



Grassroots

District 8 News

From the Driver's Seat -



Kim Bremmer

WFBF District 8 Director

As this year wraps up, there's two important deadlines for making your voices heard as we "build a new frontier!"

#1. Dairy farmers have the opportunity to weigh in on the proposed USDA Federal Milk Marketing Order amendments. Voting ballots were recently mailed to eligible dairy farmers and qualified cooperative associations, which may bloc-vote on behalf of their eligible members. Only producers with some amount of milk pooled in the month of January 2024 are eligible to vote. A vote in favor means supporting all changes in USDA's final decision for updates to the milk pricing system. A "no" vote supports terminating the order entirely. For the order to continue as amended, either 2/3 of the eligible producers voting in the referendum must vote "yes," or producers representing more than 2/3 of the milk volume must vote in favor. This referendum outcome is determined only by the dairy farmers and cooperatives who actively participate by casting a vote. Those who choose not to vote will not influence the final tally, meaning *every submitted vote carries weight*.

Remember - ballots must be signed and returned with a postmark of December 31, 2024 or earlier to count. USDA does not provide confirmation of ballot receipt, so please consider obtaining a return receipt from your mail carrier to ensure your vote is counted. More information can be found at www.fb.org, search FMMO.

#2. Unfortunately, we have an increasing number of battles close to home as more and more regulatory decisions are being made by local units of government that affect our farms and businesses. Once upon a time, our town boards were made up of all farmers. But that isn't the case today, and many seats in our rural areas are filled by people who don't like how we grow and raise food. But that can change, and we all have a role and responsibility to make our voices heard and enact real change! Consider serving a term on your town board to help protect your local agriculture. All town board seats are available in the upcoming spring election next April 1. Nomination papers to get your name on the ballot need 20 signatures and must be turned in by 4:00 p.m. on January 7. Contact your clerk today!

As always, feel free to attend your county Farm Bureau monthly meeting to stay up to date on local issues, and reach out to me anytime if you have any questions or just a story or comment you'd like to share- 715.797.7796. Here's to building a new frontier together in 2025!

NEW LOGIN PROCESS

Member Information and Benefits

We are excited to share that we now have a member interactive database. At the top of wfbf.com, you'll see three buttons: Login, Join, Renew. To create your account and access your member information, you will want to click the login button.



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User Login



Member Benefits

District 8 News

District Coordinator Report



Ashleigh Calaway
WFBF District 8 Coordinator

As we bring 2024 to a close, I want to take a moment to celebrate a remarkable achievement: for the fourth consecutive year, District 8 has successfully met its membership goals. This milestone is a testament to your commitment, your passion for agriculture and your belief in the importance of standing together as a Farm Bureau family. Thank you for your continued support and for being a vital part of this organization.

Each of you contributes in unique and meaningful ways—whether it's by advocating for agriculture, participating in events, mentoring the next generation or simply sharing your story. Your dedication and hard work are what make District 8 a strong and vibrant community. I am endlessly grateful for all that you do to promote and support agriculture in our

region.

As we look to the year ahead, I want to encourage you to continue sharing your ideas and insights. Your voices are powerful tools for shaping the future of agriculture. Don't hesitate to speak up, whether it's advocating for agriculture at a local meeting, suggesting a new initiative for the district, or simply reaching out to check in on a neighbor. Together, we can achieve even greater things in 2025.

In this season of reflection and gratitude, let us also take time to connect with those around us. A simple conversation with a fellow farmer or neighbor can make all the difference, especially during challenging times.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this holiday season bring you joy, peace and time with loved ones. Thank you again for all you do to support agriculture and our Farm Bureau community.

District 8 YFA Report



Jason Behrend
District 8 YFA Chair

Wow—where has 2024 gone? For me, it's been a whirlwind of a year! On November 15, YFA hosted a fantastic axe-throwing event at Section 715 Throwing Company in Wausau. It was a great evening of fun, connection, and camaraderie.

Reflecting on my Farm Bureau journey, if you had asked me over a year ago about my involvement, I would have shared stories from my time on the Wood County board. Fast forward to today, I've taken on new challenges, including accepting a second term as the District 8 YFA Chair

and being selected for the upcoming Farm Bureau Leadership Institute Class of 2025. For someone who's naturally shy, these roles have pushed me out of my comfort zone in the best way possible.

Planning events and connecting with people has taught me the value of stepping up, starting conversations and building relationships within the farming community. These experiences have made me a better leader and, more importantly, a better advocate for agriculture.

As we look ahead to 2025, I want to challenge each of you to push yourselves in new ways. Whether it's trying something innovative on your farm, improving efficiency or experimenting with sustainable practices like fertilizer trials, small changes can lead to big results.

Thank you for being part of this incredible Farm Bureau community. Have a safe and productive winter season!



Embracing Change: Cultivating Growth in Agriculture and Beyond



Katie Richartz

District 9 Coordinator, Guest Contributor

As we navigate the ever-changing landscape of agriculture, it is essential to recognize that change isn't just a concept—it's a constant in our journey. With each passing season, we witness shifts in technology, markets and weather, shaping the way we cultivate our land and nourish our

communities.

The agricultural landscape is not immune to change. From advancements in technology that revolutionize how we farm to shifting

consumer preferences that shape market demand, our industry is in a constant state of flux. Yet, amid these fluctuations, one thing remains steadfast: our commitment to stewarding the land and feeding our communities.

Though change can sometimes be hard as we look ahead to the unknown, remember that the Farm Bureau community is an unwavering support system, whose camaraderie sustains us through seasons of change. Together, let us continue to sow the seeds of resilience, nurture the growth of innovation, and reap the fruits of our labor with joy and gratitude.

Let's embrace change as a catalyst for growth and transformation, knowing that the best is yet to come.

Getting Involved with Farm Bureau: A Buffet of Opportunities

One of the greatest strengths of Farm Bureau is its flexibility—members can tailor their involvement to fit their passions, interests and schedules. Whether you're new to Farm Bureau or a longtime member looking to engage more, think of your membership as a buffet of opportunities. You get to pick what works best for you!

Farm Bureau's programs of work offer something for everyone:

- **Policy Development:** Shape the future of agriculture by helping develop policies that represent the needs of farmers and rural communities. From attending local meetings to participating in state or national discussions, every voice makes a difference.
- **Agriculture in the Classroom:** Help educate the next generation about the importance of agriculture. Volunteer to read books, assist with classroom activities or support agriculture literacy programs in your community.
- **Local Government:** Stay informed and engaged in the policies that impact your farm and family. Whether it's attending town meetings, serving on committees or advocating for rural issues, there are numerous ways to be involved.
- **Young Farmers and Agriculturists (YFA):** For members 18-35, YFA

offers opportunities to connect, grow and lead. Participate in conferences, networking events and competitions that foster personal and professional development.

• **Promotion and Education (P&E):** Share agriculture's story with your community. From hosting events to creating displays at local fairs, this is a chance to promote agriculture and connect with consumers.

Not ready to commit to a program? That's okay! Farm Bureau also offers countless smaller opportunities:

- Volunteer for a single event, like a fair booth or career fair.
- Help with a specific project, such as organizing a scholarship fundraiser or assisting with a county banquet.
- Lend your skills for one-off tasks like designing a flyer, setting up a meeting or serving as an event greeter.

The beauty of Farm Bureau is that involvement is what you make of it. Whether you choose to be deeply involved in one program or help out here and there, your contributions matter. Together, we create a stronger, more vibrant agricultural community.

So, what will you pick from the Farm Bureau buffet?

CULTIVATE & Connect

NEW Promotion & Education Event

The event purpose is to **inspire, educate and empower** Farm Bureau members and agriculture leaders by providing an innovative learning experience, networking opportunities and actionable insights for advancing Wisconsin's agriculture industry.

More Details Coming Soon!

Save
THE Date

Saturday, February 15, 2025
North Star Conference Center
Deforest, Wisconsin



2025 AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

YOUR BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKING, TENDING TO THE LAND AND CARING FOR ANIMALS. THEY ARE ALSO MADE TO WALK THE HALLS OF OUR CAPITOL, NETWORK AND CONNECT WITH YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS REGARDING ISSUES IMPACTING YOUR FARM AND AGRIBUSINESS!

Contact Ashleigh Calaway at 715.781.2306 (call or text) to reserve your spot today and see if your county Farm Bureau will sponsor your attendance!

**MONONA TERRANCE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

Attention Small Business Owners we want to hear from you!

Alongside County Farm Bureaus in District 8, we are excited to share our Local Small Business Guide - a growing resource we hope you will be able to utilize for your family's needs!

Scan the QR Code to be part of our online roster of small business



Save the Date #FarmerTalk 2025

Topic: Local Government and You!

How local ordinances can impact you and what you can do about it.

Sunday, March 9

**Abbotsford Community Room
203 N. First street
Abbotsford, WI**



2nd Annual Aly Sosnovske Sporting Clay Tournament Recap

This year marked the second annual Sporting Clay Event held in memory of Alissa “Aly” Sosnovske. One year ago in October, we gathered for the first time to honor Aly, and this year, we came together again—not only to celebrate her remarkable life but also to continue building her enduring legacy.

Aly was a passionate advocate for agriculture and an incredible leader within the Farm Bureau. As the District 8 Young Farmer and Agriculturist Chair, she inspired many with her commitment to the farming community and her dedication to making a difference. This sporting clay event is our committee’s way of ensuring Aly’s work and legacy live on for years to come.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors, participants and volunteers, we are proud to share that this year’s event raised over \$4,200. Combined with last year’s total, we’ve now raised \$13,000—putting us more than halfway to our goal of \$25,000 to establish an endowment fund in Aly’s name. This fund will allow her passion and efforts to continue impacting lives for generations.

The event, held at the Wausau Skeet & Trap Club, was a picture-perfect day filled with camaraderie and a shared purpose. Shooters competed with skill and heart. Congratulations to all the teams who participated!

While the competition was spirited, the day was about much more than scores. Every participant played a role in healing hearts, preserving Aly’s legacy and supporting the causes she held dear. As much as we wish Aly

could be with us, this annual event allows us to celebrate who she was and what she meant to so many.

Thank You to Our Sponsors and Supporters

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made this event possible:

- Sponsors: Clark County Farm Bureau, Lincoln County Farm Bureau, Marathon County Farm Bureau, Portage County Farm Bureau, Price County Farm Bureau, Taylor County Farm Bureau, Wood County Farm Bureau, Arrow Terminal, Service Motor Company, Zoromski Homestead Farm, Lincoln Gun Club, Merrill Bluejays Trap



Club and Athens Veterinary Service.

- Volunteers and the Sosnovske Family: Your dedication and hard work were instrumental in making this event a success.
- Participants: Thank you for spending the day with us and supporting this meaningful cause.

Looking Ahead

We are excited to build on this momentum as we work toward our endowment goal. Each year, this event reminds us of the incredible impact Aly had on our lives and the importance of continuing her work.

Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, or supported this event in any way. Together, we are keeping Aly’s spirit alive and ensuring her legacy carries on. Mark your calendars for the third Sunday in September 2025 as we hope to see you there.

Turning “No” Into Motivation: Launching a Groundbreaking Initiative

One of the most rewarding aspects of Farm Bureau is the opportunity to take an idea and turn it into a meaningful project. Sometimes, that process involves being told “no” or hearing that an idea won’t work. But rather than discouraging us, those moments fuel our determination to make it bigger, better, and more impactful. The creation of the Farm Neighbors Care partnership with the Badger State Sheriffs’ Association is a perfect example of what can happen when we embrace challenges and focus on solutions.

This initiative, aimed at addressing mental health in rural communities, is an exciting step forward. Together, we are expanding the reach of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau’s Farm Neighbors Care campaign, which provides support and wellness resources for farmers and their families. With the help of county sheriffs across Wisconsin, this partnership will ensure mental health resources reach farmers, veterans, children and others who may need them.

As WFBF President Brad Olson shared, “Farmers are the backbone of Wisconsin, but they face unique challenges that can take a toll on their mental health. This partnership is critical in extending our Farm Neighbors Care message to rural areas. By joining forces, we are committed to breaking down the stigma surrounding mental health and providing support to those working tirelessly to feed our communities.”

Through this collaboration, sheriffs will have access to tools to raise

awareness and connect those in need with mental health professionals and local services. John Gossage, Executive Director of the Badger State Sheriffs’ Association, emphasized, “Wisconsin sheriffs serve a large rural population and interact with many citizens daily. We are honored to team up with the Wisconsin Farm Bureau’s Farm Neighbors Care campaign to ensure those in need of mental health services are identified and supported.”

A Special Thanks to Our Members

This incredible achievement wouldn’t have been possible without the engagement, ideas, and support of our members. Your willingness to share your insights, provide feedback and help refine our programs is what makes initiatives like this a reality.

Every suggestion, every critique and every conversation has helped shape this project into something we can all be proud of. It’s because of your dedication that we’ve been able to

launch a partnership that will touch lives across Wisconsin and ensure that no farmer or rural resident feels alone in their struggles.

Thank you for your resilience, your creativity and your commitment to making a difference. Together, we’re proving that when faced with challenges, we don’t back down—we rise to the occasion and build something even greater.

For more information about the Farm Neighbors Care campaign, visit wfbf.com/programs/rural-resilience/farm-neighbors-care-campaign/.



Zimdars Promoted to WFBF's Director of Local Government

Nate Zimdars has been named Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Director of Local Government. This role replaces the Member Advocacy and Issues Coordinator. The redefined role will be one that works closely with county Farm Bureaus and assisting volunteers on local government issues. Additionally, he will work with members who have an interest in and running for local public office.

"As someone who was an active county Farm Bureau member and served in local government, I recognize the value this position will bring to members across the state," said Zimdars. "We must ensure that our members have the tools they need to successfully advocate for Wisconsin agriculture, and I am excited to help them do so through this new role."

Zimdars has worked as the Governmental Relations Administrative Assistant for WFBF since February 2024.



"We're excited to have Nate take on this redefined role as Director of Local Government," said WFBF Executive Director of Government Relations Jason Mugnaini. "With his background in agriculture and dedication to public service, Nate is well-equipped to support our county Farm Bureaus and empower members interested in local office. His leadership will be invaluable in strengthening our grassroots advocacy efforts and help members navigate local government issues."

Zimdars grew up on a small hobby farm outside of Ripon, raising sheep and poultry. He attended UW-Fond du Lac and UW-Madison majoring in political science and history. Prior to joining the WFBF staff, he was a Farm Broadcaster with the MidWest Farm Report and a machine operator for Emmi Roth Cheese in Stoughton. Zimdars lives in Madison.

Federal Milk Marketing Orders



Tyler Wenzlaff
Director of National Affairs

USDA issued their final decision with reforms to the Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO). As you may recall, USDA spent the last six months taking testimony from experts and stakeholders before issuing a recommended decision in August. A comment period followed where USDA is required to take the comments into account when issuing the final decision.

The USDA issued their final decision in regards to the 11 FMMO's. Unfortunately, USDA did not take farmers comments into account and have instead sided with processors. WFBF was initially disappointed with the recommended decision and issued comments asking USDA to lower make allowances and take farmer profitability into account. The decision further risks Wisconsin farmers and puts their livelihood at risk. USDA instead choose to favor processors and further increased make allowances beyond what was already recommended.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau is disappointed by the decision but the final decision will rest with producers. Dairy farmers will now have the opportunity to ultimately choose between USDA's recommended FMMO or to dissolve the order all together. Following the publication of the final decision and before any changes take effect, AMS will conduct producer referendums in each of the 11 FMMOs. Producers whose milk was pooled on an FMMO in January 2024 are eligible to participate in the referendum. They will have the opportunity to vote in favor of or opposition to the FMMOs as proposed to be amended in the final decision.

AMS will mail ballots to eligible independent producers and qualified cooperative associations. Ballots must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2024, and returned by Jan. 15, 2025, to be counted.

If you want more information on what changes are coming to the FMMO, WFBF hosted a series of four webinars aimed at informing producers. Each webinar is on a different topic and can be viewed scanning the QR code or going to: <https://bit.ly/WFBFFMMO24>



Water Quality Trading Clearinghouse

How does Water Quality Trading work?

Select a conservation practice (i.e. grassed waterway, diversions, barnyard roof runoff system, convert poor cropland to perennial vegetation that can be harvested; streambank stabilization, etc...) that will benefit your operation while generating phosphorus reduction credits. In most cases, the sale of credits will net \$300 to \$400 per acre annually or cover the total cost of structural practice installation. While participating in water quality trading through the Clearinghouse, you establish the value of the credits while maintaining all land use management rights (i.e. harvest perennial forage mechanically or by grazing).

Water Quality Trading allows municipal wastewater facilities, private industries (point sources) to pay agricultural producers (nonpoint sources)

to install conservation practices for the purpose of reducing streambank erosion, soil erosion and storm water runoff from cropland and barnyards. This is not a government program. The Wisconsin Water Quality Trading Clearinghouse LLC is a private business that entered into an agreement with the state of Wisconsin to create the Clearinghouse for the purpose of creating water quality trades between credit buyers (municipal wastewater facilities, private industries) and credit generators (agricultural producers).

To learn more about how water quality trading and the Wisconsin Water Quality Trading Clearinghouse can benefit your agricultural operation, please see our website at wiclearinghouse.org. and contact Chris Murphy at 608.844.3691 or email him at admin@wiclearinghouse.org.



Clark County

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Clark County Farm Bureau


SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to again be offering two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors, college and technical college students pursuing a post-secondary degree.




Applications Due April 1st, 2025

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Lincoln County



2025

Farm Bureau

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to again be offering two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors and first-year college and technical college students preference given to students pursuing a post-secondary degree or job contributing to a rural community.

Applications Due April 1st, 2025

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Marathon County

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MarathonCountyFarmBureau

Thank You Dave Hanneman

The Marathon County Farm Bureau would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dave Hannemann for his years of dedicated service as a member of our board of directors and as our treasurer.

Dave's commitment and stewardship have played a vital role in ensuring the strength and viability of our organization. His hard work and dedication have left a lasting impact, and we are incredibly grateful for all that he has done to support the mission of the Marathon County Farm Bureau.

As Dave steps away from the board, we wish him all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his outstanding contributions to our community and agriculture.

Marathon County Farm Bureau

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to be offering three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors and first-year college and technical college students pursuing a post-secondary degree in agriculture.



Applications Due March 1st, 2025

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Portage County

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PortageCountyFarmBureau

Standing Strong for Agriculture: Your Voice Matters in Portage County

Fellow farmers and agriculturists,

As members of the agricultural community, we understand the challenges and rewards of farming. We also recognize the growing importance of speaking up to protect our way of life. Local decisions, like the proposed Large-Scale Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) Ordinance in Portage County, remind us of the critical role we play in shaping policies that affect our livelihoods.

This ordinance seeks to impose additional regulations on operations with 1,000 or more animal units. While its stated purpose is to safeguard public health and the environment, the specifics of the draft could significantly impact farms of all sizes, particularly those planning to expand or implement innovative practices. Policies like these are crafted with input from community voices—and that means you.

Why Your Involvement Matters

Regulations crafted without the perspectives of farmers often miss the realities of modern agriculture. By actively participating in discussions, attending public hearings, and reaching out to local officials, you can ensure that the policies being created are balanced, reasonable, and effective. As stewards of the land, we know best how to protect natural resources while keeping our farms viable.

How You Can Make a Difference

- 1. Stay Informed:** Read the draft ordinance to understand its potential impacts on your farm and the agricultural community.
- 2. Speak Up:** Attend public hearings and share your experiences. Policymakers need to hear from those directly impacted by their decisions.
- 3. Collaborate:** Join forces with your fellow farmers, other county Farm Bureaus and agricultural organizations to present a united voice.
- 4. Educate Others:** Help your neighbors and local community members understand the realities of farming and how regulations can affect food production and rural economies.

A Call to Action for Portage County

Your knowledge, experience and advocacy are vital. Without your input, decisions may be made that hinder, rather than help, our agricultural community. Let's come together to ensure that our voices are heard and that agriculture remains a cornerstone of Portage County.

If you'd like to learn more or get involved, contact the Portage County Farm Bureau at 888.385.5945. Together, we can make a difference.

Portage County Farm Bureau

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

We are pleased to offer a \$500 scholarship to graduating seniors and first-year college and technical college students pursuing a post-secondary degree in agriculture.



Applications Due April 1st, 2025

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20th Annual Price County Farm Bureau Horse Pull and Beef Cookout

The 20th Annual Price County Farm Bureau Horse Pull and Beef Cookout was held in September, marking a special milestone for this cherished event. This year brought a significant change, as the event moved from its traditional July date at Pioneer Park to join the festivities of the Ogema Christmas Tree Festival.

The new date and location added a festive flair to the horse pull and beef cookout, allowing the event to shine as part of the vibrant community celebration. Attendees enjoyed the thrilling competition of the horse pull, the delicious beef cookout, and the camaraderie that has been at the heart of this tradition for two decades.

Supporting Youth and Agriculture

Proceeds from the event continue to serve an essential purpose: supporting youth scholarships and programming in Price County. These funds ensure that the next generation of agricultural leaders has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

A Grateful Community

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this event a success—sponsors, participants, volunteers and attendees alike. Your support keeps this tradition alive and strengthens our ability to invest in the youth who will shape the future of agriculture in Price County.

Thank you for celebrating this special milestone with us, and for being

a part of the Price County Farm Bureau's mission to make a lasting impact in our community.

Thank you to the 2024 Price County Farm Bureau Horse Pull and Youth Scholarship Fundraiser Sponsors

Price County Farm Bureau

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Applications Due April 1st, 2025

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to again be offering six \$500 scholarship to A high school senior, a student currently enrolled in an apprenticeship/trades program, or a two- or four-year program students pursuing a post-secondary degree preference given to those pursuing a degree in agriculture.

From the President's Desk



Rob Klussendorf
 Taylor County Farm Bureau President

This summer and fall have been particularly challenging for me. I've come to realize that I can't accomplish everything on my own and that asking for help, though difficult, is sometimes necessary.

For years, I've prided myself on taking on challenges and giving them my all. But this year, I've fallen short in a few areas. Unfortunately, we were unable to deliver Agriculture in the Classroom materials to the 4th-grade classrooms as we have in the past. Additionally, our Adventures in Agriculture booth at the Taylor County Fair wasn't staffed full-time, which limited our ability to fully connect with visitors.

These experiences have shown me the importance of collaboration and

the strength we have as a Farm Bureau when we work together. With that in mind, I'm reaching out to ask for your help.

If you have a passion for sharing the story of agriculture and can spare a few hours, there are opportunities to make a meaningful impact. For instance, helping with the Agriculture in the Classroom program involves spending a day or two engaging 4th-grade students with materials and lessons that teach the importance of farming. Similarly, staffing the Adventures in Agriculture booth provides a chance to connect with fairgoers and share insights about the industry that sustains us all.

Looking ahead, I may ask for your help with other efforts to spread the message of how agriculture touches all our lives. Your knowledge and enthusiasm for farming are invaluable, and together, we can ensure that our community remains informed and connected to agriculture.

Thank you for considering how you can contribute. Your time and support are greatly appreciated as we work together to promote and celebrate agriculture in Taylor County.

Welcome Eli

Join us in welcoming Eli Strebeg as our new Young Farmer and Agriculturist Chair. We are excited to have him join us and look forward to watching the program grow under his leadership.



Taylor County Farm Bureau

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE!

Taylor County Farm Bureau will be awarding a higher education scholarship to one (1) high school senior from the county.

Visit:
<https://wfbf.com/about/counties/taylor/>
for an application.

Applications Due April 01, 2025



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Taylor County Fair AgVenture Tent: A Call for Your Involvement

The AgVenture Tent at the Taylor County Fair underwent a significant transformation this year. Rising costs necessitated a move to the Youth Project Building, prompting us to adapt and innovate. While we missed hosting live animals as part of our display, we embraced this change by introducing a scale model of sustainable farming practices, showcasing various methods that help protect our resources and support the future of agriculture.

We also incorporated several familiar elements from previous years, including informative posters and charts about different animals and sustainable farming techniques. To engage younger visitors, we offered daily crafts, such as making paper plate cows or chickens. These activities provided a fun and educational experience for children, ensuring agriculture remains accessible and inspiring for the next generation.

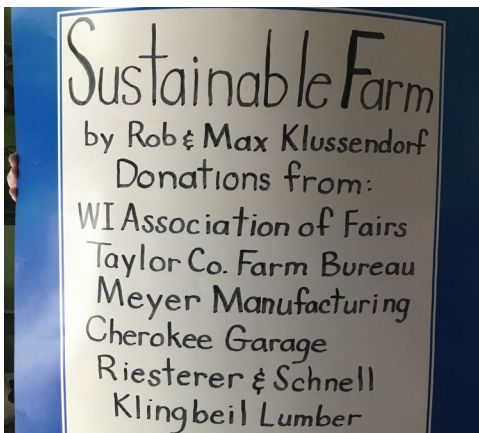
However, one key element was missing: the personal connection and

expertise of having the booth staffed by Farm Bureau members and agricultural enthusiasts. Your stories, experiences and knowledge make the AgVenture Tent a truly memorable experience for fairgoers.

As we plan for next year's Taylor County Fair, we need your help to bring the AgVenture exhibit to life. Whether you can share an afternoon or a full day, your presence would greatly enhance the display and leave a lasting impression on visitors.

If you are passionate about agriculture and want to inspire others, we invite you to join us next July. Together, we can make the AgVenture exhibit a vibrant, educational and personal showcase of Taylor County agriculture.

Thank you for your continued support, and best wishes for a joyous holiday season!



Wood County Friend of Agriculture Award

The Wood County Farm Bureau is proud to honor Darrell Reigel as this year's Friend of Agriculture Award recipient. Darrell has been a steadfast supporter of agriculture, serving on the Wood County Farm Bureau board of directors and advocating for members across the county.

His dedication to environmental stewardship, particularly through his work with the Upper Yellow River Watershed, exemplifies his commitment to leaving a lasting, positive impact on the agricultural community.

Congratulations, Darrell, and thank you for your unwavering service to Wood County agriculture!



Outstanding Young Farmer and Agriculturist Award

Congratulations to Paul Lippert, our 2024 Outstanding Young Farmer and Agriculturist! Paul exemplifies leadership and innovation in agriculture, contributing to the industry through his work at Grass Ridge Farm, LLC, his leadership roles with the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin and Wood Area Holstein Association as well as his commitment to sustainable farming practices.

Paul's dedication to advancing agriculture was evident in his outstanding performance at the District 8 Discussion Meet, where he advanced to the state finals in only his first year of participation.

Thank you, Paul, for your passion and contributions to our community. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!



HAVE "EWE" HEARD THE NEWS?

Wood County Farm Bureau

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to again be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and first-year college and technical college students. A total of \$2,000 will be divided among two to four applicants, at the discretion of the scholarship committee, with no less than \$500 awarded to one applicant.

Applications Due April 1st, 2025



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