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An Interview with Roger Eddy

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## Roger Eddy, *Agriculture in Illinois*, AI-A-L-2012-012

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Roger Eddy was born on May 8th, 1958, in Ottawa, Illinois. After earning a degree as a Learning and Behavior Specialist from Northern Illinois University and a degree as a Certified Management Accountant from Eastern Illinois University, Eddy taught in the Hutsonville, Illinois schools for many years before becoming a principal. He later became a District Superintendent of Hutsonville, and in 2002 was elected a State Representative from the 109th District in east central Illinois. Representative Eddy served on the House Committees on Education and Appropriations.

While in the legislature, Eddy represented the House Republicans on the Classrooms First Commission. Representative Eddy also served on the House Education Committee. In addition, Representative Eddy is an active District Superintendent of Hutsonville. Therefore he provided a practical applicator toward the concept of school reorganization. In March 2012, Roger resigned as a State Representative in order to take a position as Executive Director of the Illinois Association of School Boards. This follow-up interview examines Representative Eddy's role in the Classrooms First Commission and his thoughts on the Commission's draft recommendations.

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