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Maryland Farmers Talk Agriculture in Annapolis

February 12, 2016 (Davidsonville, MD) – More than 100 Maryland Farm Bureau (MFB) members traveled to the state capital on Feb. 10 for MFB’s annual Day in Annapolis event to talk with Senators and Delegates about agricultural issues. Sponsored by the Young Farmers and Women’s Leadership Committees, the event featured a legislative briefing by our Government Relations staff and a sit-down lunch with more than 60 legislators at the Governor Calvert House.

“The interaction between farmers and elected officials was valuable,” said Chuck Fry, President of Maryland Farm Bureau. “We would also like to thank our members who stayed to testify on bills Wednesday afternoon. These members shared their personal stories and experiences about their farming operations with legislators to explain their stance.”

Maryland farmers gathered in the State Capitol to meet with legislators on issues ranging from farm truck weights to wildlife management. Farmers voiced opposition to bills to allow the unregulated distribution of raw milk ([HB 79](#)) and deny preventative antibiotic care for livestock ([HB 211/SB 198](#)). They also expressed disappointment over a bill (Poultry Litter Management Act, [HB 599/SB 496](#)) that back pedals on last-year’s agreement to implement the Phosphorus Management Tool over the next six years.

Miss Maryland Agriculture, Jenell Eck of Queen Anne’s County, was recognized on the House and Senate floors during the Day in Annapolis and received a resolution for her active work in schools and the community to promote agriculture in our state.

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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.