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An Interview with Roger I. Brown

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Roger I. Brown, a grain and livestock farmer from near Fairbury, Illinois, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Roger I. Brown was born on December 12, 1946 in Fairbury, in Livingston County, Illinois, and grew up on the family grain and livestock farm. He has lived on the family farm, first settled in 1882, his whole life. He attended Forrest-Strown-Wing High School and graduated from Illinois State University as an agriculture teacher. After three years of teaching, he started farming, concentrating in grain and livestock farming. His work led him to important agriculturally related civic roles, including a past president of the Illinois Pork Producers, the Livingston County Pork Producers, and a Buyers Cooperative. Roger was on the school board when three rural districts merged, creating the Prairie Central School District. This became a model of consolidation for the state for over a decade.

Topics Covered: Grain and livestock farming in north-central Illinois; teaching agriculture; Illinois Pork Producers; Livingston County Pork Producers; (Illinois based) Buyers Cooperative; Prairie Central School District, Illinois;

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