



MCFB Ag/Member *highlights*

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Our Farmers

Wyndo (Win-doo) Farm in Damascus Maryland owned by the Doody family is a 3rd generation farm that has raised Holstein dairy cattle since the 1950's. In 1955 John F. and Bernice E. Doody started leasing the farm from the prior owner. Over the coming years they made many improvements to the facilities and farm, and in 1960, in recognition of all the work that had been done to the property, the prior owner decided to sell the farm to John and Bernice through a lease-to-buy arrangement where he recognized all the prior rent payments towards the purchase price. John and Bernice went on to continue to milk dairy cattle at this farm with as many as 180-200 milking cows and an equal number of heifers and calves at any given time until the mid-1990's when John F. passed away. John and Bernice had 3 children (JoAnne, Richard, and John R.) who have continued in the family tradition with JoAnne working for University of Maryland Extension 4-H programs and raising dairy goats, Richard running a machine/repair shop on the farm, and John continuing to raise 4-H show calves with his kids (Ian and Julia). The farm still operates today, though there are no longer milking animals on the farm and it has transitioned more towards a hobby-farm to occupy the spare time of John and Ian.

Membership Committee needs your help! Do you have videography, script writing or just iPhone video skills? Your time and talents would benefit a project the committee is considering to assist in MCFB member recruitment and education. Please consider helping and contact **Kathy** at **240-381-5310** with questions or interest!

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Resource of the Week from AFBF

The #AmplifyAg webinars are a quarterly webinar series that is hosted by the AFBF Promotion and Education committee as a way to educate viewers on topics and projects that are relevant to the agricultural community. These webinars have covered topics such as writing accurate books, getting started in agritourism, leadership development and more.

Recordings of these webinars are available on Farm Bureau University for streaming at any time. Each webinar ranges in length from 45 minutes to an hour.

Webinar recordings available include:

1. Advocating for Animal Protein Producers in 2022 and Beyond
2. What's Next? Reengage & Reset
3. Mobile Ag Labs 101
4. The 3 Bs of Communication in Agriculture
5. New McDonald Flies a Drone: Writing Accurate Agriculture Books 101
6. Agritourism Ventures
7. Digital Sustainability Breakout Box Debut
8. Food Brings Everyone to the Table
9. Creative Video Hacks to Grow Social Media Engagement

To access the #AmplifyAg webinars on FBU:

1. Sign in to Farm Bureau University.
2. Go to "Resources" in the Catalog.
3. Start the "Digital Toolbox: Agricultural Resources"
4. Select the "#AmplifyAg Webinar Series" tab

To register on Farm Bureau University:

Any member can register for free at university.fb.org. New users need to register for an account and type in the correct code. The member code is "statefb" replacing state with the two-letter postal abbreviation. For example, a New York Farm Bureau member's code is "nyfb." The staff code is "statefbstaff" replacing state with the two-letter postal abbreviation. For example, a New York Farm Bureau staff member's code is "nyfbstaff."

Maryland Climate-Smart Ag

Finding ways to help you adapt to a changing climate

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- BE HEARD on what you are experiencing and trying, plus your questions and opinions.
- Access to science-based knowledge of:
 - What changes to expect in your specific operations and locations;
 - Tools/methods/ideas to utilize;
 - Upcoming policy discussions and possible funding sources to maintain/increase your bottom line.
- Solutions to ensure your profitability and resiliency.
- The opportunity to be part of an ongoing feedback and information-sharing loop with researchers and policymakers.

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- What keeps you up at night, regarding concerns in your operation?
- What challenges have you or your members seen in your operation due to changing weather patterns?
- What on-farm practices are no longer working?
- What practices/changes have you tried or adopted that have/have not worked?
- Are there specific topics or questions you would like to see addressed by researchers or policymakers?
- How do current BMPs (best management practices) and cost share practices hold up as weather patterns change?
- What is your current GO-TO source of information regarding a changing climate and how to adapt your operations to increase your bottom line?
- Where would you like to get this information (Extension, website, on-farm demos, dinner/lunch meetings, email, social media, etc.)?

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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Equipment Coverage	Farm Dwelling Coverage	Farm Structures Coverage	
Auto Insurance	Umbrella Insurance	Liability Insurance	

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Frederick County native, Amanda has several ties with individuals and business owners going back generations. Amanda understands the value of customer service and has built a loyal customer base. This is the result of her willingness to go the extra mile for everyone she meets.

Outside of work Amanda enjoys spending time with her family raising livestock, hauling kids to cattle shows, horse shows, and cheer events. Amanda is also an avid supporter of the local 4H program and a mentor to children of all ages who raise and show their animals at the County, State, and National levels. Balancing her home life with two active children and a first responder husband, Amanda volunteers and advocates for several local charities as well

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