



MCFB Ag/Member *highlights*

December 2023

MCFB Annual Banquet and Meeting held on November 14th



Maryland Farm Bureau First Vice President, Jamie Raley, briefs members on topics of importance in agriculture in Maryland. Mr. Raley was later elected President at the State Convention in December.

Election Results: Members voted on a new slate of officers and to induct two new board members. Congratulations to our new President, Todd Greenstone, 1st VP Doug Lechluder, 2nd VP Eric Spates and two new board members, Olivia Scuderi and Billy Willard, Jr.

County Executive Marc Elrich and MDFB First Vice President Jamie Raley discuss Ag issues over dinner.



We welcome two new advocates for MoCo Ag Kendall Abruzzese, MDFB Regional Manager and Mike Scheffel, Director Office of Agriculture Services, both attending the Annual Banquet to meet members.



Farm Bureau Benefit Highlight: Did you know that as a Farm Bureau member, you have access to many discounts and benefits! AVIS and Budget Rentals offer you up to 35% off their base rates and all Farm Bureau members receive up to 20% off the Best Available Rate at WYNDAM Hotels and Resorts! Don't forget to check out **all** the **great benefits** of being a Farm Bureau member by clicking on the highlighted link!

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New Promotional Video



Do you know a farmer, part-time or 4H farmer, owner of land with livestock *OR* a supporter of agriculture, CSA member, someone who buys local and from farm-markets; we welcome them as a MCFB member! To help encourage family, friends and neighbors to join, we have created a promotional video, attached here as a link to share on your business website or Facebook page, email to friends/family/neighbors, extolling, in our members' own words, why it's important to join the Farm Bureau! **Please share!**
Let's all get (en)rolling!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12UBAo_8W-XGBcrkrV-AA1oK_Z9KWztCu/view?usp=drive_link

Maryland Fire Departments Win Grain Rescue Tube Equipment

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Laytonsville Fire Department is recipient of needed safety equipment and training!

https://www.wboc.com/news/maryland-fire-departments-win-grain-rescue-tube-equipment/article_566fafc8-7e80-11ee-9b74-37a0ab936b3a.html

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2023 Maryland Farm Bureau Convention and Meeting of the Delegates

Yet another MD Farm Bureau Convention is in the books, and what a great time it was. Montgomery County had seven delegates at convention to vote on changes to the MDFB Bylaws and Policies and elect the President for the organization. Along with the delegates, the county had an additional seven Young Farmers in attendance at the Young Farmers and Ranchers NextGen Summit. The Summit kicked off with a fantastic keynote speaker and two panels that discussed educational and financial programs available to beginning farmers and how we can better grow the agricultural workforce.

Discussion Meets took place for both the Young Farmers and State Ag Ambassadors, with Hayden Whirley effectively representing Montgomery County. The convention itself was loaded with interesting breakout workshop options ranging from preventing fires on the farm to planning a more successful Legislative Day in Annapolis.

On our last day, we got to connect with the rest of our district (Howard and Carroll counties) in a meeting led by Howie Feaga, and we elected another district chair from Carroll County to serve alongside him next year. The networking opportunities were endless at this event, and it was wonderful to learn and hear from so many different individuals in the agriculture industry. It was great to see so many young agriculturalists at the Summit and hear how they are stepping up to take on roles within Farm Bureau at the local and state levels. MDFB is headed in a positive direction with the new staff that came on board this year and the newly elected officers, and we should all anticipate successful outcomes next year!



Top: MDFB president opening remarks; above left: Todd Greenstone, Pam Hosimer, Chuck Schuster; above right: Catherine Savage, Pam Hosimer; above: left to right are Sara Lechlinder Board Director, Rachel Zimmerman 4H, Catherine Savage Young Farmers Chair, Abby Zimmerman 4H, Olivia Scuderi Board Director and MCFB member Isaac Pellegrino.

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