Taylorville, Illinois and grew up on the family farm near Stonington, Illinois in Christian County. Paul graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Animal Science in 1973, and returned to the family farm where he has spent most of his life and farming career, 1973-2007. He later became a pioneer in the organic farming movement, and currently specializes in livestock farming, with a limited grain operation as well. Paul is on several state committees related to farming, based on his organic approach.

**Topics Covered:** Organic farming and livestock farming in Illinois; Stonington, Illinois; Stonington High School; University of Illinois, School of Agriculture; Future Farmers of America; American Farmer; 4-H Club; Grazing Land Conservation Initiative; Consumers for Food and Agricultural Research; Illinois Sustainable Agricultural Society

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