



# Clark County Farm Bureau

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## Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

### Expedition to Expo

On October 8, Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) members from District 5 and 8 traveled to the 50<sup>th</sup> World Dairy Expo in Madison.

YFA members spent the day exploring the trade show and watching one of the largest dairy cattle shows in the world.

A highlight of the day was the crowning of the Junior and International Show Supreme Champion dairy cows. Which turned out to be extremely special for one YFA member who got to see her family's International Guernsey Show Grand Champion walk the gold shavings of the International Supreme Champion on Saturday.



Thank you to the generous sponsors of the day United FCS, American Wood Fibers, VitaPlus and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

Plans for a return trip to the 51<sup>st</sup> World Dairy Expo are underway. Watch for details in 2017.

### District 8 Discussion Meet Held



Contestants included: (L-R) Will Litzer, Marathon County; Josh Huber, Marathon County; Katie Zoromoski, Marathon County; Brad Weber, Wood County; Lauren McCann, Wood County; and Ryan Klussendorf, Taylor County. Josh, Lauren and Ryan will represent District 9 at the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference in December. Ryan placed in the final four at the 2015 state Discussion Meet.





# COUNTYnews

CLARK COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

## Third Annual Corn Festival Breakfast is Successful

The third year of hosting a breakfast in conjunction with the Loyal Corn Festival was a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The money raised from the breakfast supports the youth of Clark County in the form of scholarships. Each year the scholarship committee reviews eligible students and awards two students with \$500 scholarships.



Clark County board of directors Charlotte Rasmussen and Vali Miatke.



Clark County board of Director Duane Boon.



Clark County board of director Walter Schuette.

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## Watch for Ag Transportation Tidbits from WFBF

Now that the IOH trilogy is complete, but yet so many questions still remain, there has been discussion of creating a Wisconsin agriculture transportation guide book.

This book will encompass all aspects of operating or transporting ag-related equipment and supplies within Wisconsin, both state and federal laws.

Rob Richard, WFBF's Senior Director of Governmental Relations, and Cheryl Skjolaas of UW Extension, are working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to write this guide book.

In preparation for the guide book, WFBF has been rolling out 'Today's Ag Transportation Tidbit' on social media. These posts are simple, yet important, transportation laws or rules that apply to ag-related equipment and its operation or transport on Wisconsin roads.

To see other tidbits from WFBF's 'Today's Ag Transportation



Tidbit' go to our Facebook page at [facebook.com/WIFarmBureau](https://www.facebook.com/WIFarmBureau). Read more about the transportation tidbit initiative here: <http://bit.ly/TransportationTidbit>.

## Four Ways You Can FUN'd the Foundation at the WFBF Annual Meeting

Did you know at the WFBF Annual meeting there will be multiple opportunities to win awesome prizes and support the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation?

1. **Silent auction:** We are soliciting for and receiving items for the silent auction. The auction will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday and will end at 5 p.m. on Sunday. For donation forms, visit [wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauction](http://wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauction).
2. **50/50 raffle:** The Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets but it will have a different format. They will hold two different 50/50 raffles. The first will be from Friday evening through the beginning of the general session on Saturday morning. The other will be from Saturday afternoon through the general session on Sunday morning. \*The Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee also will be having a corn hole tournament during the Friday evening entertainment.

3. **Trivia contest:** The trivia contest will again be held on Saturday evening following the Farm Bureau Extravaganza. There will be three rounds of 25 questions and a 15-minute time limit for each round. To participate: Form a team of six people, and submit the registration fee of \$10 per person or \$60 per team. Registration can be mailed in through **November 25** and on-site registration will take place on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Space is limited to 35 teams so register early. Registration forms are posted at [wfbf.com/programmevents/event-registration](http://wfbf.com/programmevents/event-registration).

What does the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation do?

Supporting agricultural education programs and developing agricultural leaders is the guiding principle of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Foundation.

We couldn't do it without members like you.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation funds:

- Ag in the Classroom
- Younger Farmer and Agriculturist program
- Promotion and Education Program
- WFBF Institute
- Collegiate Farm Bureau chapters at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville and UW-River Falls

Besides funding the Farm Bureau programs listed, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation supports 4-H and FFA activities, scholarships for Leadership Wisconsin, Wisconsin Agribusiness Council, Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center and the Wisconsin Agriculture Education and Workforce Development Council.

## Agriculture Essay Contest Deadline is April 1



Wisconsin fourth and fifth grade students are encouraged to participate in the Ag in Classroom essay contest answering the statement, "Tell us about cranberry production in Wisconsin during one of the four seasons."

Essay submissions must be 100- to 300-words in length and will be judged on content, grammar,

spelling and neatness. Contest rules, lesson plans and sample classroom activities are at [wisagclassroom.org](http://wisagclassroom.org). Participating students and schools need to submit essays by **April 1**.

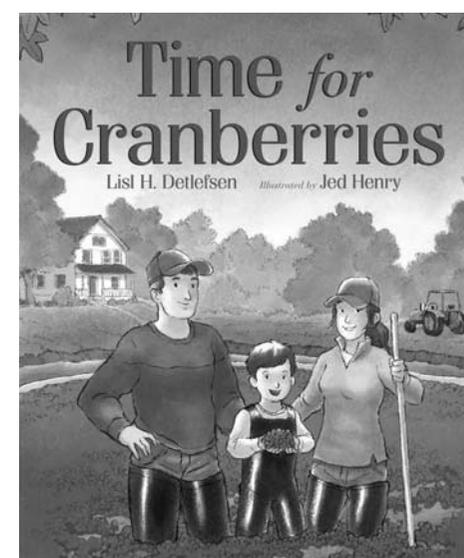
The essay contest coincides with the Ag in the Classroom 2017 Book of the Year, *Time for Cranberries* by Wisconsin author Lisl H. Detlefsen. The book and essay topic allows students to learn about cranberries and the important role they play in agriculture.

One county winner will be selected and will be forwarded to the district level. Each district winner will receive a classroom presentation in May for their homeroom or class. A state winner will be selected from nine district winners in May by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's Promotion and Education Committee. As a special treat for the state winner this year, the author of the book will visit his or her classroom to do a special presentation.

Last year, more than 3,000 students participated in the contest. The contest is sponsored by Insight FS, We Energies and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

Ag in the Classroom is designed to help students in kindergarten through high school understand the importance of agriculture. It is coordinated by the WFBF in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and with a grant from DATCP.

For essay contest information and rules, and more about Ag in the Classroom, visit [www.wisagclassroom.org](http://www.wisagclassroom.org).



## American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Focusses on Ag Literacy



*Agricultural literacy is knowledge: "We believe everyone should have an understanding of where their food comes from."*

The Foundation has taken steps to define 'agriculturally literate.' An agriculturally literate person understands the relationship between agriculture and environment, food, fiber and energy, animals, lifestyle, the economy and technology. These are the AFBFA's Pillars of ag literacy.

Agricultural literacy can be cultivated in any person, no matter the age or experience. Helping others understand the important role agriculture plays in their everyday lives is our goal. We work towards this by being a credible source for agricultural literacy information. Our materials and programs are designed not only to reflect reliable information, but also to meet today's standards of learning.

AFBFA has continued efforts to produce outstanding educational materials, create accurate resources and provide opportunities to tell the story. They are working toward making more of their materials free to educators and volunteers.

Thank you for wanting to get involved in helping others learn more about where their food comes from, how farmers

and ranchers steward the land, how agriculture is everywhere, and how farmers and ranchers feed the world. These are crucial pieces in creating ag literacy.



Here are some ideas:

- **Volunteer:** In a school, summer camp, fair or after school program. Use any of the ag literacy resources including My American Farm, Food and Science Day Camp or select an ag book to help make your presentations effective.
- **Tell your story:** Blog, post, tweet! Share information with the others who may not have a farm background so they can understand what you are doing on a farm.
- **Promote ag literacy:** Help spread the word about ag literacy and the AFBFA's resources by talking to teachers, volunteers, posting about them online or displaying banners at a fair.
- **Contact:** A local Farm Bureau or Ag in the Classroom coordinator to see if they have volunteer opportunities.
- **Stay connected:** Sign up for the AFBFA newsletter to get the latest information on programs.

For more information or to access resources, visit [www.agfoundation.org](http://www.agfoundation.org).

## Just Around the Corner...

**Ag Day at the Capitol – March 8, 2017**



Ag Day at the Capitol will be on **Wednesday, March 8, 2017** in Madison. This is a great opportunity to make contact with your local representatives and network with other Farm Bureau members.

**Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit – March 10-11**

The Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit is a joint effort of Badgerland Financial, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation and UW-Extension. It's mission is to support women in agriculture by providing a meeting place to learn, network and build friendships through peer-to-peer interaction.

Join us for another top-notch program and event as we continue this journey, together.

For more information, visit [wiagwomenssummit.com](http://wiagwomenssummit.com).



## There are Benefits to Your Farm Bureau Membership:

### Auto

- General Motors Discount

### Health

- ScriptSave® Prescription Drug Savings Card
- Life Line (NEW)

### Supplies and Products

- Case IH
- Caterpillar
- FS-GROWMARK Patronage
- Grainger
- Polaris
- Office Depot

### Communication

- AgriVisor
- The Country Today

### Insurance

- Rural Mutual Insurance Company
- Farm Bureau Financial Services

### Travel

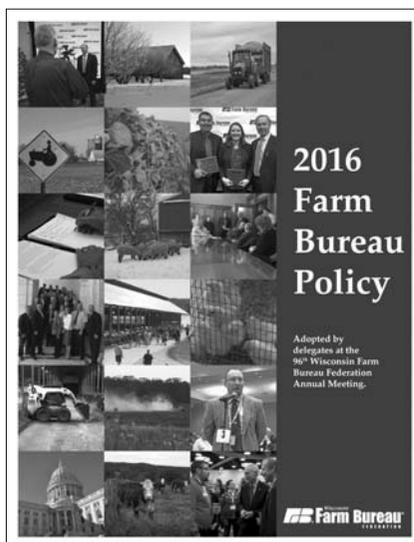
- AAA
- AVIS Car Rental Discount Program
- Choice Hotels International, Inc.
- Wyndham Hotel Group

### Financial

- AgriPlan Medical Reimbursement Program
  - Farm Bureau Bank
- ### Protection
- \$500 Reward Protection Program
  - Accidental Death Policy

For complete details visit [wfbf.com/benefits-membership](http://wfbf.com/benefits-membership).

## Clark County Farm Bureau Members Develop Grassroots Policy



Did you know that once a year Clark County Farm Bureau host's an annual meeting for its members?

This year was no exception members throughout the county gathered in September to celebrate the county's accomplishments. This once-a-year gathering also is a time for members

to elect new directors to the board and vote on policy critical to our grassroots organization.

Below is the list of resolutions that the Clark County board of directors presented on September 20. All of the resolutions passed and will be presented to the Policy Development Committee, which is made up of volunteers from around the state. Last year, the committee reviewed almost 500 resolutions.

If you have questions, concerns or maybe you believe that there is another issue that needs to be dealt with. Be sure your voice is heard by contacting your county board.

### State

1. We support the direct sales of raw milk provided that a standard of testing is adopted to sell safe and wholesome raw milk.
2. We oppose any constitutional amendment to restrict the right to recall elected officials.
3. We support legislation requiring any entity, governmental and/or private, to compensate property owners when its actions reduce property values.
4. We oppose using taxpayer funds for the purchase of development rights of all land.
5. We call for the repeal of WI. Statue 66.1001, the Smart Growth law.
6. The Clark County Farm Bureau calls for an end to the Stewardship Plan.
7. Clark County Farm Bureau requests the Wisconsin State Legislature to create laws that provide for single trip access to fields for overweight implements of husbandry, without penalty, and for violations of weight laws to be reduced.



8. We support requiring all animal drawn vehicles to have a slow moving vehicle sign, effective lighting, and reflective tape on public roads.
9. We oppose the use of steel lugged wheels or steel shoed horses on all paved roads.
10. We support DATCP to be required to repeal atrazine prohibition if three consecutive groundwater samples taken at intervals of at least six months show that the concentration of atrazine and its metabolites is below 50 percent of the enforcement. If there are other wells in the area, they are to be tested to verify that the concentration of atrazine and its metabolites also do not exceed 50 percent of the enforcement standard.
11. We are opposed to stricter county regulations on manure handling than what the current state regulations.
12. We support managed grazing as an approved method of stream bank management and managed wetland areas.
13. We support all school busses flashing both amber and red lights 200 feet prior to a stop.
14. We are in favor of changing the gas tax to fuel tax on page 17, line 18 of WFBF Fuel Tax Policy.

### Federal

14. We support the removal of wolves from the endangered species list.
15. We support the labeling of country of origin products.
16. We support legislation to allow miscellaneous day labor, up to \$1000.00 without filing a W-4 form.
17. We oppose any requirement for a farmer to have a veterinarian administer all common animal health husbandry practices.
18. We are in support of tail docking to aid in keeping cows cleaner and improving the overall farm image and safety of those working directly with the cattle.

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## Welcome New Members

Mark Bushman, Arlene Eskildsen, Peter Galen, Christopher Inman, Scott Jalling, Bryanne Risen and Terry Stitzer.

Welcome to Farm Bureau

## Dairy in the Classroom with Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board

Did you know that the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and the Dairy Farm Families of Wisconsin offer special opportunities for Wisconsin schools?

The Wisconsin Dairy Council (WDC), the school nutrition education division of the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, works with Wisconsin's K-12 schools to offer free dairy and agriculture resources for Wisconsin classrooms.

The WDC has a wide variety of programs designed for kindergarten through high school that help students understand how dairy helps grow their bodies and drives Wisconsin's economy.

Each lesson is presented by WDC staff and features interactive presentations, a dairy snack and great support materials for teachers and students. Plus each lesson meets several of the Wisconsin Academic Standards for a variety of subjects including social studies, health, nutrition, science and agriculture, food and natural resources. All presentations are free to Wisconsin schools. These lessons are a great compliment to your county's Ag in the Classroom program.

For more information, please contact regional program manager for Wisconsin Dairy Council Beth Schaefer at [bschaefer@wmmb.org](mailto:bschaefer@wmmb.org) or visit [www.wisconsinmilkmarketingboard.com](http://www.wisconsinmilkmarketingboard.com).



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