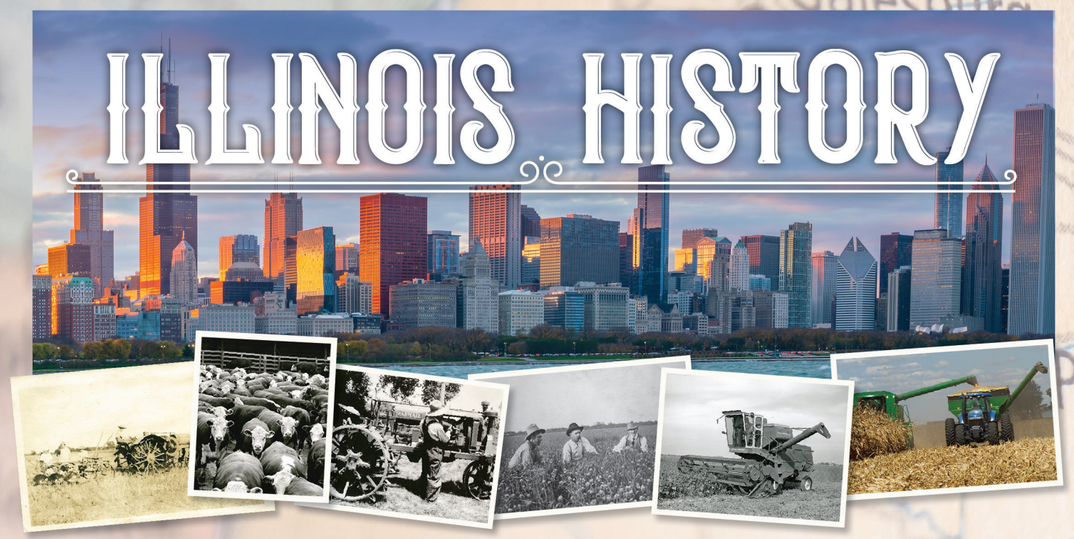
ILLINOIS HISTORY



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THE IAA FOUNDATION

ENBRIDGE

25,000-13,000 BCE
Wisconsin Glacier Period.



800 CE-500 CE
Mississippian Indians build Cahokia Mounds.

1673
Marquette and Jolliet explore the Mississippi River.



1703
French establish permanent settlement at Cahokia.



1787
Illinois becomes a part of the Northwest Territory.



BCE CE 1600s 1700s

1800
Illinois becomes a part of the Indiana Territory.

1803
Fort Dearborn established on the Chicago River.

1809
Illinois Territory formed.

1818
On December 3, 1818 Illinios becomes the 21st state.

1831
Cyrus McCormick invents reaper.

1837
John Deere invents self-scouring plow.



1839
Springfield becomes third State Capital of Illinois.



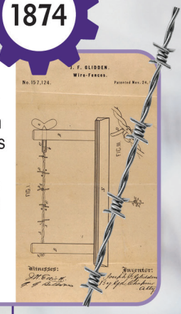
1862
Illinois son President Abraham Lincoln signs into law the Department of Agriculture Act, the Homestead Act, the Pacific Railway Act and the Morrill Act.



1865
Chicago Union Stockyards opens.



1874
Joseph Glidden develops and patents barbed wire.

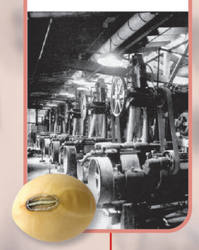


1800s

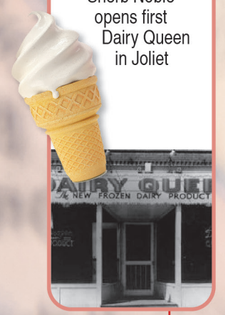
1907
Elgin Butter debuts as a parchment wrapped ¼ pound stick.



1922
A. E. Staley opens first commercial soybean processing plant in Decatur.



1940
Sherb Noble opens first Dairy Queen in Joliet



1941
Dr. Andrew Moyer begins researching increased yield of penicillin in Peoria.



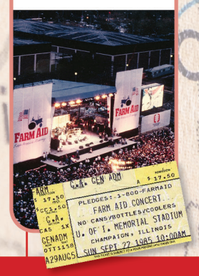
1955
Ray Kroc opens first McDonalds in Des Plaines.



1973
Environmental Protection Agency begins to phase out leaded gasoline, makes way for corn-based ethanol production.



1985
First Farm Aid Concert held at University of Illinois.



1990
Soybean oil-based crayons first appear on the market.



1993
Worst flooding in state's history in western and southern Illinois cause $1.5 billion in crop and property damage.



2006
Walmart begins packaging materials in corn-based plastic.



2017
Illinois leads nation in production of soybeans.



1900s 2000s

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