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Maryland Farm Bureau to Hold 101st Annual Meeting December 4-6 in Ocean City

Davidsonville, MD (November 21, 2016) – The Maryland Farm Bureau (MFB), a non-profit member organization promoting Maryland agriculture and rural life, will hold its 101st annual convention from December 4-6, 2016 at The Clarion Resort Hotel in Ocean City.

The three-day convention will feature presentations, awards, elections and discussions to educate and update members on MFB activity and issues affecting the agricultural industry. MFB President Chuck Fry, Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Joe Bartenfelder, Nationwide Insurance Board Member Ken Davis, UMD College of AGNR Dean Dr. Craig Beyroudy and Miss Maryland Agriculture Megan Millison will address the members. Lindy Phillips, comedian and inspirational speaker, will give the keynote address. The 101st convention will also host the annual meetings for the Women’s Leadership and Young Farmers committees.

“We are looking forward to gathering with our members and delegates to celebrate the success of Maryland Farm Bureau and plan for the organization’s future,” said Chuck Fry, President of Maryland Farm Bureau.

To provide our members with more detailed information during the convention, we have updated our mobile app with speaker bios, exhibitor and sponsor information, and a full schedule. Convention attendees, members and those interested in Maryland agriculture are encouraged to download the free app on a smartphone or tablet by searching “Maryland Farm Bureau” in iTunes and Google Play stores or by going to <https://crowd.cc/s/nrNG>.

A live auction will be held on Monday night to benefit the MFB Scholarship Fund. There will be 23 items, one donated from each MFB member county. Bidding for a featured farm in the lobby of MFB’s Davidsonville office on a gallery wrap canvas will also be open – the proceeds from which will go toward our mortgage debt reduction fund.

MFB will present several awards at the convention, including the 2016 Top Nationwide Agents, Top Farm Agency, MFB counties that made membership goals and Distinguished Service to Maryland Farm Bureau. The MFB Young Farmers will compete for the Achievement Award, Young Farmer Excellence in Agriculture Award, Collegiate Discussion Meet and Discussion Meet during the convention. Winners of the Young Farmers Competitions will win a YETI cooler and go on to compete at the national level in Phoenix in January of 2017 during the American Farm Bureau Federation’s annual meeting.

“The Maryland Farm Bureau Convention will be a great time for collaboration as our members pass new policies for 2017,” said Fry. “We will hold District Farm Bureau Caucus meetings and announce the 2017 MFB Board of Directors; a lot of exciting developments for our organization.”

The annual meeting will also feature two rounds of breakout sessions on Monday that include:

- **Family Firearms Trusts** (Amy Lorenzini of Cumberland & Erly, LLC)
- **Solar Energy Generation** (Panel: Colin Meehan of First Solar, Susan Gray of Maryland DNR, and Richard Stolfus of Sunrise Solar)
- **Legal Risk of Saving Seeds** (Jesse Hammock of Parker Counts Law firm)
- **Wildlife Management with DNR** (Panel: Pete Jayne and Bill Harvey of Maryland DNR)
- **Effectiveness at Day in Annapolis Visit** (Paula Linthicum of Montgomery County Farm Bureau)

For more information on Maryland Farm Bureau’s 101st Annual Convention, visit our website at www.mdfarmbureau.com or download our app!

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Maryland Farm Bureau is a private, non-profit membership organization. It is controlled by its members through the democratic process and is financed by voluntary membership dues. Its strength comes from the active participation of over 36,000 member families that belong to the state’s 23 county Farm Bureaus. For the last 100 years, Maryland Farm Bureau has served to promote and protect Maryland agriculture and rural life.