

Champaign Uncorked!

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Made in Urbana, Sold in Urbana

Welcome to the series of posts about products manufactured and available for purchase in Champaign County, Ohio.

What locally made products are available at **Williams Hardware** in Urbana, a locally-owned store that's part of the Do It Best cooperative of independent hardware and home improvement stores.



W.B. Marvin Manufacturing Co. *adjustable window screen*

Pete White, W.B. Marvin's general manager, said that in the past year the Urbana plant has produced more than a million of the screens in various sizes for national and international markets and retailers that include Home Depot, Lowe's, True Value, Kmart, Ace and Big Lots. They're also available at the Urbana Walmart store.

Thermwell Products Co., Inc. of New Jersey, maker of Frost King weatherstripping and insulation products acquired W.B. Marvin in January 2008, reopened the Urbana facility and put the plant's laid off employees back to work.

"W.B. Marvin's summer line of window screens formed the perfect complement to Frost King's winterizing products", Mel Gerstein, Thermwell president, said.



Richard Van Buskirk of Williams Hardware with a Desmond Stephan grinding wheel dresser.

You'll find the other locally made product in Williams' tool section – a grinding wheel dresser made by the [**Desmond Stephan Manufacturing Company**](#), which has been in continuous operation in Urbana since 1898.

Desmond Stephan, touting the only complete line of wheel dressers, markets across the U.S. and in 17 other countries, mostly through industrial distributors that sell to foundries and small machine shops.

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