



NEWSLETTER

FCFB 2025 Calendar

Upcoming Events

February 5
Day in Annapolis

February 8
Legislative Day
9am at New Midway Fire Hall

March 27
Spring Banquet
6:45pm at Jefferson
Ruritan Hall

April 16
Spring Luncheon
11:30am at New Midway
Fire Hall

June 28-29
Farm Safety Camp
Camp Round Meadow

July 16
Summer Picnic
6pm at Mount Tabor Park

August 21-September 7
Maryland State Fair
Timonium

September 12-20
The Great Frederick Fair

October 17
Annual Meeting
New Midway Fire Hall

November 14
Women's Leadership Bingo
New Midway Fire Hall

December 6-9
Maryland Farm Bureau
Annual Meeting
Cambridge, MD

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

DAVID BURRIER

Welcome to a New Year, which brings new opportunities for Frederick County Farm Bureau to engage in our priorities. Our top priority is property rights, and we have been at the forefront of opposing the MPRP power line. We believe it will negatively impact many Frederick County farms, and we are committed to ultimately defeating the project and exploring alternative opportunities for power generation and transmission.

We have had several members serve on various work groups in our county, including the agritourism work group and the workforce workplace work group. We have been actively involved in discussions with county agencies regarding concerns that could challenge the future of agriculture in our county. We will remain diligent in advocating for our members to preserve our industry.

Looking back at 2024, it was a very successful year, capped by the Maryland Farm Bureau convention in December.

Once again, Frederick County excelled in the six judged categories submitted and received the coveted Silver Bowl Award for Outstanding Large Membership County. Thank you to all the committee chairs and members for their hard work putting together another successful program year.

Congratulations to Brian Sweeney, who was elected to represent District One on the Maryland Farm Bureau Board of Directors for a two-year term. Congratulations also to Dalena Bryant, our Frederick County Farm Bureau Ambassador, for being selected as one of the Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassadors for 2025. We also congratulate Audrey Wolfe, who received the Maryland Farm Bureau Women's Committee Woman of the Year Award for 2024.

At the annual meeting in October, new officers and directors were elected. David Burrier is the incoming President, Eric Aellen is the 1st Vice President, and Bill Allen is the 2nd Vice President. Reappointed to the board were Brian Sweeney, Lisa Gaver, John Zimmerman, and Amy Jo Poffenberger. Filling Bill Allen's seat on the board is Scott Montgomery.

Larry Howard was recognized for his leadership, service, and job well done as he retires. Joann Harshman has agreed to take over as our new treasurer, and we are excited to have her in this position.

We thank Denny Remsburg for his three years of leadership as president. He has worked tirelessly with our legislators at all levels to enrich our relationship with them, enabling us to have a seat at the table.

Looking ahead to 2025, our day to meet our representatives in Annapolis is February 5. This has been a very successful opportunity to meet with our legislators to voice our concerns on upcoming legislation.

We are a grassroots organization, so please contact any board member or officer with questions and issues. A strong membership is key to our organization's future. Let this be a reminder to encourage family, friends, and neighbors to join if they are not already members. We need to keep the "Voice of Agriculture" strong!

EXCITING MEMBER BENEFIT: VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRODUCTS

With the Virginia Tractor's recent acquisition of Gladhill Tractor, you can now order Virginia Farm Bureau Products through Virginia Tractor in Purcellville and have them conveniently delivered to Maryland Tractor (formerly Gladhill Tractor) for pickup. Products must be paid for at the Purcellville store.

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5509 Mount Zion Rd, Frederick, MD 21703

For additional questions, please contact Sam Roop at 301-639-7374.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

DAVID BURRIER

Legislative Day will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the New Midway Fire Hall. Soup and sandwiches will be provided for lunch.

This is a great opportunity to have one-on-one dialogue with our representatives from the county, state, and national levels, as well as members from our school board. I encourage all members to come participate, engage, and educate our representatives about our concerns.

Please contact David Burrier for any additional questions at 443-340-9591 or burrierfarmsred@gmail.com.

SPRING BANQUET

LAURA RAMSBURG

Come celebrate **NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK** at our **SPRING MEETING!**

Rooted in Agriculture: Growing Our Future!

The Spring Meeting for Frederick County Farm Bureau will be held on Thursday, March 27 at the Jefferson Ruritan Hall at 6:45pm. The evening's dinner will be turkey and shrimp. The cost is \$22.00 per person. For questions regarding reservations please contact Laura Ramsburg at 301-712-7499 or jdlar@aol.com. The registration deadline is March 12. The RSVP form is available below.

Reservation for Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Spring Banquet

Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 6:45pm

Jefferson Ruritan Hall

Name _____

Number Attending _____ x \$22.00/person = _____

Send to: Laura Ramsburg at 9400B Dublin Road, Walkersville, MD 21793

Deadline March 12, 2025– Please make check payable to **Frederick County Farm Bureau**

If you would like to pay by Venmo see link to right

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Please include in the comment section on Venmo: Name and Number Attending

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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP REPORT

CONNIE PALMER

As we begin 2025, it's a great time to reflect on our accomplishments from this past fall.

- **October 18:** Several committee members participated in the Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.
- **November 7:** Our Chair and other members attended the MAEF Banquet in Frederick, along with representatives from The Great Frederick Fair.
- **November 15:** We hosted another successful Women's Leadership Bingo fundraiser with 135 players. Thanks to our sponsors and dedicated volunteers! Proceeds will benefit scholarships, Frederick County food banks, the Ronald McDonald House, and the Farm Safety Camp.
- **December 2:** Our annual volunteer luncheon honored 35 volunteers for their contributions throughout the year.
- **December 8:** The Maryland Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, MD. The business meeting included the election of the 2025 Maryland Farm Bureau Officers:
 - Chair: Valarie Brinsfield (Dorchester County)
 - 1st Vice Chair: Connie Palmer (Frederick County)
 - 2nd Vice Chair: Julie Cesarini (Caroline County)

Audrey Wolfe was honored as Maryland Farm Bureau's Agri-Woman of the Year, recognizing her exceptional leadership and commitment to agriculture.

In addition, Dalena Bryant, Frederick County Farm Bureau Ambassador, was chosen as the 2025 Maryland Farm Bureau Ag Ambassador. Congratulations!

Upcoming Events:

- **April 16:** Women's Leadership Luncheon. The theme is Farm Land Films presents Movie Magic.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year filled with good health, joy, and happiness.



Proud members of FCFB, the 2024 Silver Bowl Recipients, and 2024 MFB Woman of the Year, Audrey Wolfe.



MFB's 1st Vice Chair, Connie Palmer, and MFB Ambassador, Dalena Bryant.



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4TH ANNUAL DIGGING DEEPER INTO SOIL HEALTH

SAVE THE DATE

When: 02.12.2025

Where: New Midway Volunteer
Fire Company
12019 Woodsboro Pike
New Midway, MD 21775

Registration: 8AM

Event: 8:30AM-3:00PM

Lunch will be provided!

NM & CCA Credits Available!

FEATURED SPEAKER



LUKE JONES,
UNDERSTANDING AG

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