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Abstract: 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.

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