



Grassroots

District 5 News

District Director Report



Pete Badtke

District 5 Director

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026!
It was great seeing this grassroots organization develop policy and celebrate last year's accomplishments at the WFBF Annual Meeting. There, Joan Ballweg (Green Lake) received the Distinguished

Service to Wisconsin Agriculture award. Congratulations to a job well done to Leadership Institute Class 16 graduates, Grant Buwalda (Fond du Lac), Alana Biermeier and Amy VanderMark (Juneau). Congratulations also to our district discussion meet contestants, Alex Klapoetke (Marquette), Sam Pinchart (Winnebago) and Alana Biermeier of (Juneau) for competing.

WFBF is excited about a couple of new initiatives. A new WFBF podcast called The Rural View has a number of episodes out. The podcast is a great way to hear from Farm Bureau staff and members about issues around the state as well as ways you could get more involved. You can

listen on Spotify, Apple and YouTube. Another event coming up is the Cultivate & Connect conference coming up on February 21 in Neenah. A great way to get ideas for promoting agriculture in your county.

Lastly, it has been a great year serving as District 5 Director on the WFBF Board and Rural Mutual Insurance Board. I have had many opportunities in my first year serving in this role. I served as a delegate at the AFBF Annual Meeting in San Antonio. I met with Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture Randy Romanski, discussing farmer mental health and how DATCP can be even more helpful with the many resources they have to offer farmers who might be struggling. I also had an opportunity in Washington, D.C. on the Leaders Trip, to meet with Ron Johnson, Tammy Baldwin and Glen Grothman to help advocate for Wisconsin farmers. I was also appointed to the WFBF seat on the UW-Extension Board of Visitors where Farm Bureau, along with other ag leaders help guide Extension on better ways they can serve farmers, as well as 4-H, with the many opportunities Extension offers.

Thanks for your continued membership! If there is anything you need, please call or email me.



Joan Ballweg, a longtime state legislator and Green Lake County Farm Bureau member, received the Distinguished Service to Wisconsin Agriculture award.



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District Coordinator Report



Becky Hibicki

District 5 Coordinator

Membership is always a top priority for WFBF District Coordinators! District 5 had a great membership year in 2025. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time signing members. Special congratulations to three District 5 members who were recognized as top ten membership workers at the WFBF Annual Meeting.

Chris Retzlaff (Green Lake) was the top membership worker in the state, signing 19 members! Steve Sabel and Trayton Greenfield (Fond du Lac) were also recognized as top ten membership workers.

As we move into 2026, our membership theme this year is the Power of One. What a great membership theme! As a volunteer organization, it takes the work of many to make our organization successful. I encourage you to see how you can get involved in your county Farm Bureau this year and to think of just one person you can ask to be part of the Farm Bureau family.

Also, if you haven't already, I encourage you to visit our website at wfbf.com and click on the "Membership" tab. You can create your own membership login under the member benefits tab to access information on all the Farm Bureau members benefits.

As always, if you have any questions regarding Farm Bureau programs or member benefits, feel free to contact me at 920.517.2445 or bhibicki@wfbf.com



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Promotion and Engagement Update



Victoria Waccholz

District 5 Promotion and Engagement Chair

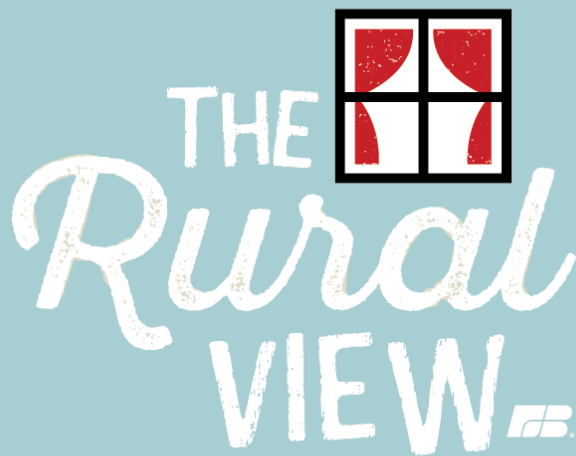
Hello District 5 members!

My name is Victoria Wachholz, and I am your newly appointed district Promotion and Engagement chair. My husband Aaron and I, along with our four children, farm in Marquette County near Montello. We operate a diverse organic farm where we raise crops, beef and dairy

cattle, hogs and poultry. We direct market most of our meat and animal products through an on-farm and online store.

I am excited for this new position because I have a passion for agriculture. I enjoy seeing the many different forms of agriculture and diversities that make up our unique district. Engaging consumers, building relationship and sharing my knowledge of agriculture is what I am most passionate about.

As we start a new year of events and activities, I would enjoy helping you in your individual counties with events you currently do and develop new opportunities to showcase agriculture and engage with consumers. Our district is so beautiful because of our immense diversity, and I want to show people what makes our little part of the state such a wonderful place to live and farm. Please reach out to me if I can be of assistance in your county, and I look forward to meeting all of you at different county and district events.



LISTEN ON:



District 5 Counties Offer Scholarships

All seven counties in the district offer a county scholarship.

Adams County:

\$250 scholarships awarded to graduating high school seniors.

Application deadline June 30. Contact Kay Olson at 608.572.1429 for more information.

Fond du Lac County:

Several scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors and those already enrolled in post-secondary education. The application deadline is March 1. Application available at: wfbf.com/about/counties/fond-du-lac

Green Lake County:

Application deadline is March 1. The county will be offering two \$1000 scholarships. Application available at: wfbf.com/about/counties/greenlake

Juneau County:

Scholarship awarded to a graduating high school senior. Application deadline April 1. Application available at: wfbf.com/about/counties/juneau

Marquette County:

Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to a graduating high school senior. Application deadline is April 1. Application available at: wfbf.com/about/counties/marquette

Waushara County:

The county offers the \$500 Gordon Krentz Memorial Scholarship and the \$500 Bleskey Memorial Scholarship. Application deadline is April 1. Application available at: wfbf.com/about/counties/waushara

Winnebago County:

Winnebago County is offering its scholarship program through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. More information available at: foxriverscholarshipcenter.org/finder/search/scholarship

- One scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a graduating high school senior, who is attending any high school in Winnebago County.
- One scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a student who is in college or technical college, who is a high school graduate from any high school in Winnebago County.

Members Attend WFBF YFA Conference

A large group of YFA members from the district attended the WFBF YFA Conference held in December at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. If you would like more information on YFA programs and events in the district, please contact the District 5 YFA Chair Victoria Smith at 608.369.1486.



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YFA Members Represent District 5 at the WFBF YFA State Discussion Meet

Sam Pinchart (Winnebago), Alex Klapoetke (Marquette) and Alana Biermeier (Juneau) represented District 5 in the WFBF YFA Discussion Meet.

The YFA Discussion Meet gives a YFA member an opportunity to demonstrate his or her speaking skills on agricultural-related topics. A contestant is judged on his or her problem-solving skills as he or she discusses timely topics with colleagues.

2025 Discussion Meet topics included:

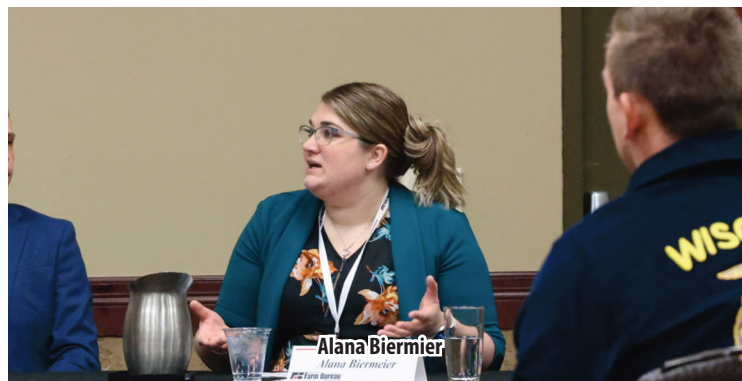
1. Urban sprawl presents significant challenges for farmers and ranchers, impacting access to land and resources. We see that 1.9 million acres of agricultural land are lost to development each year. How can Farm Bureau help promote responsible growth in communities while mitigating the loss of farms, ranches, and the agrarian way of life?

2. Technology has made the world more interconnected than ever, creating new avenues for communication with policymakers. How can digital engagement be leveraged to effectively connect Farm Bureau members with their local, state, and national elected and appointed officials?

3. There are numerous resources available to support seamless farm and ranch succession planning. How can Farm Bureau help increase understanding, access and utilization of tools and resources that help facilitate the smooth transition of land and capital from one generation to the next?

4. Farmers and ranchers are at the forefront of environmental stewardship. From soil health to local ecosystems, producers are concerned about how to be both environmentally and financially sustainable. How can farmers and ranchers effectively advance environmental stewardship while balancing the needs of their farms?

5. Farm Bureau offers a diverse range of member benefits at the state and national levels. What strategies can be implemented to ensure members are fully informed about the savings on products and services available to them? Additionally, how can young farmers and ranchers leverage these industry relationships to strengthen local partnerships and increase utilization of these discounts to keep their operations running smoothly?



Connect with WFBF!

WPS Farm Show

Booth D6549

March 24-26 2025

9:00am - 4:00pm (3:00pm on 3/26)

EAA Grounds - 1001 Waukau Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54902

Booth sponsored by the Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Outagamie, Waushara and Winnebago County Farm Bureaus



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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Delegates Set Policy for 2026

More than 270 delegates at the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's 106th Annual Meeting established new policy directives.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau delegates adopted policies that will be included in the organization's 2026 policy book. Resolutions were submitted by delegates as part of the organization's annual grassroots policy development process. Topics discussed on the delegate floor included hunting and wildlife, renewable energy and transportation.

During the hunting and wildlife discussion, delegates voted to increase efforts to reduce wildlife damage to farms by increasing the number of hunting tags for bears statewide, strengthening the management of the state's elk herd to limit its impact on agriculture and creating a spring hunting season specifically on farm fields for sandhill cranes.

During the renewable energy discussion, delegates voted to support stronger testing and detection of stray voltage and ensuring that new energy, battery storage and data center projects fully evaluate their impacts on agriculture.

Delegates from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's 61 county Farm Bureaus also voted to:

- Oppose DATCP or the state of Wisconsin substantially increasing licensing fees on agricultural programs.
- Oppose statewide ballot initiatives.
- Support timely access to fire, EMS and disaster response resources for agricultural operations and rural communities.
- Support requiring schools to be added to the list of places required to offer real butter.
- Support additional government incentives in mental health services for farmers and rural communities.
- Support policies that protect Wisconsin's agricultural land, water resources and rural infrastructure from adverse impacts caused by the development of data centers and other high-consumption facilities.

On the federal level, delegates voted to:

- Designate USDA Farm Service Agency staff as essential during government shutdowns.
- Support an accelerated track program for large animal veterinarians.
- Support Smith-Lever Funding for its originally intended uses for agriculture, including 4-H and youth programming.
- Support making Dairy Margin Coverage reflect the total cost of milk production.
- Support increased outreach by NRCS employees on USDA programs.



Thank You for Serving as Delegates

Thank you to the following D5 members that served as delegates:



*Kip Weber and Brian Bires served as the Juneau County delegates.

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District 5 Members Attend Ag Day at the Capitol

More than 300 farmers and agriculturists gathered at the Monona Terrace in Madison on January 21 for Ag Day at the Capitol.

Ag Day at the Capitol is the largest advocacy day for Wisconsin farmers and agriculturists, bringing together a variety of farm groups to learn more about state issues affecting agriculture and meet with their state legislators.

The afternoon program featured issue briefings on a variety of topics supporting agricultural market development, farm family stability, farm resilience, market transportation, and conservation and wildlife.

Following the program, attendees walked to the Capitol to meet with their legislators. Inside the Capitol Rotunda, attendees explored Farm Bureau spotlight booths and connected with Wisconsin Ag Coalition

partners.

District 5 participants include:

Juneau County: Kip and Heidi Weber, Al Voss and Sally Turpin

Marquette County: Aaron and Vicky Wachholz, and Dillan Schwochert

Waushara County: Mike and Lynn Leahy

Fond du Lac County: Reuben and Betty Hopp, Roger Grade, Steve Sabel, and Grant Buwalda

Green Lake County: Pete and Lori Badtke, Chad Bruss, Nick Retzlaff, Chris Retzlaff, Jean Bahn, Yolanda Woloszyn, Jim Hebbe, Dave Gnesier, and Al Weckwerth



Tractor Safety Grant

Protect the next generation of farmers. Apply for funds to help offset costs for hosting official 2026 Wisconsin Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification Programs.

Details:

- » Applications accepted through February 28, 2026
- » WI County Farm Bureaus and Rural Mutual Agents are eligible to apply
- » Receive up to \$600 per program

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President's Message



Kay Olson

Adams County Farm Bureau President

To all of our Farm Bureau members I wish you positive thoughts for the New Year. As difficult as it is to think that we are now in 2026, we are, and before we realize it, this year will pass by as fast as 2025 did.

For me, one of the hardest things for me to do is to write a message a few times a year for our newsletter. So, as I sit here contemplating what to write, I say to myself, "I wonder if I ask this "Co-Pilot" to write me something after I give it suggestions. The following two paragraphs are what came up. I thought to myself, "wow" how perfect is this.

This story was generated with AI:

Eli had farmed the same patch of land his grandfather once tilled. The soil was tired, the rains unpredictable, and the market prices unforgiving. Yet, every morning, Eli rose before the sun, his boots crunching over frost-kissed grass, believing that the earth still had something to give.

One spring, after a harsh winter that claimed most of his stored grain, Eli found a single, weathered seed in an old tin box. It was from his grandfather's time — a rare heirloom variety said to grow strong even in poor soil. With care, he planted it in the richest corner of his field, whispering a quiet prayer.

Weeks passed. While other crops struggled, the little plant thrived, its leaves a deep, defiant green. By harvest, it had produced enough seeds to fill a sack. Eli shared them with neighbors, and soon, the valley was dotted with the same resilient crop.

The following year, the community's harvest was abundant. People called it "The Seed of Hope," but Eli knew it was more than that — it was proof that even in the hardest seasons, something small, cared for with patience and faith, could grow into a future worth tending.

Even though these were not my words, I think how appropriate for the times we are in. In my opinion, and only my opinion, our world and country are in a world of hurt. I won't get into how I feel or what I believe as many already know, but for me, I will have patience and faith for what the future will bring.

In closing I suggest that one of your New Year's resolution be to check on a neighbor or friend. Something as little as a "Hello! How are you doing?" might put a smile on their face and make them feel good about their day and it will cost you nothing. We never really know what someone is going through.

I wish you all peace in the New Year, and I leave you with this quote:

"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day."

Fond du Lac County

President's Message



Reuben Hopp

Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau President

Happy New Year Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau members! As we enter the new year, we do not know what the year will bring, but we go into 2026 with great expectations. I know I am hoping for a healthier and more prosperous new year.

I would like to thank our membership chair, Steve Sabel, for doing a great job of helping the county reach all our membership goals this year. We met our early bird membership goal of signing 50 new voting members and for reaching both a total and voting gain in membership.

Also, a huge thank you Jenny Leahy for serving as our District Promotion and Engagement chair for the past three years.

In December, the board approved a \$750 donation to the Salvation Army.

This year the Salvation Army coordinated gifts and food for over 400 Fond du Lac area families. Distribution took place at the Fond du Lac fairgrounds on December 17. Thanks to the combined support of the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau, Fond du Lac County Holstein Breeders Association and other private donations, a gallon of milk was provided to each family.

The board is looking for continued opportunities we can support the community in 2026. These opportunities include continuing to donate toward a variety of community events, our scholarship program and supporting 4-H and FFA.

Have a great 2026 and God Bless.



President's Message



Chad Bruss

Green Lake County Farm Bureau President

As 2025 ended, we had a group of attendees head to the Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells for both the YFA Conference and the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. This is a great networking opportunity and a

time to participate in educational sessions so that you can strengthen your knowledge and leadership skills. On the last day of the conference, four Green Lake County Farm Bureau members took to the floor to attend the resolutions session to set the policy for Farm Bureau for the coming year. Thank you to Jean Bahn, Jim Hebbe, Dave Gneiser and Pete Badtke for doing this important role for the county.

As the days get longer and the cold days hopefully start to let up some, we are full steam ahead into 2026. We hosted a YFA tubing outing on February 7 at Nordic Mountain with Waushara County YFA. Our county tree sale is now taking place. Please look at the order form for all your bareroot tree needs. We will also be hosting a game night on March 14 at the Green Lake Legion at 6:30 p.m. All Green Lake County Farm Bureau members are invited to join us.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event in 2026, and if you have any questions about an event we are hosting, don't be afraid to reach out.

Bruss Attends New President Huddle

Wisconsin Farm Bureau recently welcomed new Farm Bureau presidents from across the state to its New President Huddle, an event designed to equip leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in their roles. Attending was Chad Bruss from Green Lake County Farm Bureau.

During the gathering, participants explored their vital responsibilities within the organization, gained insights into member engagement and sharpened their understanding of parliamentary procedure and effective meeting management. The session also provided opportunities for networking and idea-sharing among peers.

"We are excited to see these leaders step into their roles with confidence," said Wendy Volkert, Senior Director of Member Relations at WFBF. "Their commitment and enthusiasm will strengthen our county Farm Bureaus and the impact we have on agriculture in Wisconsin."

Congratulations to all attendees for their dedication to leadership and advocacy!



New President Huddle participants included (from left): Allen Johnson (Grant), Sam Skemp (Dane County), Chad Bruss (Green Lake), Duane Ducat (Kewaunee), Gabriella Haack (Chippewa) and Mary Brand (Pierce).

Members Attend WFBF Annual Meeting



Nick Retzlaff and Brittney Brown attended the YFA Conference through the Rural Insurance sponsorship for first time attendees.



Green Lake County Farm Bureau members at the WFBF YFA Conference and Annual meeting held in December.



FARM BUREAU TREE SALE FUNDRAISER

The Green Lake County Farm Bureau is selling a variety of fruit trees, berry plants and nut and ornamental Trees as a fundraiser. Sales are open now through March. Pick up will be in late April at a location TBD in Green Lake County.

Order online and see details at greenlakecountymfarmbureau.square.site



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MARCH 14 6:30 PM

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Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass.
More Information contact Green
Lake County Farm Bureau
President Chad Bruss at
920.229.2494*

President's Message



Kip Weber
Juneau County Farm Bureau President

Thank you to everyone who supports the Juneau County Farm Bureau! We had a great group attend the WFBF YFA Conference and Annual Meeting in December at the Kalahari. Congratulations to Wrangler and Tessa Jones, who received the Rural sponsorship for first-time attendees attending the conference.

As we begin the new year, the board is focused on planning our annual Wine and Cheese event. Please make plans to attend.



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President's Message



Aaron Wachholz
Marquette County Farm Bureau President

Happy New Year! The holidays are past and we find ourselves already well into 2026. New Year's is a great time for reflection on the

accomplishments of the old year and the hopes and aspirations for the new year.

2025 was another fruitful year. The board achieved a voting membership gain, as well as signing 18 new members. The dairy committee planned and held a successful dairy breakfast at Slowey Farms. Even though it rained and put a slight damper on the number of people we served, we still had a good turnout. Our fair stand had similar results with rainy conditions as well. The Promotion and Engagement committee hosted its first-ever movie night for farmers at the Montello Theater. It was a great event with admission covered by Farm Bureau and a good-sized crowd attended to see the "Last Rodeo." Thank you to everyone

who helped see these events through and made them possible.

So, what's ahead in 2026? The board is already working toward another new voting goal, with a few memberships in hand already. The dairy committee is working to secure a brand-new host farm for the dairy breakfast. Promotion and Engagement is also creating some activities as well, including

a Wine and Cheese tasting, farm tours and possibly another movie night. Marquette County Farm Bureau is also seeking more ways to be involved and help foster agriculture education in Marquette County. We are currently applying for grants to help keep tractor safety classes affordable and fun for young people throughout our county.

We can't do any of this without you. Your membership in Marquette County Farm Bureau keeps us strong and keeps us moving forward. The time you give is highly valued and a necessity to our organization. United we can accomplish much by telling our story and getting involved in our communities. When we

show up and speak up for Marquette County agriculture, we truly will reap a plentiful harvest and see a bountiful 2026.

God Bless and keep you all!



A great group of Marquette County YFA members attended the WFBF YFA Conference.

President's Message



Mike Leahy
 Waushara County Farm Bureau President

Winter is fully upon us! It seems like we get more snow every other day. Here is an update on what's going on with the Waushara County Farm Bureau:

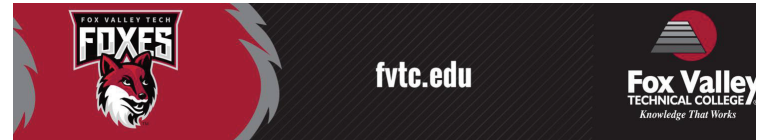
We had a great group attend the WFBF Annual Meeting. Thank you to Hugh Jones and Jon Deppe, who, along with me, served as

voting delegates for the county. Also, thank you to Miranda Ewald and Elias Klawitter for attending the YFA Conference.

The Agriculture in the Classroom essay contest is in full swing. This year's book is *The Soil in Jackie's Garden*, by Peggy Thomas. The Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Essay Contest invites fourth and fifth graders to explore how food, fiber and fuel shape our daily lives and communities. This contest isn't just about writing, it's about "digging into Wisconsin soils" and the importance of agriculture in Wisconsin. Students write a 200–300-word narrative essay responding to a new prompt each year, inspired by the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's Book of the Year. The top ten essays in each grade level are recognized at the state level with a cash prize and medal.

We are also excited for the upcoming Cultivate & Connect conference. This is the Promotion and Engagement Committee's initiative to inspire, educate and empower Farm Bureau members and agriculture leaders by providing innovative learning experiences, networking opportunities and actionable insights for advancing Wisconsin's agriculture industry. The Promotion and Engagement Committee implements Cultivate & Connect concepts year-round, culminating with the flagship event held each February. This year's conference will be held February 21 in Neenah. Annaliese Wegner aka The Modern-Day Farm Chick and Marlene Eick from Ohio Farm Bureau.

Stay warm everyone! Spring will be upon us before you know it.



Farm Safety & Equipment Operation

DEADLINE TO REGISTER – MARCH 6TH

Course Description:

This certified course provides youth ages 12–16 with essential training in the safe operation of tractors and farm machinery, in compliance with Wisconsin Act 455 and federal child labor regulations. The program is designed for youth who will be operating farm equipment as part of their family operation or working for a non-family farm. Through a combination of classroom instruction, hands-on activities, and practical driving experience, students will learn about equipment safety, hazard recognition, maintenance basics, and the legal responsibilities of machinery operation. The course emphasizes safe work practices around tractors and implements and prepares students to operate machinery on public roads when legally permitted.

To successfully complete the course and earn certification, students must attend all sessions (both virtual and in-person), pass a written exam, and demonstrate competency during a supervised driving test and pre-operational test.

Successful completion fulfills the legal requirement for:

- Youth under age 16 to operate tractors and self-propelled implements on public roads in Wisconsin (per Wisconsin Act 455)
- Youth ages 14–15 to be employed on farms outside their family (per Federal Department of Labor regulations)

Orientation Sessions available March 30, 2026 to April 2, 2026 at an FVTC Regional Centers (must attend one session)

Virtual Check-Ins for all Classes: Tuesdays – 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Written Exam: May 11 – 14, 2026, at the Regional Center between 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

For registration details, please call a regional center.

Chilton Regional Center

In-person Class	Phone
June 8 - June 11, 2026 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm	920-849-4416
June 15 - June 18, 2026 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm	

Waunoma Regional Center

In-person Class	Phone
June 22 - June 25, 2026 9:00 am-3:00 pm	920-787-3319

Waupaca Regional Center

In-person Class	Phone
July 6 - July 9, 2026 9:00 am-3:00 pm	715-942-1700

Clintonville Regional Center

In-person Class	Phone
July 20 - July 23, 2026 9:00 am-3:00 pm	715-823-1555

Appleton Agriculture Center

In-person Class	Phone
July 27 - July 30, 2026 9:00 am-3:00 pm	920-735-5645

Enrollment is limited to 12 students per class section

Weekly Schedule for all Classes:

Monday – All Students
 Tuesday – Group A
 Wednesday - Group B
 Thursday – Testing Date by Appointment



Winnebago County

President's Message



Amanda Volp
 Winnebago County Farm Bureau President

And just like that, another year has flown by. Welcome to 2026, my friends!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health going into the New Year, and that you were able

to spend the holiday season with loved ones. I always enjoy the New Year, it is a time where we can start fresh, try something new and find ways to better ourselves in the process. I challenge you to set big goals and strive to accomplish them this New Year!

Winnebago County Farm Bureau teamed up with the Winnebago County Veterans Service Office over Thanksgiving and took part in providing Thanksgiving meals to the veterans of Winnebago County. We love being able to give back to the community, especially the brave men and women who fight for our country.



To finish the year, the Winnebago County Dairy Promotion committee handed out chocolate milk to racers at the Race for the Light run in Oshkosh on December 6. With the conclusion of that event and after much discussion, the Winnebago County Dairy Promotion committee will now be merged and included in the larger Winnebago County Promotion and Engagement committee moving forward in 2026.

Thank you to our members who attended the 106th WFBF Annual Meeting and YFA Conference in December. It is always a great opportunity to network with fellow Farm Bureau members and see what special events each county is doing. Winnebago County Farm Bureau was recognized as we generously donated to the Foundation Giving Day. Thank you to our county delegates who took time to sit in on the business meeting and resolution session: Randi Brooks, Rob Stone and Jaime Remer. That is the heart and soul of what Farm Bureau represents.

Cheers to a new year full of bountiful harvests, good health and fun! God bless you all!

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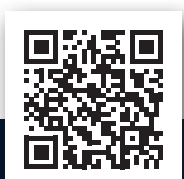
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