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Maryland Farm Bureau Gives Back on Ag Day

Donates to the AFBF Foundation and Midwest wildfire relief funds

Davidsonville, MD (March 22, 2017) – In honor of National Agriculture Day on March 21, the Maryland Farm Bureau (MFB) Board of Directors voted to make contributions to the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture (AFBFA) and to Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas Farm Bureaus for wildfire relief.

The AFBF Foundation for Agriculture creates agriculturally literate citizens through educational programs, grants, scholarships, classroom curriculum and volunteer training. Maryland Farm Bureau members use resources from the Foundation like free games and lesson plans to educate elementary school children.

“The Foundation is a crucial tool for Farm Bureau and United States agriculture,” said Chuck Fry, President of Maryland Farm Bureau. “Our Board supports the Foundation each year because we find value in its resources for our industry, which is often misunderstood.”

Visit the AFBFA website to check out the resources and make a donation:

<http://www.agfoundation.org/about/donate>

In the wake of devastating fires throughout the Midwest earlier this month, many homes, barns, fences, livestock and most importantly lives have been lost. More than 2 million acres of land were burned across the region, causing millions of dollars of damage. Many county Farm Bureaus in Maryland are also making contributions to the Midwest for wildfire relief through auctions and fundraising events this spring.

“It was an easy decision for our Board to contribute to the wildfire relief funds in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas,” added Fry. “There’s so much more we as an organization and our state’s farmers wish we could do for the farmers and ranchers in the Midwest. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who has been affected by the wildfires.”

Visit the following Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas Farm Bureau webpages to make a donation and assist the Midwest farmers and ranchers in wildfire relief:

<https://www.kfb.org/Article/Kansas-wildfire-relief>

<http://okfarmbureau.org/index.php?action=news.newsdetail&rowid=866>

<http://texasfarmbureau.org/panhandle-wildfire-relief-fund/>

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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 more than 100 years, Maryland Farm Bureau has served to promote and protect Maryland agriculture and rural life.