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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

Membership Goal Achieved!



Producer Club member Lloyd Williams.

The 2013-2014 membership year-end was September 30, and Waukesha County Farm Bureau was successful in achieving a total and voting membership gain. Waukesha County has 322 voting members and 917 total members.

Thank you to all the Rural Mutual Insurance agents and volunteers who made the membership gain possible. A special thank you and congratulations go to Lloyd Williams who signed at least five new members between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014. Farm Bureau volunteers who sign up five or more new members in the membership year qualify as Producer Club members. Members of the Producer Club will enjoy an exclusive gathering at the December 2014 WFBF Annual Meeting. Producer Club members will receive a commemorative pin and a special gift in recognition of their efforts.

Members of the 2015 Producer Club will enjoy an exclusive gathering for members and spouse/guest at the December, 2015 WFBF Annual Meeting. Producer Club members also receive a commemorative pin and a special gift in recognition of their efforts.

Membership Incentives

Membership Worker Recruitment Incentive

County Farm Bureau volunteers will receive \$20 for every new voting or associate member they sign between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015. Qualifying new members must (a) have no previous Farm Bureau membership, or (b) be more than 25 months past their due date.

2015 Farm Bureau Producer Club

Farm Bureau volunteers qualify as members of the Producer Club by signing five or more new Farm Bureau members during the membership year.

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County Early Bird Bonanza

County Farm Bureau will receive \$1,000 cash award if the county Farm Bureau reaches its new voting goal by the April 30, 2015 month-end cut-off.

Summer Renewal Rally

Volunteer membership workers signing up past-due membership renewals or new members between July 1 and September 30 will be entered in a drawing for one of five \$100 cash awards. Volunteers signing ten or more renewals during this period will also be entered in the grand prize drawing for a trip for two to the AFBF Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL January 10-13, 2016. For every new or past-due member signed, the membership worker must complete and mail in an entry card with the membership payment. A drawing will be held on September 30 (membership year-end).

2015 Membership Incentive Rebate Program

- Counties reaching a gain in voting membership by year-end will be paid \$1 per voting member. County will receive an additional \$2 per voting member for every voting member that exceeds the previous year's voting membership.
- Counties reaching a gain in total membership by year-end will be paid \$1 per voting member. County will receive an additional \$2 per member for every member that exceeds the previous year's total membership.
- The minimum amount a county can earn by reaching the above gains is \$400 for a voting gain and \$400 for a total gain.

Save the Date – Ag Day at the Capitol

The 2015 Ag Day at the Capitol will be held on **Wednesday, March 11** at the Monona Terrace in Madison. Below is a tentative schedule:

- 11 a.m. Registration
- 11:30 a.m. Opening Program
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
- 3 p.m. Capitol Visits

Individual registration is \$25 in advance and \$30 after March 5.

If there is enough interest, Waukesha County Farm Bureau will sponsor a bus to attend Ag Day at the Capitol. Contact Patti Roden to get on the list to attend (262.689.1838 or proden@wfbf.com).





COUNTYnews

WAUKESHA COUNTY FARM BUREAU EDITION

Waukesha County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Recap



Guest speaker, WFBF CAO Steve Freese.

Congratulations on another successful Farm Bureau year! The Waukesha County Farm Bureau annual meeting was held on October 2 at the Machine Shed in Pewaukee, with 42 people in attendance.

Each year the Waukesha County Farm Bureau board of directors and the delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting are elected. The voting members also approved policies. Those elected to the board of directors from the southern tier include: Dave Bartholomew, Bob Bartholomew, Randy Craig, Kevin McCarthy, Scott Porter, Rob Schuett, Bob Stigler and Ron Williams. The Women's committee chair is Judy Porter and the YFA chair is Ryan Brueggemann. Delegates to the WFBF Annual Meeting are Kevin McCarthy, Tom Oberhaus and Lloyd Williams. The WFBF Annual Meeting will be December 6-8 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

The Policy Development committee brought forward resolutions, which recognize Waukesha County's position on national, state and local issues. All of the resolutions passed the voting membership and will be forwarded to the state Policy Development Committee for consideration.

Guest speaker, WFBF CAO Steve Freese, spoke about the 2015-2020 WFBF Strategic Plan. He also talked about the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation and the \$5 voluntary contribution that will appear on the member dues to support the Foundation; this will begin in spring 2015. In addition, Steve Freese mentioned there will be a trivia contest at the WFBF Annual Meeting on Sunday evening. On Saturday evening at the WFBF Annual Meeting there will be a raffle for a quilt and a gun.

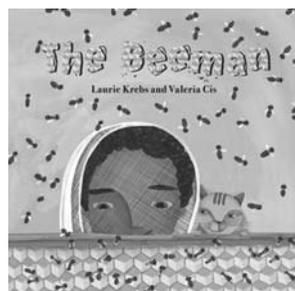
Following the board meeting, a reorganizational meeting was held to elect officers. The new officers are as follows:

- Lloyd Williams, President
- Tom Oberhaus, Vice President
- John Meissner, Secretary
- Dave Bartholomew, Treasurer

Thank you to all the members who attended this year's annual meeting!

The Beeman to Buzz into Schools

Told from the viewpoint of a child whose Grandpa is a beekeeper, this rhyming text offers an accessible and engaging introduction to the behavior of bees. Children will learn where they live, how honey is made, what a beekeeper does and more. The 2015 Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year is "The Beeman" by Laurie Krebs.

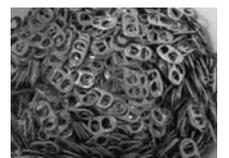


"Why are bees important to Wisconsin Agriculture?" is the topic of the essay contest from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program.

Essay submissions must be between 100 to 300 words in length and will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and neatness. All contest rules, lesson plans, county contest coordinators and sample classroom activities are located at wisagclassroom.org. Participating students and schools need to submit essays by April 1 to their county Farm Bureau essay coordinator.

Pop Tabs Wanted

Keep saving your pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! Ronald McDonald House is a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill or injured children. Since their doors opened in 1984, more than 35,000 families have stayed at the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee while their child received critical medical care. In 2013 alone, they served nearly 1,000 families. They have been at full occupancy with their 38 guest rooms—often with a wait list of anywhere from five to 20 families each day.



At the district 1 Ronald McDonald House event on May 3, 78.85 pounds of pop tabs were collected. Each district is having a competition that goes through December, so keep saving your pop tabs.

Since 2000, little aluminum tabs on the tops of soda cans have meant more than \$210,000 to the Ronald McDonald House. Revenue from recycling these little bits of aluminum helps provide a home away from home for families whose seriously ill children are undergoing treatment in the Milwaukee area.

Pop Tab Revenue History for the Ronald McDonald House:

- 2013 - \$29,250
- 2012 - \$26,200
- 2011 - \$24,506
- 2010 - \$26,171
- 2009 - \$14,845

Let's help make a difference and save your pop tabs! Any pop tabs that you have can be given to any member of the Waukesha County Farm Bureau board.

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From the Desk of the President...

Hello fellow Farm Bureau members,

Thank you for being a member of Waukesha County Farm Bureau. It's with your support that we're able to keep moving forward. The cost of your membership is \$50 per year, which gets you a voice at the Capitol. Being a member is an investment in the future of agriculture, allowing farmers to have a voice in legislation.

Ag Day at the Capitol is coming up on March 11 and I would like to encourage YOU to attend and raise your voice for agri-

culture. If there is enough interest from Waukesha County, the board would like to sponsor a bus. If you are interested in attending, please call Patti Roden to get on the list. We need to know in advance so we can make arrangements for a bus.

If you are unable to attend Ag Day at the Capitol but wish to get more involved in Waukesha County Farm Bureau, please don't hesitate to contact myself or another board member.

We have numerous active committees including: scholarship, Ag in the Classroom, Young Farmer and Agriculturist and Women's. There are many ways for you to get involved.

Stay up-to-date with what's happening with Waukesha County Farm Bureau by 'liking' our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WaukeshaCountyFarmBureau) or visiting our webpage (wfbf.com/countyfarmbureaus/waukesha).



I hope everyone had a safe and successful harvest season. Stay safe during the upcoming hunting season!

Lloyd Williams

Waukesha County Farm Bureau President

Policy Development Approved at Annual Meeting

Waukesha County Farm Bureau voting members were presented the following policies at the county annual meeting. Each of these policies were voted on and passed; they will now be presented to the WFBF Policy Development Committee for potential consideration at the state delegate floor.

INTERNAL RESOLUTION

1. The Farm Bureau State Board of Directors should not endorse a candidate running for political office until each candidate is offered an equal opportunity to be interviewed.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

2. We support development of the Agriculture Enterprise Area in any area of the county which property owners desire to do so.
3. We support the county and state to maintain the cooperative nature of our extension service. We oppose the dilution of county extension service away from production agriculture.
4. We support the concentrated effort of county government to control their expenses, rather than using county sales tax, impact fees and other added taxes.
5. We support composting programs and recycling programs **when cost effective** in order to preserve our natural resources.
6. We support the Waukesha County Fair Board. We urge the continued participation of the Waukesha County Extension Service in the County Fair. We also support the youth organizations and volunteers, such as 4-H, and other groups that contribute to the success of the Waukesha County Fair.
7. We encourage the financial support of Waukesha County, **including the Waukesha County government**, in the assistance of youth organization (i.e. 4-H, FFA, **Waukesha County Fair**) that helps our youth develop into future outstanding citizens.
8. We support representation of the agriculture community on Waukesha County Land Use and Agriculture related committees. We also support just representation of the agriculture community on regional and multi-county committees.
9. We reaffirm our belief in the rights of private property ownership, and in the ability of the landowners to make prudent land use decisions. We would oppose rules and regulations that deprive landowners of their property rights without just compensation.
10. We urge the Waukesha County Board to maintain a drainage board to address the agriculture drainage problems and find solutions. We also promote a process in obtaining a permit for drainage purposes to be handled in a prompt and efficient manner.

11. Because water drainage systems (i.e. tiles, waterways, ditches, creeks and etc.) are critical to agricultural operations, we believe that any party allowing or causing deterioration of such drainage systems that affects other agriculture lands should be held liable for the correction of that drainage system based on a agriculture study. We also support stricter regulations with better engineering and enforcement of runoff from subdivisions and commercial development on to agriculture lands.

12. We support the "Right to Farm Law" with continued efforts which will protect agricultural operations from nuisance suits resulting from odor, dust, noise, etc. when farming enterprises are operated in accordance with best management practices.

13. We extend a thank you to County Executive Dan Vrakas and the Waukesha County Board for their support of agriculture and their continued support for the Waukesha County Fair.

14. Farmland should receive credits for permeable surfaces when calculating storm water management system assessments.

15. We support the inclusion of an appeal process in all storm water management decisions made by municipalities.

16. We support keeping the Waukesha County FSA Office open.

17. We **encourage** the Waukesha County Board **to fund** the existing museum.

STATE GOVERNMENT

18. We support the county and state to maintain the cooperative nature of our extension service. We oppose the dilution of county extension service away from production agriculture.

19. We support stricter regulation with better engineering and enforcement of runoff from subdivisions, commercial development and roadway projects onto agriculture lands.

20. We believe that any party, including the DNR and municipalities, allowing or causing deterioration of such drainage systems that then affects other agriculture lands should be held liable.

21. We support the concentrated effort of state government to control their expenses, rather than increasing or expanding sales, fees, and other added taxes.

22. Whereas the Farm Service Agency is consolidating county offices to save taxpayer dollars and operate more efficiently, Farm Bureau requests that farmers from such counties be given equitable representation on consolidated county FSA boards.

23. Whereas off farm employment is an important source of income for Wisconsin farmers and their spouses, Farm Bureau strongly supports

aggressive rural economic development in agricultural as well as nonagricultural industries.

24. Whereas Use Value Assessment has been successful in lowering farm property taxes to Wisconsin farmers, Farm Bureau supports stricter adherence to Use Value guidelines so that all agricultural land be correctly and fairly assessed regardless of zoning.

25. We support the discontinuation of the current Producer Security Program, unless a usable program can be developed with yearly administrative costs at less than 5% of the total potential payoff sum.

26. We support the inclusion of an appeal process in all storm water management decisions made by municipalities.

27. Farmland should receive credits for permeable surfaces when calculating storm water management system assessments. (Page 13, Line 57)

28. We support the continuing search to maintain funds for the conservation easement and pace program.

29. We urge the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation to become an active member of the U.S. Grain Council.

LIVESTOCK

30. We support legislation prohibiting local units of government from regulating livestock care and welfare and granting this authority to DATCP.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

31. Many counties have very good regulations for water runoff and water quality. We support legislation that would require incorporated municipalities to abide by these regulations as do the unincorporated areas.

32. We support greater efforts to advance new technologies with the use of EQUIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) and CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) funds to better utilize animal generated nutrients.

33. We support the agricultural chemical cleanup program with enough funds to support the program. When funds in the program exceed the need, collected funds should be protected from reallocation and additional fees should be suspended.

FEDERAL

34. Whereas Farm Bureau believes in competitiveness in agriculture and agribusiness, we feel the need for antitrust laws to be strictly enforced.

35. We support the use of international and federal bio-security, and continued efforts to control and promote animal and human health relative to an excellent food supply. In the development

of Homeland Security, we feel strongly that APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) should remain a continued part of the USDA, including imports.

36. We support maintaining the current FSA Offices.

37. We oppose any decrease in the renewable fuels standard.

38. We support the current state law on unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and current American Farm Bureau Federation policy.

a. Current AFBF Policy: *"We support the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for commercial purposes; requiring the operator of the UAS to gain the consent of the landowner and operator, if the UAS will be surveying or gathering data about the landowners' property below navigable airspace; and the regulation of UASs as recreational aircraft. We oppose a federal agency using UASs for the purpose of regulatory enforcement, litigation, and as a sole source for natural resources inventories in planning efforts; UASs surveying and gathering data without the consent of the landowner and or operator below navigable airspace; and FAA regulations of UASs as fixed-wing aircraft."*

TRANSPORTATION

39. Implements of Husbandry: We encourage further research on tire sizing and the impact on roads.

DAIRY

40. Milk is produced solely for human consumption in varying forms. Therefore, we favor the movement toward one classification. We believe the enhancement of current standards would provide the industry with a better quality product.

41. We support dairy policies aimed at improving both short and long term market prices and improving milk quality.

42. We support the sale of pasteurized milk in Wisconsin.

TRADE

43. We support congress in its emergency support of agriculture in the past and present, which is greatly needed and appreciated. We do, however, recommend that programs such as Foreign Market Development and the Market Promotion Program which build solid long term markets for our products should be fully funded and maintained.

44. We support that all trading countries throughout the world use sound scientific procedures in evaluating the use and importation of agriculture products from new technologies.

Farm Bureau Leadership Institute

By Ryan Brueggemann

Fall Greetings to Everyone,

I'm Ryan Brueggemann, your county Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) chair. Last year I applied and was selected to be in the 2014 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Institute Class VIII. This is a leadership training class designed to grow future Farm Bureau leaders from within the organization. This class was composed of five sessions meeting for two to three days at a time at various locations in the state. As a class we are learning how to become effective leaders and communicators so we can educate people and get the correct message of agriculture out in our communities. We also learn political process and the role Farm Bureau has when legislation comes up that can affect agriculture. This has been an extraordinary learning and growing experience for me. I thank the county board for their support and the financial commitment put forth for me.

The next Institute Class has been chosen, and Amanda Carlson from Waukesha County will be participating. She is one of 15 agricultural leaders throughout the state who were selected to participate in the Farm Bureau Institute.

Hope everyone is having a safe harvest this fall.

8th Annual YFA Spring Fling

Date: Saturday,
April 11

Location: Circle
B, Cedarburg

Band: The Mantz
Brothers.

*Watch the next
newsletter for more
information.*



Save the Date – Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit



The 2015 Wisconsin Ag Women's Summit will be held **March 13-14** at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton. Visit www.wiagwomenssummit.com for more information and to register.

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Young Farmer and Agriculturist (YFA) Contest Results

Discussion Meet

The Discussion Meet gives young members a chance to demonstrate their speaking skills on agricultural-related topics. Each Wisconsin Farm Bureau district holds their own Discussion Meet. The District 1 YFA Discussion Meet was held on August 19 at Williams Farm in Waukesha County. Those present toured Williams' Farm and enjoyed watching the discussion meet and a delicious cook out.

Thank you to Lindsay Knoebel for being the time keeper for the evening. There were five participants, and three were chosen to compete at the YFA Conference on December 5-7. Those who competed in the contest were Becky Assmann (Ozaukee County), Ryan Brueggemann (Waukesha County), Amanda Carlson (Waukesha County), Garrett Goeller (Washington County) and Emily Watson (Walworth County). The three finalists were Ryan Brueggemann, Amanda Carlson and Emily Watson. Good luck Discussion Meet finalists!



Amanda Carlson, Waukesha County

Amanda Carlson grew up on a registered Holstein dairy farm in south eastern Minnesota. After graduating college with a bachelor's degree in agricultural marketing communications, she worked full-time on her family's farm before interning with Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. Earlier this year, Amanda moved to Hartland to work as an account manager for Charleston | Orwig, an agricultural marketing agency. To keep her boots in the dairy industry she milks a few nights a week at a neighboring farm and enjoys contributing to her blog with "cow talk".



Emily Watson, Walworth County

Emily Watson lives in Elkhorn. She was an active 4-H member and showed Brown Swiss cattle growing up. After joining her FFA chapter in high school she dedicated herself to the program and its events. From 2012-2013 she was a Wisconsin FFA Officer. In September she was selected as the 2015 Walworth County Fair, Fairest of the Fair. She plans to continue her education and pursue a degree in agricultural education and communication, to become an agriculture education teacher and FFA advisor.



Ryan Brueggemann, Waukesha County

Ryan Brueggemann farms in partnership with his brother Glenn, on a rented farm. They have 100 cows and farm 500 acres. Ryan is a graduate of UW-Madison's Farm & Industry Short Course and is a current member of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation's Leadership Institute. In his free time Ryan enjoys snowmobiling and motorcycling.

Achievement Award

The Achievement Award evaluates participants on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other civic and service organizations. Applicants must have derived a majority of their income from on farm production for the past three years. The top four applicants have been chosen, and Mark Mayer from Ozaukee County and District 1 has been named a finalist.

Mark Mayer lives in Fredonia. After purchasing his first dairy cattle and utilizing rental facilities, Mark purchased his current farm in 2006. He farms 550 acres. He attended Lakeshore Technical College for dairy herd management. Mark is the vice president for Ozaukee County's YFA committee and also serves on the policy development board and board of directors. Mark likes to spend time with his family, including his 12 nieces and nephews. He also serves on his local fire department.



*If you see any of these
finalists wish them good
luck as they compete at
the YFA Conference on
December 5-7.*

*Good Luck
Amanda, Emily,
Ryan and Mark!*