



NEWSLETTER

FCFB 2025 Calendar

Upcoming Events

August 21-September 7
Maryland State Fair
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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

Summer is nearly behind us, and fall is just around the corner. With it comes the excitement of harvest season—hopefully, your area has been blessed by Mother Nature.

Frederick County Farm Bureau has remained active this summer, engaging locally on the data center bill and overlay bill. We also continue to work diligently on the MPRP project, which could have a devastating impact on Frederick County agriculture.

Our annual picnic was held in July, and we extend our thanks to the Rocky Ridge Fire Company for allowing us to use their hall on short notice due to weather concerns.

The fellowship and great food make the picnic a highlight of our summer activities. At the event, we selected our 2025 Frederick County Ambassador, Little Farmer, and Little Farmerette, and awarded scholarships. We encourage students to apply next year so we can support as many as possible. Congratulations to all recipients!

We also participated in Ag Night at a Frederick Keys baseball game—an excellent opportunity to showcase local agriculture to a broader audience.

In cooperation with the Frederick County Soil Conservation District, Horizon Farm Credit, and other sponsors, we will host our 5th Annual Smart Soil Farm Tour in September. We invite federal, state, and county officials to join us for this boots-on-the-ground experience, highlighting the diversity of our industry. Our goal is to demonstrate how local farms are adapting to economic and conservation challenges through technology, conservation efforts, and innovative practices.

Also in September, we'll be dipping ice cream at the dairy bar at the Great Frederick Fair. September 14 is Farm Bureau Day in the Farm and Garden Building—please stop by and say hello!

Looking ahead to October, mark your calendars for Friday, October 17. Our Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held at the New Midway Fire Hall.

We'll elect directors for the coming year and discuss policy priorities for future legislative sessions. If you're interested in serving as a director, please contact any officer or board member.

Our Communications Committee is working hard to keep members informed via email, Facebook, and now text alerts—sign up using our new QR code on the back of this newsletter.

Frederick County Farm Bureau relies on strong membership to advocate for agriculture. As farms and fellow members continue to disappear, we must be diligent in recruiting new members. Please renew your membership when it's due, and encourage family, friends, and neighbors to join. You don't have to be actively farming to become a member—anyone with an interest in agriculture is welcome. Agriculture is Maryland's number one commercial industry, so let's keep our voices strong and our industry thriving.

DAIRY BAR

SCOTT MONTGOMERY

The 2025 Great Frederick Fair is quickly approaching, and we are excited to participate once again!

Setup will take place on **Saturday, September 6 at 8am**, with freezer and ice cream delivery scheduled for the **afternoon of Tuesday, September 9**. Volunteers are needed—if you're available to assist, please contact **Scott Montgomery at 240-674-1240**.

If you'd like to help scoop ice cream during the fair, please reach out to the designated day chair:

- **Sept 12** – Riggs Family · 301-606-3748
- **Sept 13** – Young Farmers (Derrick Zimmerman) · 240-315-4012
- **Sept 14** – Bill Allen · 301-514-5334
- **Sept 15** – Nathen Harshman · 240-529-2500
- **Sept 16** – Ripleys · 240-674-6450
- **Sept 17** – Sam Roop · 301-639-7374
- **Sept 18** – Emily Snyder · 240-405-4365
- **Sept 19** – David Montgomery · 240-285-5994
- **Sept 20** – Hanna Schaffer · 301-676-1050

Cleanup is scheduled for **Sunday, September 21 at 8 am, typically wrapping up by noon**. Any help is appreciated. For questions, please contact **Scott Montgomery at 240-674-1240**.

MARYLAND STATE FARM BUREAU CONVENTION

JOANN HARSHMAN

The State Convention will be held **December 6–9** at the Hyatt Regency Resort in Cambridge, MD. While registration details are pending, we're beginning to name delegates and prepare for sign-ups. Frederick County Farm Bureau will subsidize lodging costs for delegates—attendees will only cover meals and registration.

If you're interested in serving as a delegate, please email harshmancj@comcast.net. Details will be shared at the Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity to participate in elections, caucuses, resolutions, and connect with Farm Bureau members from across the state.

FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DENNY OGG

Congratulations to our 2025 scholarship recipients: **Rianna Chaney, Sheridan Chaney, Megan Downing, and Tate Ondrik**. These exceptional students have demonstrated dedication to their education and agricultural roots. We're proud to support their academic journeys and wish them continued success in the year ahead!

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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP REPORT

CONNIE PALMER

Greetings! The Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee (FCFBWLC) has had an active and successful season, participating in fairs, festivals, church gatherings, safety camps, and more.

Committee Meeting

On July 7, 11 board members met to review recent events and plan future initiatives, including the Spring Luncheon, Farmer & Farmerette Contest, Ambassador Contest, and our booth at The Great Frederick Fair.

Ambassador Contest

Held during the Annual Summer Picnic, the contest featured two outstanding young women: Elizabeth Schuebel, daughter of Charlotte Beach and William Andrews, and Kaylee Mathews, daughter of Adam Mathews and Rachel Cregger. Congratulations to Elizabeth Schuebel, who was selected as our 2025 Ambassador and will represent Frederick County at the Maryland Farm Bureau Convention in December. Special thanks to our judges: Chris Catterton, Denny Remsburg, and Dr. Richard Stonebraker.

Farmer & Farmerette Contest

We proudly supported two young participants:

- Lucas Zimmerman, son of Derrick and Ashley Zimmerman
- Addy Green, daughter of Tyler and Shelby Green

State-Level Engagement

On July 28, we joined a statewide Zoom meeting to plan the Women's Leadership Convention on December 7 in Cambridge. The day will include networking, panel discussions, a membership session, and a joint evening reception with LEAD Maryland. Members also volunteered at the U-Learn Farm and Maryland State Fair, including dipping ice cream and supporting ag education efforts.

Raffle tickets are now on sale to support Women's Leadership initiatives. Prizes include a handmade quilt, table runner, and four placemats. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5—available through committee members or at upcoming events.

The Great Frederick Fair

September is a busy month! Our committee will host educational crafts and demos for over 5,000 students, sponsor the MAEF Literacy Mobile Lab, and volunteer across the fairgrounds—from guiding school tours to helping at the Dairy Bar and judging 4-H and Household exhibits. We're proud to support ag literacy and community engagement through these efforts.

Upcoming Event Women's Leadership Bingo Night

Date: November 14, 2025

Location: New Midway Fire Hall

Join us for a fun evening and help support our committee's work in the community!

FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

LAURA RAMSBURG

The Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be held on **Friday, October 17th** at the New Midway Fire Hall. The social will begin at 6:15 pm with the Turkey and Shrimp Dinner beginning at 6:45 pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person. **Reservations deadline is October 3rd**. For questions regarding reservations please contact Laura Ramsburg at 301-712-7499 or jdlar@aol.com

If paying by check, fill out the form below:

RESERVATION FOR FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, October 17, 2025

New Midway Fire Hall

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Number Attending: _____ X \$20.00/person = _____

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

Deadline: **October 3, 2025**: Please make checks payable to Frederick County Farm Bureau

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY VIA "VENMO"

Venmo link is below.

Please include in the comment section on Venmo: Name and number attending

Deadline: **October 3, 2025**

<https://account.venmo.com/u/Laura-Ramsburg-1>

Laura Ramsburg

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**FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
PRESENTS**

CASH BINGO

Door Prizes, 50/50, Tip Jars, Basket Raffle

\$25
Per Person
(in advance)

**FRIDAY
November 14
2025**

7PM

**20 Games
3 Specials
2 Quokles**

NEW MIDWAY FIRE HALL, 12019 Woodsboro Pike, New Midway, MD 21775

Tickets - \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

Doors open at 5 PM - Bingo starts at 7 PM

Proceeds will benefit scholarships and educational programs

No outside food or alcohol permitted





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