

## Pinckneyville Correctional Center Sustainability

In Fiscal Year 2014, Pinckneyville Correctional Center expanded its recycling program by constructing a 30' x 50' pole barn solely dedicated to recycling. All trash from the facility is taken to the recycling barn and sorted by DuQuoin Impact Incarceration Program offenders. The offenders separate trash into recyclable and non-recyclable items. Via an agreement with Illinois Correctional Industries (ICI) from Menard Correctional Center, a semi-truck trailer is provided in which Pinckneyville Correctional Center places all recyclable items. Once the trailer is full, ICI picks up the trailer and leaves an empty trailer. These efforts have reduced the center's trash bills by nearly \$1,000 per month. Used motor oil and tires are sent to Central Management Services (CMS) to be recycled. Electronics are recycled by a vendor in Flora and the CMS Warehouse in Springfield. Ammo (brass shell casings) is sent to the Training Academy to be recycled.

Pinckneyville also raised a garden through a crew of supervised offenders; the garden includes cucumbers, zucchini, peppers, lettuce, tomatoes, watermelon and cantaloupe. The food raised is used by Dietary staff, reducing food costs and resulting in fresh fruits and vegetables being served in Dietary.

In the future, Pinckneyville Correctional Center is considering expanding its sustainability efforts with composting, vermicomposting and utilizing rain barrels to capture water for the garden.



### DuQuoin IIP

DuQuoin IIP also participates in sustainability programs to include a Recycling Program and garden. The Recycling Program uses offenders working in Dietary to sort, clean and break down items that go into the recycling trailer. As such, a reduction in trash being hauled off has reduced monthly trash expenses and allowed the facility to do away with one dumpster. Once the trailer is full, it's

hauled to Pinckneyville Correctional Center to have recyclables compacted so they can be sent to ICI.

DuQuoin IIP also raises a garden each year, which increasingly yields more fruits and vegetables. In 2015, more than 2,500 lbs. of produce was harvested to feed the offender population and staff assigned to DuQuoin IIP. In 2016, DuQuoin IIP matched last year's totals and hopes to greatly surpass that number. In addition to feeding both offenders and staff, DuQuoin IIP also makes donations to local food pantries in the area to assist with their meals.