"The wealth of Illinois is in her soil and her strength lies in its intelligent development"

- Draper

# How Does Heartland Teach These?

#### Water Management

- Tiling fields, having designated water ways
- Cover crops

#### **Nutrient Loss Reduction**

- 4R strategy (right place, right time, right rate, right source)
- Cover crops and Precision Agriculture

#### **Soil Health**

- Crop rotation, cover crops, soil testing
- Reducing unnecessary tillage

# How Does Heartland Teach These?

## Permaculture

- Food forest & edible windbreaks
- Urban gardening

## **Waste Management**

- Composting & Vermiculture
- Animal waste as fertilizer

# **Energy Efficiency**

- Geothermal, solar and wind energy
- Reducing field passes



# How Does Heartland Teach These?

#### **Integrated Pest Management**

- Pest prevention, cultural and sanitation controls
- Physical and biological controls followed lastly by chemical

#### **Precision Agriculture**

- Using sensors and data for precise application
- Utilizing technology for advancements

#### **Post Harvest Loss**

- Efficient harvesting
- Proper and safe storage

# Heartland Agriculture Timeline

