



## **Privacy Policy**

Farm Credit Illinois (FCI) recognizes your expectation of privacy and confidentiality of personal financial information when seeking the assistance of outside professionals to obtain credit. FCI has taken great care in establishing and implementing policies and procedures and have committed to an ongoing review of those policies and procedures to protect your personal and financial information.

Your privacy is a top priority in all aspects of FCI's business. The employees are informed of their responsibility to protect your confidential information and are governed by strict standards of conduct, which prohibit unauthorized use of your information. Security procedures and internal controls are also in place to protect your privacy.

On this site, FCI collects personally identifiable information (such as name, address, etc.) only if specifically and knowingly provided by you. FCI does not give, sell or transfer any personal information to third parties, unless required by law or under such other permissible purposes as set forth by regulation.

### **Information Collected and Stored Automatically**

On the association's website, FCI automatically collects and stores information about your visit for security reasons, as well as for site research and enhancement. We do not track or automatically record personally identifying information about individuals and their visits. Through the use of Cookies (a file placed on your hard drive by a Web site that allows it to monitor your use of the site), we automatically collect and store only the following information about your visit:

- Your internet domain (for example, "xcompany.com") if you use a private Internet access account and IP address (an IP address is a number that is automatically assigned to your computer whenever you are surfing the Web) from which you access our site;
- The type of browser and operating system used to access our site;
- The date and time you access our site;
- The pages you visit; and
- If you linked to our site from another Web site, the address of that Web site.

## **Information Collected from Emails and Web Forms**

If you complete one of our interactive forms or submit an email through our website, your information may be seen and used by Farm Credit Illinois employees, but it will not be provided to a non-affiliated third party unless we are required to do so by law. Also, email is not necessarily secure against interception. If your communication is very sensitive, or includes personal information such as your Social Security number, you might want to send it by FCI's secure email system, postal mail, or by calling our office.

FCI will not obtain personally-identifying information about you (such as name, address, SSN) when you visit our site, unless you choose to provide such information to us. Farm Credit limits the use and collection of all information to that which is necessary to maintain and administer financial services, provide excellent service, and offer new products and services that may be of benefit to you. If, for any reason, you would like to be removed from our distribution list, please contact us.

FCI may use third party suppliers and/or service providers to facilitate our services. For example, FCI may outsource one or more aspects of our site to a supplier or service provider who performs services according to our requirements. In all cases FCI restricts how these suppliers or service providers may access, use or disclose your information. In general, FCI does not permit these suppliers or service providers to retain, disclose or sell your information to third parties.

## **Security, Intrusion, and Detection**

Data encryption – If you are using a security-enabled browser (such as Microsoft Internet Explorer version 2.1 or greater, or Netscape Navigator version 2.0 or greater), the information you provide FCI is encrypted, making it extremely difficult to read, even if it is wrongly intercepted. FCI's website uses industry-standard Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology to allow for the encryption of potentially sensitive information such as your name and address and critically sensitive information such as your social security number or account number.

For Web site security purposes and to ensure that this site remains available to all users, traffic on the site is monitored to identify unauthorized attempts to upload or change information, or cause damage. Unauthorized attempts to upload or change information on to this website are strictly prohibited, and may be punishable under the law.

## **Weblinking & Children's Online Privacy Protection**

FCI's privacy policy only addresses our activities from our web site. This web site is not directed at children nor do we collect any personally identifiable information from children. If a parent or guardian becomes aware that his or her child has provided us personal information without appropriate consent, he or she should promptly contact us and we will delete such information from our files.

FCI may provide links to independent Web sites maintained by various federal agencies or other organizations, solely as a benefit to our member-owners. These other sites may have their own policies, which FCI does not control, and thus are not addressed by our policy. FCI does not endorse, approve or guarantee information, products, services, or recommendations provided at any of the sites to which links are provided.

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