Minnesota Farm Bureau Outlines 2020 Focus Areas

Voting delegates at the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation’s (MFBF) 101st Annual Meeting adopted policy positions for 2020. Based on these actions, the MFBF Board of Directors have provided focus areas for the organization including: rural communities, healthcare, transportation, environment, energy, trade, taxes and food.

Agriculture is facing financial and emotional challenges. MFBF will lead in addressing these challenges by identifying opportunities to support our farmers, ranchers and rural communities through the focus areas identified by the MFBF Board of Directors.

- **Rural Communities**
  - The vitality and resiliency of strong rural communities is a priority for MFBF. This includes a strong workforce, educational opportunities through career and technical programs and access to affordable childcare.
  - MFBF will support accessibility and expansion of high-speed broadband to all of Minnesota.
  - MFBF will strongly advocate for access to tools, resources and support systems to address the health and wellness of our rural communities.

- **Healthcare**
  - Affordability and availability of health insurance and the accessibility to healthcare providers is a significant concern for Minnesota farm families and small businesses.
  - MFBF will work towards finding solutions addressing both high health insurance premiums and lack of availability to individual health insurance options.

- **Transportation**
  - MFBF will continue efforts to address Minnesota’s transportation infrastructure needs, especially rural roads and bridges, so that products are able to be moved efficiently by river, pipeline, rail and road.

- **Environment**
  - Using innovative precision agriculture, improved seeds, renewable energy and climate-smart practices, Minnesota farmers are producing more food, renewable fuel and fiber than ever before.
  - They accomplish this while using less water, protecting against erosion and conserving more soil, avoiding nutrient loss, increasing wildlife habitat and improving biodiversity.
  - This is best accomplished through voluntary, site-specific actions at the local level to protect and conserve our natural resources.

- **Trade**
  - Farm Bureau will continue to be a leader in efforts to protect and expand agricultural market opportunities through new trade agreements and enforcement of existing trade relationships in order to strengthen our economy.

- **Taxes**
  - Tax reform at the local, state and federal levels that recognizes agriculture’s unique financial challenges remains a priority for Farm Bureau. MFBF will work with the legislature and administration to address public land management and tax conformity issues, specifically Section 179, to ensure farmers have a tax code that provides clarity and certainty. Property tax reform continues to remain a priority for MFBF.

- **Food**
  - Minnesota farmers are committed to providing access to sustainable, safe, healthy food choices. Farmers work to continuously improve production methods and technologies and communicate this throughout the food supply chain. Farmers are dedicated to caring for their animals, managing and improving the quality of their environment and enhancing the quality and accessibility of food and fiber they produce utilizing different production methods.

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Over 400 Farm Bureau members from across the state attended the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Annual Meeting, November 21-23 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in different events, including the voting delegate session, agriculture in the classroom visits, Allan Law and the Love on Another service project, breakout sessions, Young Farmers & Ranchers (Y&R) contests, awards banquet, leadership luncheon, the annual Minnesota Farm Bureau (MFB) Foundation auction, and hearing from American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall as part of the Centennial Celebration.

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Farm Bureau Urges Approval of USMCA Agreement

“Minnesota Farm Bureau applauds the progress that has been made on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), and the leadership shown by the Minnesota Congressional delegation and the Administration to get to this point,” said Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) President Kevin Paap.

“Minnesota farmers and ranchers depend on a reliable trading relationship with our two closest neighbors.”

“Agriculture is at a critical crossroads with the downturn in commodity prices, losses from natural disasters and the trade war. This is an opportunity for Congress not only to help U.S. farmers and ranchers turn the page but to build a solid foundation for the future.”

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“Then give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you.”
—Madeline Bridges
What has Farm Bureau Done for You?

President’s Voice
KEVIN PAAP • MBF PRESIDENT

I’m writing from Washington D.C., and thought you would appreciate knowing what Farm Bureau has done for you in the 90 hours here.

Sunday
Farmers and ranchers work when it’s time to work. Farm Bureau members are no different. Our first opportunity was on Sunday’s flight out of Minneapolis with Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman John Hoeven (RN.D.) to discuss the financial and emotional challenges and the importance of additional funding for disaster relief. We thanked him for his leadership on the 2020 Appropriations Bill with many Farm Bureau priorities in the final bill including additional disaster relief for quality losses and full funding for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network.

Monday
Monday began at the White House meeting with staff on how trade is a critical economic driver for agriculture; the Renewable fuels standard (RFS); the farm to the small Refineries Exemptions are causing; and helping them understand the harvest challenges in northern Minnesota and the long-term affects. Farm Bureau will continue to actively engage the administration to ensure our members have a voice as decisions are made.

Next was the U.S. Department of the Interior which is responsible for the management and conservation of federal lands and natural resources. Farm Bureau continues to work with this agency on the effort to delist the wolf from the Endangered Species Act.

After the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Board Rules Committee meeting, we met at the USDA with Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Bill Northey. His division implements programs designed to mitigate the significant risks of farming through crop insurance, conservation programs and technical assistance, and commodity, lending and disaster programs. We discussed how those programs are working in Minnesota with the challenges of 2019.

While there, we met with former AFBF staffer Kristi Boswell, now Senior Advisor to Secretary Perdue discussing the importance of a flexible, affordable agriculture labor program. Farm Bureau continues to advocate for long-term solutions to the farm labor crisis. We also met with USDA Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Ted McKinney discussing the importance of trade; USMCA, Japan and China.

Tuesday
Tuesday began with a meeting on Minnesota Farmfest followed by the Resolutions Sub-Committee meeting.

That afternoon, we had the privilege of meeting with USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue discussing RFS, trade and the challenges facing American agriculture.

That evening was AFBF’s Centennial Year Celebration with the Farm Bureau family, members of Congress and their staff and agricultural partners. Farm Bureau was proud to have U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Chief Agricultural Negotiator Greg Doud in the office of the U.S. Trade Representative and his team. A special thank you to U.S. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson and Representatives Angie Craig and Jim Hagedorn for attending.

Wednesday
We worked on our grassroots policy process. I have the privilege to serve on the AFBF Board of Directors which met. In addition, all 51 state Farm Bureaus Presidents met for the AFBF Resolutions Committee. I look forward to the voting delegate session in January that will set Farm Bureau’s 2020 national policy. Thank you for engaging in policy development, it is the core of the advocacy work that Farm Bureau does.

Thursday
We met with the Minnesota Congressional delegation discussing trade, RFS and financial and emotional challenges. The timing of our trip came at a critical time as Congress addressed USMCA and the 2020 Appropriations Bill.

Thank You
I want to thank you for being an engaged member. Members are the lifeblood of our organization, you are how we get things done. As a Farm Bureau leader, I will continue do my best to represent your interests each and every day in Minnesota and in Washington D.C. We take your membership seriously and want to make sure your voice is heard so that you see the value to your membership. Thank you.

Carrying our Farm Values into the Future

The Zipline
ZIPPY DUVAUL • AFBF PRESIDENT

We are closing out this year of celebrating our centennial at the American Farm Bureau. We stand at the start of a new decade, and a new century of Farm Bureau. Many of us are ready for a new year and a new season. Farming is always looking to the future with the hope that the new year will be better than the last.

I am amazed and humbled by how much has been accomplished through generations of farmers and ranchers working together. Some years—or decades—are tougher than others, but we have always pressed on with diligence and faith. Here are a few things in farming that I hope never change with the passing years and decades.

Farmers are the lifeblood of our communities.

Our Commitment to Our Communities
Farmers and ranchers are the lifeblood of our communities. For many of us, our families have been in our communities for generations. Our neighbors are family, and we come together to celebrate the good times and to lift each other up in the hard times. To our commitment to strengthening our communities is another reason we’re a part of Farm Bureau. We want to advocate for policies and programs that will keep rural America going strong for our children and our grandchildren.

Our Commitment to Future Generations
Farming gives us the opportunity to work out in God’s creation, which reminds us every day that we are not the beginning and the end of the story of our land. We always remember that we are caretakers, and if we take care of the land, it will take care of us. I am so grateful every day to farm the land that my father and grandfather farmed before me, and I can tell you the soil on my farm is healthier than ever, thanks to today’s practices and new technology. The land I farm today will be productive for generations to come, and I know that same story is told on each of your farms across this great land.

Our Commitment to Our Families
Farming is a family business. It’s no wonder that 98% of U.S. farms and ranches are run by families. Working with my family—first with my parents and brother, then my wife and our children, and now even my grandchildren—is the greatest gift I have known in farming. We have all faced our share of tough days on the farm whether it be that rain that won’t come or storms that won’t let up, a truck that won’t start or low prices when loan payments are due. But along with the hardship, farm families also get to share in the joys of working together, bringing in a good harvest and seeing new life come into this world. Even if the kids don’t all come back to the farm, there’s a lifelong work ethic and love for the land that will always be a part of who they are.

I am proud of the work we’ve done together across Farm Bureau this year and this decade, from regulatory reform to new trade deals, from greater access to precision technology to expanding infrastructure for rural broadband. This important work will preserve America’s agriculture and food security. But no matter what new technology we use, our core values, our faith and family, will continue to be the foundation for the next year, the next decade, and the next century.

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corner on trade, but also show that Washington can still get things done on a bipartisan basis,” said American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) President Zippy Duvall. “Ratification of the USMCA would build on the momentum of the U.S.-Japan agreement, which gave a major boost to American agricultural products in our fourth-largest market. We urge Congress to work toward speedy approval. America’s farms and ranches are depending on you.”

“By ratifying USMCA, this will signal to our trading partners across the world that the U.S. is back in business in the international marketplace. Minnesota Farm Bureau will continue to diligently work to protect and expand market opportunities and get USMCA across the finish line,” said MFBF President Kevin Paap. “Minnesota Farm Bureau urges Congress to quickly approve USMCA. This will bring much needed certainty and hope to farmers, ranchers and rural America during a very challenging year.”

**USMCA BACKGROUND**
- Designed to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the USMCA builds on important trade relationships in North America.
- The agreement is expected to increase U.S. ag exports by $2 billion and result in a $65 billion increase in gross domestic product.
- The agreement will provide new market access for American dairy and poultry products while preserving the zero-tariff platform on all other agricultural products.
- In particular, the agreement gives U.S. dairy products access to an additional 3.6% of Canada’s dairy market – even better than what was proposed in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement.
- U.S. wheat will receive fairer treatment, thanks to Canada’s agreement to grade our wheat no less favorably than its own.
- Mexico and the United States have also agreed that all grading standards for agricultural products will be non-discriminatory.
- Additional provisions enhance science-based trading standards among the three nations as the basis for sanitary and phytosanitary measures for agricultural products, as well as progress in the area of geographic indications.
- The agreement also includes measures that address cooperation, information sharing and other trade rules among the three nations related to agricultural biotechnology and gene editing.

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Farm Bureau Internship Positions
• The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation has two paid internship positions available this summer: public relations intern applications due January 31, and a foundation intern applications due January 15. Learn more at fbmn.org/employment-opportunities.
• The American Farm Bureau Federation has five paid internships in Washington, D.C., for this summer. Internships are available in the following areas: Accounting, Communications, Leadership, Education & Engagement; Public Policy - Economic Analysis; and Public Policy - Legislative. Applications will be accepted through December 31. Visit fb.org/about/careers/afbf-summer-internship-program for information on how to apply.

Giving Tree
The Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation Giving Tree acknowledges donations and gifts over $1,000 that help grow the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation.

County Board Challenge
MFB Foundation Board of Directors is asking county Farm Bureaus to donate $10 per board member. Counties will be recognized as a County Board Challenge participant.

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MFB Foundation Review Available
The Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation Annual Review shares the programs and activities that the Foundation supported through the generosity of its donors during 2019. Read it online at fbmn.org/foundation. The Foundation provides opportunities for supporters of agriculture to invest in people and programs focused on supporting active farmers and agriculturalists, better connecting agriculture to consumers and serving rural communities.

Hunger Solutions Shares
During the MFBF Annual Meeting county Farm Bureaus purchased shares to contribute funds for this year’s Hunger Solutions Grant program. The matching grant program helps counties support hunger solution initiatives locally.

The Foundation is providing every county Farm Bureau the opportunity to donate to this program. Shares can be purchased for $25. Contact Farm Bureaus and individuals who would like to purchase shares, can contact Ruth Meirick at 651-768-2115 or ruth.meirick@fbmn.org.

Ag Transportation Handbook
The Minnesota Farm Bureau (MFB) Foundation, in partnership with the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council and Minnesota State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Inspectors, updated/reprinted the Agriculture Transportation Handbook in 2018 with state and federal statues, rules and exemptions for transporting agricultural goods on highways. To order a FREE copy of the book, contact info@fbmn.org with full name, mailing address and number of copies requested. An electronic copy of the book can be found on our fbmn.org/ag-transportation-handbook.

Farm Bureau members did an agriculture in the classroom activity on trees with over 200 students in 2nd-4th grade at Normandale Hills Elementary as part of their activities during the annual meeting on November 22. Pictured is Keith Aakre – Clay County working with students.

Join us at the 2020 LEAP Conference
• Country Inn and Suites and Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN

Friday, January 31, 11 a.m.-Saturday, February 1, 9 p.m.

• Registration: Register for the conference at fbmn.org/leap-conference. Hotel Registration is January 3 (register for the hotel on your own). Sponsorship opportunities area available.

Keynote
Derrick Josi
Social media, it’s time to stop feeding the trolls
Derrick Josi is a dairy farmer from Tillamook, Oregon, where his family has been farming for over 100 years. They are proud to play a part in making delicious cheese by providing quality milk to the Tillamook County Creamery Association. Since 2016, Derrick’s social media audience has grown to 122k followers on Facebook, 14k on Instagram and 16k on Twitter. His philosophy is honesty; and his raw, unfiltered, truthful, and often-times comical posts keep his audience engaged and falling in love with dairy once again.

• Fill a Ford
The P&RE and YF&R Committees have selected the Bemidji Community Food Shelf for the service project recipient at this year’s LEAP Conference. See the flyer at fbmn.org/leap-conference for items that are in need.

• Farm Bureau Market
Do you do direct sales of a product from your farm? Do you hand craft items? Connect with other Farm Bureau members and learn about each other’s products and businesses at the first Farm Bureau Market at this year’s LEAP Conference Jan. 31 - Feb 1 in Bemidji. Register for a table at the market fbmn.org/leap-conference.

For more information, or to register online, visit fbmn.org/leap-conference.
VOTING DELEGATES REPRESENTING all 78 county and regional Farm Bureaus met at the 101st Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation on November 22 to discuss and set policy for the organization at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington.

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year term as MFBF President. Re-elected to a three-year term to represent District II was Bob Roelofs of Garden City in Blue Earth County, and Fran Miron from Hugo in Washington/ Ramsey County representing District V.

Elected to the board of directors serving one-year terms were Promotion & Education (P&E) Committee chair Peter Balke from Rock County and YF&R Committee chair Rachel Connell from Cass County.

MFBF Supports Hunger Initiatives

During the meeting, attendees conducted a service project for Allan Law and the Love One Another program with over 40 volunteers making over 1,000 sandwiches. In addition to this activity, this past year 68 of the 78 regional and county Farm Bureaus conducted events that totaled donations of 12,200 pounds of food, donating 43,000 meals and donating $35,700 to local food shelves reaching 52,250 people.

MFBF Ag in the Classroom

The MFBF P&E Committee in conjunction with the MFBF YF&R Committee and county Farm Bureau leaders worked with over 200 students in second through fourth grades at Normandale Hills Elementary in Bloomington on November 22. The Nearly 20 leaders read “The Christmas Tree Farm” which shares the story of the trees we grow in Minnesota and use in our everyday life. Students learned about the forestry industry in Minnesota, tree identification, how to count tree rings and created their own tree cookie necklace. The MFBF Foundation sponsored classroom book donations for the project.

MFBF Foundation Raises Funds at Auction

This year’s auction raised over $16,300 because of the generosity of county Farm Bureau organizations and individuals who donated, bid on and purchased items. Funds raised support agriculture and safety education, leadership development and county Farm Bureau hunger relief projects. This past year the MFBF Foundation donated to organizations such as: Minnesota 4-H Foundation, Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom, Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program, Minnesota Association of Agriculture Educators and the Minnesota FFA Foundation.

MFBF Honors Agricultural Leaders

The Distinguished Service to Agriculture award was presented to Dr. Eric Kafer – retired 16th President of the University of Minnesota, Joel Larson – retired Minnesota Department of Education agriculture food and natural resources program specialist, and Dave Torgerson – retired Minnesota Wheat Growers and Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council executive director.

Honorary Life awards were bestowed upon Owen and Loraine Ferguson – Freeborn County, Ron and Judy Nelson – Chicagofield County, and Sharon Wessel and Mike Roulillard – Hennepin County.

The MFBF Foundation presented awards in the following areas: Carolyn Lange – Agriculture Communicator of the Year, Brad Rugs – Extension Faculty and Staff of the Year; Kerry Lindgren – FFA Advisor of the Year; and Kim Lippert – Post-Secondary Educator of the Year.

Four $1,000 Al Christopherson Scholarships were presented to Laura Church daughter of Russ and Ann Church, Savannah Aanrud daughter of Andy and Heather Aanrud, Sarah Kaschmitter daughter of Brian and Brenda Kaschmitter and Rebekka Paskewitz daughter of Alan and Vicki Paskewitz.

Two $1,000 Paul Stark Scholarships were presented to Hannah Neil daughter of Steve and Keely Neil and Justin Thomforde son of Jered and Tammie Thomforde.

The most prestigious county Farm Bureau award, the Counties Activities of Excellence, was presented in five key areas – Public Policy, Public Relations, Promotion & Education, Leadership Development and Membership Activity. Counties that excelled in all five areas receive the Premier Awards: Anoka County, Beltrami County, Cass County, Clay County, Kanabec/Isanti County and Kandiyohi County.

YF&R Awards

Amanda Durow of Hastings in Dakota County took first place in the Discussion Meet. Becky Clark of Rollingstone in Winona County won the Achievement Award contest, and Karin Schaefer of Howard Lake in Wright County won the Excellence in Agriculture contest. These members will advance to national competition at the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Annual Convention in Austin, Texas, January 17-21, 2020.

Amber Johnson from Sebeka in Wadena County won the Collegiate Discussion Meet and will compete in the national competition at the AFBF YF&R Conference in Louisville, KY, March 13-16, 2020.

North Regional Christmas Party

FARM BUREAU MEMBERS from nine counties gathered for a regional Christmas Dinner on December 5 at the Timbers Lodge in Staples. Amongst the attendance and guest speaker was recently retired MFBF area program director DelRay Johnson. Johnson was honored by the counties with a friendly roast and several retiring gifts.

CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT is a goal of the MFBF P&E Committee. During the annual meeting, committee members partnered with Minnesota Beef Council for an opportunity to engage with consumers at the New Hope HyVee. Pictured left to right are Peter Bakken – Rock County, Tony Seykora – Freeborn County, Angela Guentzel – Le Sueur County and Debra Durheim – Todd County.
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INFORMATIONAL ADDENDUM:

Management Report to the 101st Voting Delegate Session
November 22, 2019

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ALL THIS IN THE FACE OF ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING FALL SEASONS ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE, IMPACTING VIRTUALLY EVERY COMMODITY GROWN OR RAISED IN MINNESOTA. YOUR EFFORTS SPEAK VOLUMES TO THE COMMITMENT, PASSION AND HARD WORK YOU DEVOTE TO FARM BUREAU. ALL MEMBERS OF THE 2019 PRODUCERS COUNCIL PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SIGNED A FARM BUREAU MEMBER IN MINNESOTA.

AT THE END OF OCTOBER, THE FIRST MONTH IN THE 2020 MEMBERSHIP YEAR, WE WERE SEVEN MEMBERS AHEAD OF LAST YEAR’S MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. WHILE THIS IS NOT A BIG NUMBER, IT IS THE FIRST TIME IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS WE HAVE HAD MORE MEMBERS THAN END OF MONTH A YEAR AGO.

PROGRAMS


THE ABILITY TO ATTRACT, ENGAGE, AND INVOLVE THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IN FARM BUREAU IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE. THERE ARE SEVERAL AREAS AVAILABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION AND GET INVOLVED, SUCH AS YOUNG FARMERS & FARMERS WOMEN EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, THE LEAP CONFERENCE AND THE STATE ARCHIVAL MEETING. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO ALL THE EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES EACH OF YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU CONDUCT.

FUTURE

THE WORLD’S POPULATION IS GROWING AND THAT GROWING POPULATION WILL NEED TO BE FED AND CLOTHED. AGRICULTURE WILL CONTINUE TO FACE LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY AND LEGAL CHALLENGES. CONSUMERS’ INTEREST IN HOW THEIR FOOD IS GROWN AND HOW THEY OPERATE THEIR FARMS AND RANCHES WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

OUR FOREFATHERS FACED SIMILAR CHALLENGES WHEN THEY FORMED THIS ORGANIZATION IN 1919. THEY ESTABLISHED A STRONG FOUNDATION THAT HAS BEEN BUILT UP OVER THE YEARS AND WHICH POSITIONED FOR THE FUTURE.

THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE A NEED FOR A FARM BUREAU ORGANIZATION ADVOCATING FOR AGRICULTURE DRIVEN BY THE BELIEFS AND POLICIES OF OUR MEMBERS ONLY, IN OUR STATE, AND ACROSS THE NATION.

THANK YOU.

CONGRATULATIONS MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION ON CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

We look forward to continuing to work with you to advocate for Minnesota’s agri-food sector.

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**SONNY PERDUE**
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

“I congratulate Minnesota Farm Bureau on being a voice and strong advocate for the state’s hardworking farmers and ranchers over the past 100 years. Minnesota Farm Bureau’s commitment to their nearly 30,000 members is evident through their unwavering promotion of the beliefs and policies of these farm families. I’ve seen this commitment first hand on my many visits to Minnesota, where I’ve met with many Farm Bureau members and have enjoyed working with them. There is great power in coming together to advocate on behalf of the families you raise and the food you grow. Thank you for a century-long commitment to strengthening American agriculture!”

**TIM WALZ**
Minnesota Governor

“As the largest general farm organization in Minnesota, the Minnesota Farm Bureau has been a strong advocate not just for farmers, but entire rural communities across our state. In a time of increased challenges and uncertainty in agriculture, our state has never needed Farm Bureau’s voice more. Congratulations on 100 years!”

**TINA SMITH**
U.S. Senator

“I believe that we should all come together to support Minnesota agriculture. It’s a pillar of our economy and a way of life for thousands of families. The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation’s (MFBF) advocacy over the last 100 years has made a real difference, and I’m grateful for its leadership team, which was especially valuable during the 2018 Farm Bill debate. I also want to extend a special thanks to the MFBF’s nearly 30,000 members for their impressive and hard work to keep Minnesota agriculture strong. Please know that as a member of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, I’m a partner in the fight to advocate for Minnesota’s farmers and agriculture industry competitive. Thank you and here’s to another hundred years!”

**AMY KLOBUCHAR**
U.S. Senator

“Congratulations on one hundred years! I am grateful to all the members, staff and board members of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation for leading the way to keep our state’s farms and agriculture industry strong. The advocacy and expertise of the Farm Bureau is critical to keeping Minnesota’s farmers and agriculture industry competitive. Thank you and here’s to another hundred years!”

**COLLIN PETERSON**
Chair of U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee

“As Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, I have seen countless examples of the Minnesota Farm Bureau’s commitment to improving the lives of farmers and rural Minnesotans. Agriculture is the foundation of the economy in Minnesota’s 7th Congressional District, and Farm Bureau has played an important role in organizing our producers to ensure that their voices are always heard. This is one of the many reasons I am happy to congratulate the Minnesota Farm Bureau on its 100 years of farm advocacy and agriculture leadership development.”

**JIM HAGEDORN**
U.S. Representative

“The Minnesota Farm Bureau has, without emphasis on family values and passion for the land, carried out a century of honorable work of uniting the state’s agricultural community. I have worked hard to ensure these principles are mirrored in the USMCA agreement, which will serve the farmers of Minnesota just as diligently as the MBF has since November 1919.”

**ANGIE CRAIG**
U.S. Representative

“Congratulations on 100 years of working to support our Minnesota farmers! I’m honored to work with you on policies that support Minnesota family farmers, expand export markets and encourage young people to get involved in Minnesota’s robust agriculture economy. I look forward to our continued work together.”

**DEAN PHILLIPS**
U.S. Representative

“I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Minnesota Farm Bureau on 100 years of service to and advocacy on behalf of Minnesota’s farmers and ranchers. As a business person who’s always relied on products grown or produced on farms. I know how valuable your members are to our state’s economy, not to mention the rest of the country and the world. Thank you, and here’s to another 100 years!”

**PETE STAUBER**
U.S. Representative

“I want to congratulate the Minnesota Farm Bureau for doing an excellent job of supporting agriculture and strengthening our rural communities in the North Star State for a century. Minnesota’s farmers are the cornerstone of our economy, and fortunately, this strong organization has given them a seat at the table during important discussions on agriculture policy. As Congressmen for Minnesota’s Eighth Congressional District, I see the Minnesota Farm Bureau as a critical resource and look forward to working with this incredible organization for many years to come.”

**BEV DURGAN**
University of Minnesota Extension Dean

“Congratulations to Minnesota Farm Bureau on 100 years of serving Minnesota’s farmers and farm families! University of Minnesota Extension’s partnership with Farm Bureau goes back to the founding of both our organizations in the early 20th century. We are proud that partnership continues to be strong and look forward to another century of working with Farm Bureau and its members. Congratulations, and thank you for all you do to support agriculture and Minnesota communities.”
Officials Address Farm Bureau Members

Farm Bureau members from Minnesota met with and heard from elected and appointed officials at the 101st Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Annual Meeting November 21st - 23rd. U.S. Senator Tina Smith and Representatives Jim Hagedorn, Angie Craig, Dean Phillips and Tom Emmer attended the meeting. Staff from the offices of Senator Amy Klobuchar and Representatives Collin Peterson and Pete Stauber also attended the events.

Governor Tim Walz addressed Farm Bureau members on Friday evening. He also proclaimed November 22, 2019 as Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation Day to celebrate the 100th anniversary of MFBF and the contributions of its member families to the strength and vitality of agriculture in the state.

“Minnesota Farm Bureau greatly appreciated the time our elected officials took to meet with farmers and ranchers at our 101st Annual Meeting,” said MFBF President Kevin Paap. “We had the opportunity to have conversations about the financial and emotional challenges and ways that we can work together on issues that our members care deeply about.”

MFBF members also had the opportunity to engage with Commissioner of Agriculture Thorn Petersen and DNR Commissioner Sarah Stromm ensen, FSA State Director Joe Martin, USDA Rural Development State Director Brad Finslad, NRCS state conservationist Troy Daniels and state legislators from across the state.

Governor Tim Walz, right, visited with members and addressed Farm Bureau members as part of the Centennial Celebration on November 22. He is pictured with Stevens County Farm Bureau members from left, Barry, Emma and Sandra Nelson.

Centennial Book Unveiled

The Centennial book of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) was unveiled at the annual meeting. MFBF dedicates this history book to its county Farm Bureaus and the members and leaders who had the vision to be an advocate for agriculture driven by the beliefs and policies of our members during its first 100 years.

Carolyn Van Loh wrote the 90-year history book “Strong Roots - The People of the Minnesota Farm Bureau” and the “100 years and growing... The People of the Minnesota Farm Bureau.”

Thank you to Dacia (Hinkhouse) Schoenfeldt for editing both publications; to Eileen Madsen of Madsen Ink Co. for the design and layout of both publications; Kristin (Campbell) Harner for assisting in editing of both publications; Jenna Wegner for assisting in editing the 90-year history; Bob Shepard for the abridgment of the “Strong Roots - The People of the Minnesota Farm Bureau” and Corporate Graphics for printing the publications.

MFB Federation Review Centennial Commemorative Edition Available

The 2019 Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation Annual Review is now available. Area Program Directors have copies, look for it at upcoming events or read it online at fbmn.org/what-is-farm-bureau.

This is a special Centennial commemorative copy with history facts and quotes from supporters of Farm Bureau and the positive difference county Farm Bureaus and Farm Bureau members make in their communities.
1. POLICY
MFBL will advocate the policies developed by our members.
- Policy development
- Policy implementation
- Political action

2. LEADERSHIP
MFBL will recognize, empower and engage our members.
- Leadership Development and Growth
- Member Strength
- Membership Database

3. IMAGE
MFBL will enhance and strengthen its profile.
- Strengthened Farm Bureau brand
- Earn key influencer trust

4. RESOURCES
- Membership growth
- Revenue growth
- Fiscal responsibility

Farm Bureau’s standing reputation as the largest and most influential grassroots farm organization in the world is based on the fact that, by working together, we produce results each and every year.
Looking Ahead to the Next Century

Today
As our yearlong celebration of 100 years comes to a close, we look ahead to the next century of making a positive difference in the lives of our farmers, farm families and rural communities.

Our Mission
today is to be an advocate for agriculture driven by the beliefs and policies of our members. While some of the issues have changed over the years, one thing that hasn’t is the importance of sharing our farm stories, and the need to continue our work to improve our engagement with all involved both inside and outside of agriculture.

For 100 years, MFBF has been that friend to farmers and their communities; bringing farmers together to discuss challenges, identify solutions and advocate on issues we’ve determined are critical to keeping current and future generations on the land.

In Closing
Membership continues to be the lifeblood of our organization. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join Farm Bureau, but don’t stop there; go beyond the end of the driveway in asking others to join our great organization.

We have another partner in this success that we cannot and will not do without and that is Farm Bureau Financial Services (FBFS). There are two things we need to recognize. First, success of our affiliated insurance companies is a direct result of being able to utilize the name, membership and distribution infrastructure of the county and state Farm Bureau organizations. Second, we must also recognize that our county and state Farm Bureau Federations would be smaller and less effective organizations without the benefits received from our affiliated companies. Thank you FBFS for your partnership and desire to make a positive difference for farmers and ranchers, families and rural communities in Minnesota.

We appreciate your membership and dedication to strengthen the voice of Farm Bureau and agriculture.

We hope that the results of our efforts, make a difference in the strength of our county Farm Bureaus. I encourage you to remain engaged and make a difference.

Thank you and congratulations to all the Farm Bureau members for all that you have done and will continue to do to further the MFBF mission as we look ahead to our future.

Sincerely,
Kevin Paap, President
Your Voice
...Our Future

Farm Bureau is constantly serving as a watchdog on the local, state and national level for our members. Farm Bureau is able to communicate with elected officials to explain the consequences of implementing proposed legislation or regulations. By allowing Farm Bureau to lay the foundation, our members are in a better position to share their stories of how proposed legislation or regulations affect their family and communities. Whether serving as a watchdog, taking our members’ voices to St. Paul or Washington D.C., or mobilizing our grassroots actions, Farm Bureau has a successful position in the political arena.

State Focus Areas
★ Financial and Emotional Stress
★ Rural Communities
★ Healthcare
★ Taxes
★ Trade
★ Transportation
★ Food

National Focus Areas
★ Building relationships with the new Congress
★ Agricultural Labor
★ Infrastructure
★ Regulatory Reform
★ Trade

“We now realize the work Farm Bureau does in D.C. impacts us as farmers back home.”
– Torrey and Lindsey Sharkey, Blue Earth County

Taxes
★ Issue: Agriculture operates in a world of uncertainty. From unpredictable commodity and product markets to fluctuating input prices, from uncertain weather to insect or disease outbreaks, running a farm or ranch business is challenging under the best of circumstances. Farmers and ranchers need a tax code that provides certainty and recognizes their unique financial challenges.

★ Action: Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) was a leader at the state level to complete a tax bill to address the changes made in the 2017 federal tax reform bill and to tackle ongoing issues with the property tax system.

★ Result: The legislature passed and the Governor signed into law a bill that included many provisions that Minnesota Farm Bureau advocated for including:
★ Increases to the school building bond agricultural credit from 40 to 50% of the property tax attributable to school district bonded debt levies for property taxes payable in 2020, and further increases the credit percentage to 55% for property taxes payable 2021; 60% for property taxes payable 2022; and to 70% for property taxes payable in 2023 and thereafter.
★ Federal conformity to Section 179 Small Business Exensing and Section 168 Bonus depreciation dollar limits. However, the 80% Minnesota addback is maintained.
★ Modification to the Agricultural Homestead Tax Classification to clarify that properties owned by one business entity and operated by a separate entity qualify under certain requirements.
★ A sales tax exemption for sales by a county agricultural society during a regularly scheduled county fair held on the county fairgrounds.
★ More than $50 million is set to go back to cities and counties through increases to local government aid and county program aid.

In investing in Agriculture
★ Issue: Farmers, ranchers, and our rural communities face the financial and emotional challenges in the current economy. MFBF placed a high priority on making sure that farmers have access to tools, resources and support systems to take on those challenges.

★ Action: In 2021, Farm Bureau took bold action on issues through the state legislature that will help mitigate the financial challenges by investing in research and programming that will invest in the future of agriculture. MFBF was also a leader in providing resources for mental health to help address the emotional challenges that are impacting our community.

★ Result: The bill included funding for rural mental health outreach, farm advocates, 24-hour Farm and Rural hotline and additional statewide counselors. These tools will help continue the conversations that surround the financial and emotional challenges agriculture is experiencing.

Additionally, the bill includes funding for provisions that will help farmers and ranchers through the current financial challenges including:
★ Continuing funded for research through the Agriculture Research, Education, Extension and Technology Transfer program (AGREETT) at the University of Minnesota. Twenty-one faculty and Extension educators have been hired to focus on issues that include clean water; crop and livestock productivity; microbial science; soil fertility; agricultural technology; pest resistance; and climate change.
★ Provides continued funding for Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) programs that support the advancement of Minnesota’s agricultural and renewable energy industries including:
★ Innovative soybean processing and research.
★ Dairy assistance through the new Dairy Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative (DAIRI) which will provide grants to Minnesota dairy farmers who enroll for five years of coverage under the federal dairy margin coverage program. Additional funding is also provided in the Jobs Bill.
★ The continuation of the Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council (AFREC).
★ Rulemaking authority for Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to continue development and implementation of industrial hemp programs.
★ Funding for the MDA Protection Services including money for wolf and elk depredation programs and additional meat and poultry inspection services.
★ Modifies existing definitions of “pasture” under the MPCA state feedlot status.
★ Strengthening the fiduciary responsibility of grain elevators and board of directors to further protect farmers in cases of elevator insolvent.
★ $40 million was appropriated for the Border-to-Border Broadband grant program.

Clean Water Rule
★ Issue: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) finalized a rule in June 2015 that significantly expanded the definition of “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act. EPA failed to listen to concerned farmers, ranchers and business owners around the country in crafting its new rule, vastly expanding EPA’s and the Corps’ regulatory authority beyond the limits approved by Congress and affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

★ Action: In September 2019, EPA finalized a rule repealing the 2015 WOTUS rule and rescinded the rules that were in place before the 2015 rule. Farm Bureau will now turn our attention to finalizing a new clean water rule that protects water and our members’ ability to work and care for the land. Rules must be clear and understandable. Americans, and especially farmers, deserve common-sense rules that don’t require teams of consultants and lawyers to navigate a maze of federal regulations.

★ Result: Farm Bureau’s multi-year effort to raise awareness of overreaching provisions was powered by thousands of our members and an array of allies. This is our victory for clean water and clear rules.

Trade
★ Issue: MFBF strongly believes that with the current financial stress farmers are facing, we need to maintain and expand market opportunities. The current tariffs, continuing back-and-forth retaliatory actions and trade uncertainties are hitting American agriculture from all sides and are causing us to lose our markets. Once you lose a market, it is really tough to get it back.

★ Action: MFBF has been a vocal leader in working with our Congressional delegation and the administration to protect and expand agricultural market opportunities through new trade agreements and enforcement of existing trade relationships in order to strengthen our economy.

★ Result: The United States, Mexico and Canada (USMCA) have renegotiated NAFTA and are now working to adopt the new trade agreement known as USMCA. The U.S. and Canada reached an agreement to increase access for U.S. dairy products, eliminate Canada’s Class 7 dairy pricing program and increase access into Canada for chicken, eggs and turkey. Canada has also agreed to grade U.S. wheat on terms no less favorable than it accords Canadian wheat. Other highlights include an improved science-based sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS) chapter, enhanced information exchange and cooperation on agricultural biotechnology and addressed concerns for geographical indication standards.

President Trump on October 7, 2019, signed the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement. Once enacted, the agreement will lower tariffs and put U.S. farmers on level playing field to compete in Japan with countries that participate in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, formerly known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership.
Farm Bureau continues to advocate for additional expanded market opportunities.
Leadership

MFBB will recognize, empower and engage our members; Create a culture that provides opportunities for leadership development and growth; Identify and utilize member strengths; Reliable integrated membership database system

LEAP Conference

**Issue:** Farm Bureau members are constantly seeking opportunities to learn about trends in agriculture, gain tools to enhance leadership and professional development and network with other members. The LEAP (Leadership Education, Advocacy & Leadership) Conference is designed to provide training in those four key areas for all Farm Bureau members.

**Action:** The 2019 LEAP Conference was held in Bloomington. Attendees participated in tours and breakout sessions focused on agriculture, leadership and engagement, as well as, a Minnesota Capitol experience. Topics included leadership, advocacy, policy and business, transportation, working with 4-H, sharing your farm story, strategies to manage costs and revenues in tough markets, working with environmental issues, Farm Bureau’s competitive contests and a “Make & Take” resource course on agricultural literacy. Attendees received training on agriculture in the classroom outreach and information and resources from the American Foundation for Agriculture and the Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom.

During the conference, attendees conducted a service project for Loaves & Fishes collecting gardening supplies for their community gardens along with a monetary donation of nearly $2,000. Throughout the year, farmers and ranchers across the nation donate food, funds and people power to create a hunger-free America.

**Result:** Nearly 250 members took part in the conference and were trained in consumer engagement, classroom presentations and policy issues. Through networking and training, stronger leadership skills were developed. Leadership development opportunities are available throughout the year for all Farm Bureau members.

Youth and Collegiate Outreach

**Issue:** As a general farm organization, Farm Bureau monitors all issues. Farm Bureau recognizes the opportunity to assist in developing stronger leaders and strengthen collaborative efforts.

**Action:** To reach college aged students, the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBB) Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Committee met with different agriculture organizations on six different campuses throughout the state. To increase participation in the Collegiate Discussion Meet, regional contests were held on campuses prior to a final competition at the MFBB Annual Meeting.

MFBB also participated in the annual Agricultural Awareness Day on the University of Minnesota - Minneapolis campus along with the University of Minnesota’s Dairy Club Ag Networking event.

MFBB hosts a yearly training with the state FFA officers; assists in training the state 4-H ambassadors and assists with leadership training for youth leadership organizations throughout the year. In addition, all FFA Chapters in the state are members of Farm Bureau so that we can serve as a resource to these advisors and chapter leaders.

Every FFA advisor receives the Impact newsletter.

**Result:** MFBB continues to strengthen its working relationship with these organizations and is viewed as a valuable partner in creating strong leaders. These energetic, future leaders are enlightening individuals, and they see the opportunities to be the next generation of agriculture.

Food Awareness

**Issue:** Farmers are committed to providing safe and healthy food choices for all Americans. Farm Bureau members want to talk with consumers about the shared goal of nutritious and affordable meals for families, but do not always know where to begin the conversation.

**Action:** MFBB focuses on Food Awareness Activities in February and March. These activities bring awareness to all things food – from the farmers who grow and raise food, to food safety and availability. Food Awareness activities help American consumers learn about the food they eat every day.

Minnesota farmers and ranchers take pride in ensuring safe food choices for Minnesota families. To mark the occasion, county Farm Bureaus throughout the state hosted events to share how they grow food and worked with food shelves to increase awareness of local food and hunger. The MFBB Foundation introduced a Hunger Solutions Grant assisting 50 counties with monetary donations to support local hunger programs.

**Result:** County Farm Bureaus were provided with a handout full of consumer-focused information answering tough questions and demonstrating how Minnesota Farmers CARE. Farm Bureau reached thousands of people through a variety of activities, including breakfasts, grocery store

“Farm Bureau provides opportunities for me to learn how to build a stronger relationship with consumers.”

—Didi Edwards, Nobles County
Leadership

“I encourage everyone to go outside your comfort zone and try something new. The results of these opportunities often surprise you.”

—Lisa Roker, Redwood County

Leadership Development Contests

**Issue:** As part of the MFBF YF&R program, Farm Bureau members have the opportunity to participate in three different leadership development contests. The Discussion Meet hones discussion skills, develops a better understanding of issues affecting agriculture and explores how groups can pool knowledge and reach a consensus and solve problems. The Excellence in Agriculture contest is designed as an opportunity for young farmers to earn recognition while actively contributing to agriculture and building their leadership skills through their involvement in Farm Bureau and their community. The Achievement Award contest is application based and looks at farm goals, successes, financial planning and leadership skills.

A Collegiate Discussion Meet and FFA Discussion Meet are also held each year.

**Action:** The YF&R Committee actively recruits participants to each of the contests. American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) holds webinars and trainings to better prepare these contestants. The preliminary rounds of the Discussion Meet are held at the MFBF LEAP Conference, and the finals for all contests are held at the MFBF Annual Meeting.

**Results:** MFBF was well represented at the state and national level in the Leadership Development Contests. At the AFBF Annual Meeting Excellence in Agriculture contestants, Ted and Katie Brenny finished in the top ten, and Katie Winstead represented Minnesota in the Discussion Meet. Emily Amundstad represented Minnesota in the national Collegiate Discussion Meet qualifying for the Sweet 16. These young farmers shared their experiences at the MFBF LEAP Conference and continue to develop their leadership through engagement with their local and state Farm Bureaus.

“As a Farm Bureau member, it’s great to know someone is working on our behalf making sure rural America is not forgotten in D.C. while we are at home in our fields and our barns.”

—Brad Hennen, Lyon County

Make a difference!

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Join or renew your membership online and be a part of a powerful organization advocating for agriculture.

“We are Farm Bureau proud. We are Farm Bureau members because we really support and believe in what Farm Bureau advocates.”

—Seth and Rachel Connell, Cass County
MFBF will enhance and strengthen its profile; strengthen Farm Bureau brand; earn key influencer trust.

Speak for Yourself

**Issue:** Over 66% of all Minnesotans have never met a farmer. Consumers are extremely interested in their food and where it comes from. Studies have also shown that people trust other individuals over a name or organization.

**Action:** Minnesota Farm Bureau worked with Eidsen & Partners and partnered with Minnesota Corn Growers Association, Minnesota’s Farm Credit organizations including Compeer, AgCountry, Minnesota Beef Council, CHS, Riverview LLC, Midwest Dairy and Minnesota Turkey Growers to train 75 speakers, schedule 126 presentations and manage traditional and social media outreach on a public Farming Today Facebook page.

**Results:** In total, 75 farmer leaders are trained through Speak for Yourself (Farming Today is the external name). With the help of Eidsen & Partners, these speakers have been able to address more than 740 community organizations, including local Rotary clubs, Lions clubs, doctors, church groups, agribusinesses and school boards. Speakers also speak to moms’ groups and high school classrooms, reaching an audience of over 22,000 people and with media reaching nearly 6.8 million people. Participants were also encouraged to tell their story through social media and the Farming Today Facebook page, which has over 950 page “Likes,” over 1,000 “Follows” and a lifetime reach of nearly 250,000 people.

**Minnesota State Fair**

**Issue:** Consumers are more removed from agriculture than ever before. People are asking questions about their food and want to feel connected to those that grow and raise it. Maintaining and regaining the trust of consumers is the number one resource on information is a priority.

**Action:** Minnesota Farmers CARE was the theme of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Fairgoers visited our Minnesota State Fair building and over 6,000 taking the quiz to receive a prize. By changing the messaging from food to farm vs farm to food, we were able to meet the consumer where they were most familiar with us...food. This opened the conversation more quickly and openly. Fairgoers had conversations with farmers and Farm Bureau volunteers about their questions around farming, including some of the hottest issues like genetic enhancement, water quality and antibiotics.

**Minnesota Farmers CARE**

**Issue:** Minnesota farmers are committed to agriculture while respecting the Earth, Animals • Environment • Food • Family. Only as useful as the information we are able to share and conversations we are able to have.

**Action:** County Farm Bureau across the state implemented local projects in order to be proactive with consumers not directly involved in agriculture. Whoever defines the “issue” are the ones who have positive outcomes.

For Food Awareness Month in February, a Minnesota Farmers CARE – Food piece was provided to each county to have at events, featuring “Ask a Farmer,” where farmers answered some of the most asked questions about food today.

**Results:** The Minnesota Farmers CARE, Committed to Agriculture while Respecting the Earth, Animals • Environment • Food • Family initiative to connect and engage consumers with farmers driven by local Farm Bureaus has been very successful. Projects include billboards, newspaper ads, placemats used at annual meetings and Breakfaasts on the Farm; movie theater and radio ads; pop up banners; backpacks for 4-H youth leadership, fair displays; county 4-H heredity displays; bookmarks; newspaper inserts; and brochures. This year’s projects had over 20 million people consumer impressions.

The Minnesota Farmers CARE – Food piece was provided to counties and distributed throughout the state. As an added feature, it was featured on the Minnesota Farm Bureau website and linked to further information about each of the farmers, whether it be a video, blog or news story. Having additional avenues for information on the website and social media maintains Farm Bureau’s credibility as a trusted source.

Safety

**Issue:** The dynamics around farm and home safety in rural communities are changing. What affects farmers, their families and their communities continue to evolve over time.

Some factors stay the same such as weather, prices, alcohol or gambling addiction and succession planning. Others evolve...fewer spouses that grew up rural or on farm, opioid

“I am so glad our neighbor asked us to become members of Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau has opened my eyes for new reasons to support agriculture.”

Lori and Keith Aakre, Clay County
Efforts to enhance the positive image of agriculture goes hand in hand with the mission of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation which is to provide opportunities for supporters of agriculture to invest in people and programs focused on supporting active farmers and agriculturalists, better connecting agriculture to consumers and serving rural communities.

Three of these organizations are America’s Heartland, a television program on public television; the United States Farmers & Ranchers Alliance (USFRA), a nationwide organization aiming to answer questions about how farmers raise our food and care for animals; and the Animal Agriculture Alliance a national organization connecting key food stakeholders to arm them with responses to emerging issues.

**Results:** Being part of these organizations allows MFBF to be at the table when key decisions are being made about agriculture in Minnesota and throughout the nation.

MFBF is building positive relationships to build a unified force in agriculture and is gaining access to resources for members and leaders to use.

**Agriculture in the classroom**

**Issue:** The average consumer is three to seven generations removed from the farm so it makes since when consumer research indicates that consumers want to hear from farmers. In addition, a recent study from the Food and Farm Alliance of Minnesota indicated that nearly 60 percent of all Minnesotans have never met a farmer. Providing consumers an opportunity to learn first-hand how and why farmers do what they do is impactful.

**Action:** Farm Bureau members connected with consumers through outreach at farmers markets, J Met a Farmer tours, county fairs, community events and Breakfast on the Farm events.

**Results:** Classroom visits were made during the Minnesota Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and throughout the year in urban areas.

Resources and materials were distributed by the MFBF and the AFB Foundation for Agriculture which were used by county leaders during classroom programs, farm tours, farmers markets, county fairs and Breakfasts on the Farms. Agriculture has a growing need for future employees. 60,000 agricultural related jobs go unfilled each year. Providing opportunities for consumers and students to better understand production agriculture will help shape the direction of agriculture in the future.
Farm Bureau Beliefs

∗ America’s unparalleled progress is based on freedom and dignity of the individual, sustained by basic moral and religious concepts.
∗ Economic progress, cultural advancement, ethical and religious principles flourish best where people are free, responsible individuals.
∗ Individual freedom and opportunity must not be sacrificed in a quest for guaranteed “security.”
∗ We believe in government by legislative and constitutional law, impartially administered, without special privilege.
∗ We believe in the representative form of government—a republic—as provided in our Constitution, in limitations on government power, in maintenance of equal opportunity in the right of each individual to freedom of worship and in freedom of speech, press and peaceful assembly.
∗ Individuals have a moral responsibility to help preserve freedom for future generations by participating in public affairs and by helping to elect candidates who share their fundamental beliefs and principles.
∗ People have the right and the responsibility to speak for themselves individually or through organizations of their choice without coercion or government intervention.
∗ Property rights are among the human rights essential to the preservation of individual freedom.
∗ We believe in the right of every person to choose an occupation; to be rewarded according to his/her contributions to society; to save, invest or spend; and to convey his/her property to heirs. Each person has the responsibility to meet financial obligations incurred.
∗ We believe that legislation and regulations favorable to all sectors of agriculture should be aggressively developed in cooperation with allied groups possessing common goals. We support the right of private organizations to require membership as a prerequisite for member services.

Farm Bureau Membership... What’s In It for you?

∗ Food Safety
Farm Bureau is committed to providing safe, affordable food for families. We work with farmers and government officials to ensure that food safety is a top priority.

∗ Protecting our Environment
Farm families drink the water, breathe the air and live on the land. Minnesota’s farmers demonstrate a strong commitment to protecting and improving our environment by participating in voluntary conservation programs and adopting sustainable recommended management practices for enhancing soil, air and water quality.

∗ Energy
Farm Bureau supports a comprehensive energy approach to reducing our dependence on foreign oil and alleviating the economic hardship for all Americans caused by rising energy costs. This includes renewable energy sources such as ethanol, biodiesel, wind and biomass, nuclear and domestic fossil fuel production.

∗ Animal Care
Ethical animal care is a top priority for Minnesota farmers. It’s the right thing to do, and it keeps our animals safe, healthy and disease-free. Farm Bureau believes that animal care decisions should continue to be made by farmers in consultation with their veterinarian.

∗ Strong Rural Communities
Strong, thriving rural communities and a successful agriculture economy go hand in hand. Farm Bureau is dedicated to ensuring rural Minnesota is able to prosper. Locally, Farm Bureau members are dedicated to local civic involvement and actively work to ensure that their rural communities have access to high quality education and health care, provide a business friendly climate and can compete in a global marketplace.

“I loved the opportunity to talk with other farmers from around the country. I believe through events like these farmers come together as one voice to help solve farm challenges.”

—AJ Quade, Cottonwood County
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STATE ISSUES

State-Specific Restriction
Dicamba Herbicide

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) announced a state-specific restriction for the use of the herbicide dicamba in Minnesota for the 2020 growing season. Dicamba used on dicamba-tolerant soybeans will have a cut-off use date of June 20, 2020. The 2020 Minnesota restriction is in addition to those established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Grant Money Available for Prevention of Wolf Attacks

New money is available to Minnesota livestock farmers and ranchers to help prevent wolf attacks. A total of $60,000 will be awarded through the Wolf Livestock Conflict Prevention Grants Application due January 31, 2020, to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

The grants provide reimbursement for costs of approved practices to prevent wolf-livestock conflicts. Eligible expenses for the grant program will include any or all of the following items:

- Purchase of guard animals
- Veterinary costs for guard animals
- Installation of wolf-barriers which may include pens, fladry and fencing
- Installation of wolf-deterring lights and alarms
- Calving or lambing shelters
- Other measures demonstrated to effectively reduce wolf-livestock conflicts

Farmers must live within Minnesota’s wolf range, as designated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, or on property determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture to be affected by wolf-livestock conflicts. Any animal species produced for profit and documented to have been killed by wolves in Minnesota in the past is eligible. This includes bison, cattle, chicken, deer, donkey, duck, goose, goat, horse, llama, guile, sheep, swine and turkey.

The grant application must be emailed or postmarked by 5 p.m. on January 31, 2020. Work for this grant must be done and expenses reported by August 31, 2020. The application and more information can be found at mda.state.mn.us/wolf/grants.

The grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is funding the third round of Wolf-Livestock Conflict Prevention Grants. These two rounds are funded by the Minnesota Legislature in 2017. Those grants awarded $240,000 between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019. Grantees used the money for items like fencing, guard animals and motion lights – all deterrents to wolves.

Special Elections in Districts 30A and 60A

Governor Tim Walz issued writs of special election to fill vacancies in House Districts 30A and 60A prior to the 2020 legislative session. Governor Walz issued a writ of special election to fill a vacancy in the office of state representative for District 60A in Hennepin County occurring upon the passing of Representative Dan Daukeler on November 16, 2019. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. A special primary, if necessary, will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

A special election to fill the vacancy in the office of state representative for District 30A in Sherburne and Wright Counties occurring upon the resignation of Representative Nick Zerwas. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. A special primary, if necessary, will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. These special election dates allow for the new representatives to be seated when the 2020 legislative session convenes on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

FEDERAL ISSUES

USDA Extending Flexibility on Crop Insurance Premiums

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced it will continue to defer accrual of interest for 2019 crop year insurance premiums to the wide swathe of farmers and ranchers affected by extreme weather in 2019. Specifically, USDA will defer the accrual of interest on 2019 crop year insurance premiums to the earlier of the applicable termination date or January 31, 2020, for all policies with a premium billing date of August 15, 2019. This extension is necessary since harvest progress has been very delayed and crop insurance claims are not typically settled until harvest is complete, squeezing cash flow for farmers.

USDA had previously announced a deferral to November 30, providing farmers with an additional two months from the traditional September 30 date. With the additional announcement, farmers will have until January 31, 2020, to pay the 2019 premium without accruing interest. For any premium that is not paid by the new deadline, interest will accrue consistent with the terms of the policy. For more information on this extension contact your crop insurance agent.

Trade Updates: Wheat and Poultry

Brazil committed to implementing a $750,000 currency (MT) duty-free tariff rate quota (TRQ) for wheat imports when it acceded to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1994. The United States has long sought for Brazil to fulfill this commitment, culminating in a public announcement when Presidents Trump and Bolsonaro met in Washington in March. The duty-free TRQ will provide stable and predictable access to a market where U.S. wheat exporters have long had ready Brazilian customers. Prior to implementation of this TRQ, U.S. wheat typically entered Brazil at an applied 10% duty, in comparison to wheat from Brazil’s Mercosur with customs union trade partners, particularly Argentina, which enters duty-free.

China has announced that it will resume imports of U.S. poultry and poultry products. China has banned U.S. poultry since January 2015. USDA, along with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (UST), has announced that the resolution of poultry exports to China could lead to sales of over $1 billion annually.

Crop Insurance Data Needed

Farm Service Agency (FSA) is receiving inquiries regarding eligibility for Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+) due to 2019 moisture. WHIP+ provides assistance to eligible farmers who suffered crop losses due directly to flooding. The Minnesota state FSA Committee has defined flood for purposes of WHIP+ as a temporary condition of overflow or submerged water in an insubstantial amount that is usually dry with two or more inches of standing water for two or more consecutive days. Disaster events directly related to flooding must have occurred to be eligible for WHIP+. Other qualifying disaster events in Minnesota include tornadoes and blizzards that resulted in a crop loss as determined by Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Crop damage not caused directly by flood is not eligible for assistance under WHIP+. For example, excessive rainfall which delayed wheat harvest which then caused a loss of quality, such as low falling numbers, would not be a qualifying cause of loss for WHIP+ since the crop damage was not a direct result of flooding.

Farmers must finalize their claim(s) with their crop insurance company or RMA before they can apply for assistance under FSA’s WHIP+. Production data will be provided directly by RMA to FSA for insured crops.

All the acreage of the crop in the approved plan of RMA will be included in the WHIP+ application when determining eligibility. For example, if the RMA Unit consists of 300 acres of wheat and only 10 acres are damaged by flooding, all of the production from 300 acres will be used in the payment calculation. This may result in no payment earned if the other acreage did not also suffer significant damage.

All farmers may apply but must provide acceptable documentation to FSA that they suffered losses caused by flooding or other WHIP+ qualifying weather event.

Farmers who apply for WHIP+ must obtain crop insurance on the crop paid under WHIP+ for the two consecutive crop years of 2022 and 2023 at a level of 60/100 or equivalent.

If you have suffered crop loss due to flooding and the claim has been finalized by crop insurance, you must contact the local FSA county office to schedule an appointment to apply for WHIP+.

Outlook for 2019 Farm Economy

The USDA Economic Research Service’s (ERS) recently updated forecast for U.S. farm sector income, finances and wealth projects total gross income in U.S.
agriculture, which includes cash receipts from crop and livestock sales as well as federal support, at $437.1 billion for 2019, up $9.3 billion, or 2%, from prior-year levels. Total production expenses for 2019 are now forecast at $344.6 billion and are in line with prior-year levels.

A broad measure of farm profitability, net farm income – the difference between gross income and production expenses – is now projected at $92.5 billion, up $8.5 billion or 10%, from 2018. If realized, net farm income in 2019 will be the highest since 2014 but would remain 25% below 2013’s record high of $123 billion and would be marginally higher than the inflation-adjusted average of $90.5 billion. Read more at fb.org/market-intel.

★ Eager to Return to Global Competitiveness
“America’s farmers are eager to get back to business globally. Progress restoring our ability to be competitive in China is a key component. We appreciate the administration’s initiative and look forward to further progress toward resolving this trade battle,” said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. “China went from the second-largest market for U.S. agricultural products to the fifth-largest since the trade war began. Reopening the door to trade with China and others is key to helping farmers get back on their feet. Farmers would much rather farm for the marketplace and not rely on government trade aid.”

“American agriculture has been caught in the trade war crosshairs, and it’s time to turn the page. We encourage the administration to continue building on the announced progress and aggressively pursue a full trade agreement with China and other partners around the world.”

★ AFBF Files Legal Challenge to California’s Proposition 12
The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) and the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) have filed a legal challenge to California’s Proposition 12, which imposes animal housing standards that reach outside of California’s borders to farms across the United States and beyond.

“This law was sold to California voters as a solution to improve animal welfare and food safety, but it has nothing to do with food safety, and many animals will suffer more injury and illness under its arbitrary rules,” said AFBF General Counsel Ellen Stene. “The best way to protect animal well-being is to allow farmers to make farm-specific and animal-specific decisions on animal care. Prop 12 will deny them that ability while driving up their costs. The hardest hit will be family farms, especially smaller independent farms. That means Prop 12 will also lead to fewer family farms and greater consolidation in the pork industry.”

Beginning January 1, 2022, Proposition 12 prohibits the sale of pork not produced according to California’s highly prescriptive production standards. The proposition applies to any uncooked pork sold in the state, whether raised there or outside its borders. Currently, less than 1% of U.S. pork production meets Prop 12’s requirements. In order to comply with Proposition 12, U.S. hog farmers need to start making investment decisions today to be ready by the implementation date.

The complaint asks the courts to strike Proposition 12 as invalid under the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

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Farm Description: We raise Angus-Herceford beef cattle, cow-calf, and we also grow our own hay and corn. We raise broiler chickens for our own consumption, and we have a large garden to sustain us throughout the winter.

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Hobbies: As a family we enjoy spending time together outdoors working the land, camping, hiking, geocaching and horseback riding; as well as taking field trips to historical sites for home-school fun days. Our children are active in Farm Bureau events and have helped teach at the farm safety day organized by our county.

Why did you get involved with YF&R? We value the agricultural lifestyle and believe in the work that Farm Bureau is doing to help educate the community. Being second generation YF&R members has given us a strong background in the Farm Bureau community, and we have built valuable connections and strong friendships. We enjoy lending our time to the various programs and events sponsored by Farm Bureau. As a family, we encourage other agricultural minded individuals to attend a meeting or event and see what it’s all about!
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