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**Abstract:** Philip Bradshaw was born in Griggsville, Illinois on April 13, 1939. He grew up on the farm in Pike County near Griggsville, and attended Western Illinois University, majoring in Education, business and agriculture. He spent his adult life participating in Illinois allied farm groups and community activities, and especially with developing and promoting the pork industry, both in Illinois and nationally. His activities included the Illinois Pork Producer's Association as well as leadership positions in the Livestock Conservation Institute (LCI), later known as the National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA), and the United States Animal Health Association. He was also involved in the completion of Interstate 72 through Adams, Morgan, Pike and Scott Counties, through western Illinois, and contributed to the clean-up of Pseudorabies (PRV) in Illinois and the United States.

Furthermore, Philip helped develop plans to eradicate Foot and Mouth Disease in South America, and is currently involved with the Soybean Board at the national and state level. Finally, as one of the leaders of the New Philadelphia Project, he reviewed the attempt to preserve and restore this historic farming village in western Illinois. Ultimately, this interview deals with how Philip helped influence and shape agriculture in the state as we see it today.

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