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Mark Your Calendars



• **Boot Camp:** The second annual Boot Camp will be held on **Saturday, January 19, 2019**, at Chippewa Valley Technical College, 621 West Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire. The day will begin at 10 a.m. with speaker WFBF Director of Local Affairs Steve Boe. At Boot

Camp you will have the opportunity to hear Steve Boe shine light on issues facing agriculture. Cost for the day is \$10. This leadership day will include lunch and a panel discussion. The Boot Camp will wrap up at 2 p.m.



• **Ag LEAD Summit:** Will be **March 8-9, 2019**, at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. This bi-annual event will be open to Farm Bureau members and non-members. The conference will be broken into four tracks: Leading Your Own Self Development, Engaging

Consumers, Advocating for Agriculture and Developing Agribusinesses. This will be a unique opportunity to share information and bridge the gap with those not involved in agriculture. Stay tuned for more information.



• **FUSION Conference:** Wisconsin has the unique opportunity of hosting the American Farm Bureau Federation FUSION Conference: **March 15-18, 2019**, in Milwaukee. This is an honor for our state to host this venue. This event will sharpen the leadership skills of any

volunteer in our Farm Bureau organization.

WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference

WFBF will hold their 99th Annual Meeting in conjunction with the YFA Conference on November 30-December 3 at Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells. The theme is 'Our Legacy.' Make sure you don't miss any action by following Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation or 'wifarmbureau' on social media.



The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation invites you to attend

AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

March 20, 2019
Monona Terrace Convention Center • Madison, WI

Early Registration Deadline: March 14
Cost: \$30 per person by registration deadline.
\$35 after deadline and at the door.

Tentative Schedule of Events:
11:00 a.m. Registration
11:30 a.m. Opening Program
11:45 a.m. Lunch
12:45 p.m. Legislative Briefing
3:00 p.m. Leave for Capitol Visits

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From the Desk of the District 8 Director and WFBF Vice President



Greetings from your WFBF Board of Directors.

I want to thank you for being members. I know that times are tough and I hope that this letter offers you some reassurance from your WFBF Board of Directors.

This year has proven to have quite a few challenges: damaging milk prices, low commodity prices and ongoing trade discussions let alone

Mother Nature. To top it off, we are seeing an internal battle amongst farmers, activists speaking on our behalf more and more and an even greater divide amongst our consumers.

In the last year we have seen so many great things happen. Below is my run down of my top five reasons why I continue to be Farm Bureau proud.

1. This spring, we hosted our first IGNITE Conference. This two-day leadership conference was geared towards county leaders to ensure that they continue to have the tools that they need to run their county Farm Bureaus and be the outstanding leaders they are in their communities.
2. We had 12 counties band together for the Dairy 1, 2, 3 series.

This series was geared towards identifying how our dairy pricing came to be, where dairy trends are going and what we can do to ensure a viable and healthy dairy industry. We also recorded the first two sessions. I encourage you to watch them online if you haven't yet.

- a. Session 1 with Director of the Center for Dairy Profitability Mark Stephenson: bit.ly/Dairy123-1.
 - b. Session 2 with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin staff member Beth Schaefer: bit.ly/Dairy123-2.
3. We continue to lobby for the farm bill and ensuring that it works for Wisconsin farmers.
 4. We continue to advocate for trade deals working to create opportunities for Wisconsin farmers.
 5. Policy Development. District 8 continues to try innovative ideas to engage members in the agriculture industry, to speak up and to think outside the box when brainstorming ideas to ensure Wisconsin stays America's Dairyland.

Thank you for your continued support of the county Farm Bureau.

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District 8 Splash of Red Cranberry Tour

District 8 Farm Bureau members toured different area marshes, picked fresh fruit from the vine and observed testing, cleaning and freezing of the fruit harvest with students from the nation's only cranberry science class as our tour guides.

A scrumptious lunch with special cranberry treats was included with the tour. All monies raised through the tour will go toward

scholarship and trip opportunities for Pittsville FFA members. The two-hour cranberry tour took place east of Pittsville in the heart of central Wisconsin cranberry country.

Pittsville FFA members and students gave this all-inclusive tour. The tour met at the Pittsville School auditorium with an introductory video to kick off the event.



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Price County Farm Bureau Board Member



Price County Farm Bureau Hosts 36th Annual Meeting



Price County Farm Bureau held their 36th annual meeting at the Palmquist Farm. Jim and Helen Palmquist shared their story and how their farm has transitioned over the years.

This gathering is a time for members to elect directors to the board and vote on policy critical to our grassroots organizations. Below is the list of resolutions your county board of directors presented at the annual meeting. All resolutions passed and have been passed on for review with the WFBF Policy Development Committee for review.

The WFBF Policy Development Committee is made up of volunteers from around the state. Last year the committee reviewed close to 600 resolutions submitted from county Farm Bureaus. If you have questions or concerns or maybe you believe that there is another pressing issue that needs to be dealt with, then be sure to make sure your voice is heard by contacting your county board members.

State

1. We are in favor of appropriate, uniform and consistent regulation and increased fines across the state for farms that intentionally, willfully, or neglectfully allow manure to enter waterways or wetlands. *Natural Resources and the Environment - Nutrient Management Regulations*
2. We support requiring all animal drawn vehicles to have a slow-moving vehicle sign, effective lighting and reflective tape on public roads. *Transportation - Safety*
3. We support more equal distribution of state road funds to rural areas. *Transportation - Highways*
4. We oppose the future stewardship fund land purchases and call for the ending of the stewardship fund. *Land Use - Stewardship Program*

5. We support a hunting season on cougars in the state of Wisconsin. *Hunting and Wildlife - Hunting Seasons*
6. We support uniform training of milk inspectors to reflect current technology, construction and production practices. *General Government - DATCP*
7. Inspectors should be required to attempt contact with the farmer/farm manager upon arrival. *Dairy - Inspection*
8. We support requiring persons encouraging animal abuse to be held to the same infractions as the person abusing the animal. Example: PETA video's where the videographer is taping but doing nothing to interject.
9. We are in favor of term limits for legislators. *General Government - Elections*
10. We would like to require all USDA bear traps be equipped with trap monitors to both reduce time spent by farmers and to ensure the health of the trapped animal.
11. We support better tracking and studying of movement of any relocated bear.
12. We support the removal of \$10,000 max payout from the DNR for wildlife depredation programs and changing to a percentage payout system where farms are compensated equally based on damage amounts.
13. We support the DNR to be required to create sub-zones for better control of over-populated wildlife bear, deer, goose and turkey in a small area.
14. We support gasoline to contain ethanol with ethanol free gasoline as an option.
15. We support basic agriculture questions on state standardized testing.
16. We support the implementation of the Wisconsin Agricultural Food and Natural Resource Standards in schools.

Federal

1. We support the new farm bill to minimize/eliminate the use of the word subsidies due to the negative connotation.
2. We are in favor of term limits for legislators.

Internal Resolution

1. We support a membership data base that allows WFBF to identify members based on the commodities they are involved in.

District 8 YFA Update



Congratulations to Clark County Farm Bureau and Young Farmer and Agriculturist members Brad and Kristine Boon (far left), who were appointed to the WFBF YFA Committee.

and book work. The couple has been married for 12 years and have three children: Natalie (7), Fletcher (5) and Baylee (3). Brad is a Clark County Farm Bureau board member and the couple regularly attends the WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference.

The WFBF YFA Committee consists of nine couples or individuals (ages 18-35) from across the state. Its goal is to get more young farmers and agriculturists acquainted with and

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Jill Nieman, Will Litzer and Marissa Graven will represent District 8 and Marathon County Farm Bureau at the WFBF Discussion Meet. the judges for the evening.

YFA Achievement Final Four

Congratulations to Ryan and Lindsay Prah (Marathon County) for being named to the Achievement in Agriculture Award Final Four.

This summer, we hosted the District 8 Discussion Meet in conjunction with the District 8 Policy Development Meeting at Randall's Sports Bar in Abbottsford. We want to thank



State YFA Conference Updates

We have been working to plan a fun and informative YFA Conference. Please join us at the YFA Conference on November 30-December 2 in Wisconsin Dells.

Rural Sponsorship for YFA Conference

Rural Mutual Insurance has announced the recipients of the 2018 Rural Mutual First Timers Sponsorship. The following YFA members from District 8 will receive paid hotel and registration to the YFA Conference held at the Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells: **Clark County:** Luke Luchterhand, Mark Elmhurst and Justin Schmitz; **Marathon County:** Sijmen Stuij and Samantha Solin.

Remember, if you nominated one of these individuals and they attend, you will receive \$100 on Friday night at the YFA Conference.

Taylor County Farm Bureau Celebrates 43 Years of Advocating for Farmers and Agriculturists



Taylor County Farm Bureau brought in the two candidates running for Sheriff to discuss their plans and vision for working with the agriculture community.

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State

1. We support a hunting season on cougars in the state of Wisconsin. *Hunting and Wildlife - Hunting Seasons*
2. We support amending the current fence law to landowners utilizing fences to contain animals be required to build and maintain patrician fences. If both property owners utilize the fence they should split the cost of the fence. *General Government - Fences*
3. We support a minimum of 12-hour notice given to the farmer/farm manager before an inspection to allow the farmer/farm manager to be present during inspection. *Dairy - Inspection*
4. We support conversations amongst dairy farmers and creameries/cheese processors to create a multi-tiered program to aid in supply management. *Dairy - End*
5. We support the revision of line 20 of dairy labeling. We urge that only milk derived from Wisconsin and manufactured in Wisconsin to be labeled as Wisconsin Cheese. *Dairy - Labeling*
6. We are in favor of maintaining state inspected meat processing plants.
7. We support requiring all shod horses to wear rubber shoes when traveling paved roads. *Transportation - Safety*

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14. We support the implementation of the Wisconsin Agricultural Food and Natural Resource Standards in schools.
15. We support striking lines 27 and 28 page 19 of the WFBF 2018 policy book. (We support a \$0.05/gallon tax on agricultural dyed fuel to be used only for town road improvements and maintenance.) *Taxation - Fuel Tax*
16. We support gasoline to contain ethanol with ethanol free gasoline as an option.
17. We support programs that emphasize innovations in product development, manufacturing, and marketing strategies for dairy.
18. We support all county sheriffs and state troopers completing an animal handling course.
19. We support local law enforcement in enforcing the no passing zone law regarding implements of husbandry.

Federal

1. We support streamlining regulations required by USDA for local meat processors.
2. We support defining family farms as farms that pull the majority of their workforce from their own family.
3. We support revising the federal milk marking order.
4. We support offering whole milk in school lunch programs including the choice of white and flavored milk.
5. We support the USDA adopting California fluid milk component standards.
6. We support changing the Federal Order to increase butter fat in butter from 80% to 82%.

Internal Resolution

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Taylor County Farm Bureau Board Member



Do You Know ...

- Agriculture provides jobs for 4,307 Taylor County residents.
- Agriculture accounts for \$972 million in economic activity.
- Agriculture contributes \$288 million to the county's total income.
- Agriculture pays \$13.7 million in taxes. This figure does not include all property taxes paid to local schools.

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Donate to WFB Foundation Silent Auction

Farm Bureau members can get items ready to donate or be ready to bid at the WFB Foundation Silent Auction. Due to the generosity of members, county Farm Bureau programs, businesses and sponsors, a large selection of items will be offered again this year. Bidding starts at 12 noon on Saturday and will end Sunday night before the Award's Program.

If you want to donate, forms can be downloaded at wfbf.com/aboutwfbf/foundation/silentauktion.

We ask that all items be new items. If you are bringing a gift certificate or gift card, please make a copy. The copy will be on the bidding table and the buyer will receive the original upon check out. Please send the donation form to the WFBF office by **November 23**, bidding sheets can be made in advance and will save you time checking in. Items can be brought to the Kalahari Resorts to save postage and chance of damage in shipment.

