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The **Audio-Video Barn** is a production of the Illinois State Museum's **Oral History of Illinois Agriculture** (OHIA) project. The [mission](#) [1] of the Illinois State Museum is to promote discovery and learning about Illinois' natural, cultural, and artistic heritage. In accord with this mission, Museum curators are interested in exploring the historical relationships between climate, landscape, biota, and human endeavor. The Oral History of Illinois Agriculture project is a natural outgrowth of this research orientation. Although the focus on recent agricultural history is new, the subject matter is a logical extension of the Museum's longstanding interest in human interactions with the natural world.

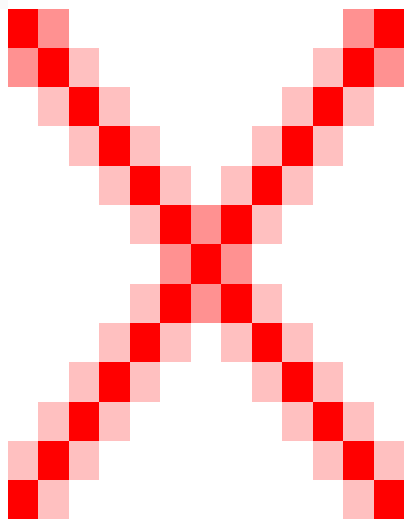
The OHIA project, funded by a federal grant, is a partnership of the Illinois State Museum (ISM) with four educational institutions: the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) in Springfield, Brookens Library at the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS), Founders Memorial Library at Northern Illinois University (NIU), and The Randforce Associates LLC, University at Buffalo Technology Incubator, State University of New York (SUNY).

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The [Illinois State Museum](#) [8] is the lead institution behind the **Oral History of Illinois Agriculture** project and the **Audio-Video Barn** website. ISM staff procured IMLS grant funding; developed partnerships with other institutions; hosted an Oral History of Illinois Agriculture Workshop for ISM staff, partners, and consultants; conducted 47 new interviews with 51 interviewees; processed and digitally indexed old and new interview recordings; and created the website.

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