

OHIO FARM BUREAU

Value of Membership



The value of an Ohio Farm Bureau membership is worth thousands of dollars for every member.

Here are just some of the ways Farm Bureau is working for you. How many of these achievements impact you, your family and farm?



If you have employees or own a business, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Protected the agricultural sales tax exemption;
- ☐ Defended Ohio's small business tax deduction, making first \$250K of business income non-taxed;
- ☐ Saved Ohio employers an estimated \$7.1 million in workers' compensation premium through group rating programs;
- ☐ Worked with the Bureau of Workers' Compensation to make refunds non-taxable after critical COVID-19 recovery disbursement;
- ☐ Promoted Ohio's move to end extra federal unemployment payments to incentivize workers to return to work;
- ☐ Fought for and secured farmer access to Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program;
- ☐ Defended and protected the small farm exemption from OSHA regulations;
- ☐ Manages OFBF Health Benefits Plan built for the agricultural community with competitive rates, a variety of plan designs and Anthem's broad Blue Access PPO provider network.

If you care about 4-H and FFA, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Pushed the DeWine administration to provide certainty to county fairs so they could operate and celebrate Ohio agriculture in 2020-2021;
- ☐ Partnered with Nationwide to sponsor the 2020 Ohio Youth Livestock Expo when the Ohio State Fair was canceled. Sponsored the Ohio State Fair Grand Drive event with Nationwide to ensure Ohio's 4-H and FFA youth had the best experience available during a disrupted 2021 State Fair;
- ☐ Advocated for and preserved funding for local services including OSU Extension, Soil and Water, OARDC, OSU Wooster-ATI, high school ag education career tech and FFA;
- ☐ Supported 4-H Foundation and Youth Reserve Program resulting in millions of dollars for scholarships to 4-H youth.

If you care about the future of the Ohio State Fair and Ohio Expo Center, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Is working with nine major Ohio agriculture groups to forward a set of recommendations to modernize the Ohio Expo Center and State Fair. The recommendations were shared to ensure that the input, ideas and concerns of the agriculture industry, including preserving the current location and footprint with a strong investment for improvements, are properly incorporated into the state's new Vision Plan.

If your farm depends on risk management programs, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Supported payments for livestock and poultry losses due to COVID-19 market impacts;
- ☐ Advocated for farm support resulting in BILLIONS of dollars in USDA Direct Payments through the CARES Act;
- ☐ Supported funding for important Farm Bill conservation programs like CRP, EQIP and others.

If you care about local communities, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Secured \$10 million in state funding for meat processing grants to help existing plants in Ohio expand capacity and fund new construction;
- ☐ Supported USDA investing \$500 million in American Rescue Plan funds to expand meat and poultry processing capacity;
- ☐ Ensured farm and farmers markets were deemed essential and remained open during COVID-19 shutdown.

If you care about young farmers, youth engagement and investing in the future agricultural workforce, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Created legislation for the Beginning Farmer Tax credit proposal that passed the Ohio House;
- ☐ Created ExploreAg, which is Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation's signature ag literacy and workforce development program. ExploreAg offers free weeklong and one-day experiences for middle and high school students. Participants were immersed in hands-on learning about agriculture and related STEM fields from industry experts, scientists and educators;
- ☐ Awards approximately \$50,000, through the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, in annual scholarships to students planning to pursue careers in agriculture and related fields;
- ☐ Supports collegiate Farm Bureau programs at The Ohio State University and Wilmington College;
- ☐ Supports Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation's Youth Pathways grants, which awards up to \$100,000 to outside organizations that create career pathways that allow students to explore the wide variety of careers within agriculture and related STEM fields.

If you care about our dairy industry, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Created the Ohio Dairy Task Force to advocate for milk pricing reforms;
- ☐ Promoted awareness of milk supply issues during COVID disruptions by working directly with ODPa to remove purchase limits and assist with food bank donations;
- ☐ Advocated for better protection through Dairy Margin Coverage;
- ☐ Created the Dairy Insurance Program to better protect dairy farm members.

If you need better internet, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Advocated for \$250 million for the Ohio Rural Broadband Expansion grant program, the largest public investment in broadband in Ohio history.

If you own farmland, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Is pursuing landowner-focused eminent domain reforms to protect farmers from government and utilities taking property;
- ☐ Filed an amicus brief that resulted in an Ohio Supreme Court ruling that a landowner has an immediate right to appeal an eminent domain action;
- ☐ Created the amicus brief that was cited in lower court ruling that utilities must prove necessity before taking property;
- ☐ Provides resources to hundreds of members on new land use restrictions for renewable energy;
- ☐ Provides resources to hundreds of members annually with information on energy development, such as oil and gas, solar and wind development issues;
- ☐ Accomplished historic CAUV reform that is now saving farmland owners tens of millions of dollars in property taxes. A few examples of savings:
 - Trumbull County farmer saves \$2,200 in one year, a 24% savings
 - Wayne County farmer saves \$2,600 in one year, a 25% savings
 - Montgomery County farm saves 25%, equal to 455 years of FB membership
 - Clinton County farmer saved 48.5%, equal to 20 years of FB membership
 - Darke County farmer saved 21.5% \$6,000, equal to 78 years of FB membership
 - Seneca County farmer saved 26% or \$2,600;
- ☐ Accomplished CAUV reform that includes valuing conservation land at lowest CAUV value, removing the tax penalty for implementing important sustainability measures;
- ☐ Is fighting to protect farmland preservation tax laws, like stepped up basis, capital gains and estate tax exemptions;
- ☐ Stood with and assisted in Ohio farmer's fight against the city of Toledo's Lake Erie Bill of Rights (LEBOR). This legal victory now protects the entire agricultural industry from activist lawsuits;
- ☐ Increased nuisance protection for farmers from neighbor lawsuits;
- ☐ Supported a new law to ensure "nature" cannot bring a lawsuit;
- ☐ Filed a brief with U.S. Supreme Court and wins landowners the right to access the federal courts in eminent domain actions, including important protections not available under state law;
- ☐ Provides thousands of members annually with legal education on zoning, eminent domain, line fence, open burning and more;
- ☐ Helps hundreds of members annually with legal information on problems from sales tax to local government to drainage to line fence;
- ☐ Modernized the County Drainage Ditch Petition process;
- ☐ Supported an increase in assistance for plugging abandoned oil and gas wells;
- ☐ Pushed for an increase in the estate tax exemption and continues the fight to protect the exemption;
- ☐ Strengthened the Property Protection Program to a \$5,000 reward in order to deter crime on members' property.

**If you are a livestock producer,
Farm Bureau:**

- ☐ Supported funding for the ODA Animal Disease and Diagnostic Lab, providing critical support to the health of Ohio's livestock;
- ☐ Is pushing USDA, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Congress to aggressively investigate volatility and disruptions in livestock markets;
- ☐ Led the charge in 2009 to pass State Issue 2, which created the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. Today, livestock producers continue to have definitive care standards enforced by livestock experts, which helps protect against radical animal activist activity in the state;
- ☐ Led an effort to call on USDA to take action and fight a court ordered reduction in pork processing line speeds. If the court order would have been left unchallenged, it would have impacted nearly 40% of Ohio hogs that are processed in plants operating using increased line speeds.

If you care about horses and Ohio's equine sector, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Recognizes that Ohio's equine industry is a significant part of Ohio agriculture. Horse farms contribute to the ag economy from fence building businesses to hay and grain farmers. A recent study showed that horse racing had a direct impact in 2018 of over 21,000 jobs in Ohio, and an economic impact that exceeded \$2.8 billion with \$900 million in personal income for Ohioans;
- ☐ Collaborates with Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association and Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association to support opportunities at Ohio racetracks, which bring in significant revenue to Ohio horse farms;

- ☐ Pushed for the operation of county fairs in 2021, including horse racing at 66 county fairs;
- ☐ Is advocating for improvements to the Ohio Expo Center, home of the Quarter Horse Congress;
- ☐ Pushed for the Equine Liability Act, which continues to provide important liability protection for horse owners and event sponsors such as 4-H advisors;
- ☐ Assists members in navigating CAUV enrollment qualifications for horse farms.

**If you need water/soil protection help,
Farm Bureau:**

- ☐ Helped to advance the statewide watershed planning and management program to provide resources to local SWCDs to work with local farmers;
- ☐ Advocated for \$170 million investment in H2Ohio Initiative. This money goes directly to farmers to implement voluntary conservation practices and avoids costly regulation;
- ☐ Created the Ohio Agricultural Conservation Initiative (OACI), which now has nearly 2,000 farmers and 1 million acres enrolled and helps H2Ohio funding flow directly to farmers;
- ☐ Partnered with USDA-NRCS to create the Blanchard River Demonstration Farms Network. To date, more than 1,000 stakeholders and influencers have toured the farms to see conservation practices in use;
- ☐ Blocked a radical state executive action from the Kasich Administration to institute unworkable mandates on farmers in Northwest Ohio in the name of water quality.

**If you care about farm stress,
Farm Bureau:**

- ☐ Created the Farm Stress Collaborative that has brought together ag and mental health experts for first time to create and provide resources;
- ☐ Created Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation “Y Prize,” for individuals or organizations leading the way in rural mental health.

**If you rely on international trade,
Farm Bureau:**

- ☐ Continually advocates for trade. The country saw an all-time record of U.S. ag export purchases by China in 2020;
- ☐ Advocated for the U.S. and European Union to suspend tariffs in an effort to move toward a broader trade agreement;
- ☐ Is challenging Canada’s implementation of dairy tariffs to ensure U.S. dairy producers have fair access to this critical export market;
- ☐ Supported Market Facilitation Payments to get farms through rough trade issues with China while advocating for “Trade, not aid”.

**If your farm was impacted by COVID
disruptions, Farm Bureau:**

- ☐ Provided leadership on federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Task Force within U.S. Department of Homeland Security to advocate for agriculture during pandemic;
- ☐ Ensured that agriculture was on “critical infrastructure” and “essential” list during COVID-19 restrictions at the national and state levels;
- ☐ Worked to extend state tax filing deadline and a moratorium on license expirations;

- ☐ Gathered information on critical Personal Protective Equipment needs and assisted in sourcing and locating PPE for ag industry;
- ☐ Pushed Gov. DeWine to responsibly reopen Ohio for business;
- ☐ Protected businesses from frivolous lawsuits stemming from COVID-19;
- ☐ Communicated with members how to operate under numerous health orders;
- ☐ Assisted USDA in promotion of regional and local food bank assistance to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy and meat;
- ☐ Clarified that Ohio greenhouses and nursery centers were allowed to remain open during COVID-19 when other states ordered closures;
- ☐ Conducted an information campaign to help move horticulture products and other spring plants when events were cancelled.

**If you have a problem with wildlife, Farm
Bureau:**

- ☐ Protected Ohio livestock from new rules to limit coyote trapping;
- ☐ Pushed for a streamlined permitting process for killing problematic black vultures. Working with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the state obtained a statewide depredation permit for black vultures from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. ODNR will work with USDA Wildlife Services to issue sub-permits to livestock producers who are experiencing issues with black vultures. These sub-permits cover commercial livestock, including cattle, horses, sheep, goats and swine and are free to livestock producers;
- ☐ Ensured ODNR included important landowner liability protections in new Hunter Landowner partnership program;

- ☐ Cultivated regular and beneficial communication with the Division of Wildlife to ensure they understand farmers' needs.

If you depend on affordable crop insurance, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Advocated for fair disaster assistance for all farmers;
- ☐ Protected crop insurance as a risk management tool, including expansion to barley;
- ☐ Defended crop insurance subsidy to keep the program more affordable for farmers.

If you care about funding for research, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Advocated for millions in research dollars to make Ohio farms statewide more sustainable.

If you grow crops, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Filed a brief in an Ohio Supreme Court case resulting in grain bins being removed from the property tax bills statewide;
- ☐ Preserved use of critical crop protection products;
- ☐ Successfully fought Ohio EPA attempts to regulate commercial fertilizer as a pollutant;
- ☐ Helped secure the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill in an era when Congress struggles to pass any major piece of legislation;
- ☐ Confronted U.S. EPA about Enlist Duo and Enlist One bans in 12 Ohio counties. The new EPA policy is impacting nearly 270,000 soybean acres across the state, with a precedent that could be even more detrimental.

If you care about elections, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Protected Ohio's election integrity by joining lawsuit to prevent nullification of Ohio ballot signature requirements.

If you are concerned about safety, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Advocated for safe rural roadways by supporting distracted driving legislation;
- ☐ Conducted Workers' Compensation safety training workshops;
- ☐ Coordinated efforts to help train first responders on grain bin safety.

If you need trucks to move your products, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Ensured waivers for hours of service and weight limitations for trucks delivering critical supplies, including food and groceries;
- ☐ Created first and only comprehensive guide to Ohio laws and regulations for farm transportation, including trucking and moving implements on the road;
- ☐ Clarified in Ohio law that farm utility vehicles, like gators and side by sides, can use rural roads to get farm work done.

If you care about how farmers are portrayed in the media, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Works with media nearly every day to help them better understand agriculture;
- ☐ Worked with news outlets recently to discuss how Ohio farmers are tackling Ohio's water quality issues by taking part in the H2Ohio program and voluntarily implementing more and better nutrient management practices.

If you need help finding workers, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Created a new member service in partnership with Great Lakes Agricultural Labor Services, a full-service agent helping farms secure labor through the H-2A foreign worker visa program.

If you care about saving money, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Saved members more than \$1.5 million in 2020 through discount programs from Case IH, CAT, Ford, Grainger, John Deere, energy, travel, entertainment and more.

If you care about ag groups working together for you, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Partners with all commodity groups to coordinate statewide and national strategy to support Ohio farmers to build Ohio ag unity;
- ☐ Partners with Ohio State University to drive resources back to our communities;
- ☐ Partners with Nationwide, and many other business partners, to provide and support business solutions for members;

- ☐ Partners with manufacturers, retailers, chambers of commerce, small business representatives and other major business groups to be the voice for Ohio's businesses;
- ☐ Builds long term, strong relationships with Ohio policymakers which allows access and a voice for our members.

If you care about partnering with American Farm Bureau to lobby and defend agriculture for our nation, Farm Bureau:

- ☐ Has a dedicated team every day in our nation's capital;
- ☐ Engaged in legal challenges to agriculture that have national implications that impact Ohio;
- ☐ Builds relationships with our federal regulators to be our voice on issues like Waters of the U.S., crop protection, tax policy, trade, farm programs, business and labor regulations;
- ☐ Lobbies all of Congress, especially in support of state Farm Bureaus with a limited presence in Washington, D.C.

Your County Farm Bureau Membership Accomplishments

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MEMBER APPLICATION

☐ New ☐ Renewal

COUNTY NAME _____

IF RENEWING, MEMBER ID # _____

\$ _____ **DUES AMOUNT**

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ M.I. _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

SPOUSE LAST NAME _____ SPOUSE FIRST NAME _____ S.M.I. _____ TOWNSHIP _____

ADDRESS (MUST HAVE HOUSE NUMBER, P.O. BOX OR ROUTE NUMBER) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ BIRTH DATE _____ SPOUSE BIRTH DATE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ SPOUSE EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SOLICITOR NAME (if applicable) _____

Make check payable to: **OHIO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION**

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Join online by visiting OhioFarmBureau.org/growwithus or call your county Farm Bureau office.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NONREFUNDABLE.

AFFILIATION TO AGRICULTURE *Check what best describes you.*

- ☐ Full time/Part time Farmer/Producer ☐ Agriculture student between the ages of 18-24 ☐ Not affiliated with agriculture industry, but support the mission of Ohio Farm Bureau
- ☐ Farmland owner ☐ Non-farmer, but work professionally within agriculture industry

2022-2023 COUNTY DUES:

Adams	\$120	Clinton	\$100	Gallia	\$120	Jackson-Vinton	\$120	Mercer	\$120	Portage	\$110	Union	\$120
Allen	\$100	Columbiana	\$120	Geauga	\$90	Jefferson	\$120	Miami	\$120	Preble	\$120	Van Wert	\$120
Ashland	\$96	Coshocton	\$100	Greene	\$100	Knox	\$100	Monroe	\$100	Putnam	\$120	Warren	\$100
Ashtabula	\$120	Crawford	\$100	Guernsey	\$100	Lake	\$100	Montgomery	\$120	Richland	\$100	Washington	\$100
Athens-Meigs	\$95	Cuyahoga	\$95	Hamilton	\$120	Lawrence	\$100	Morgan	\$120	Ross	\$120	Wayne	\$120
Auglaize	\$100	Darke	\$120	Hancock	\$120	Licking	\$100	Morrow	\$100	Sandusky	\$100	Williams	\$100
Belmont	\$100	Defiance	\$105	Hardin	\$100	Logan	\$120	Muskingum	\$120	Scioto	\$120	Wood	\$100
Brown	\$120	Delaware	\$120	Harrison	\$120	Lorain	\$100	Noble	\$100	Seneca	\$100	Wyandot	\$100
Butler	\$98	Erie	\$100	Henry	\$120	Lucas	\$100	Ottawa	\$100	Shelby	\$120		
Carroll	\$120	Fairfield	\$120	Highland	\$120	Madison	\$120	Paulding	\$90	Stark	\$120		
Champaign	\$120	Fayette	\$120	Hocking	\$100	Mahoning	\$120	Perry	\$120	Summit	\$100		
Clark	\$120	Franklin	\$120	Holmes	\$97	Marion	\$100	Pickaway	\$95	Trumbull	\$120		
Clermont	\$120	Fulton	\$120	Huron	\$100	Medina	\$100	Pike	\$120	Tuscarawas	\$120		

YOUNG MEMBER
(ages 18-24)
All counties: \$40

PAYMENT RECEIPT: *Ohio Farm Bureau Membership*

Date: _____

Amount: _____

Member Name: _____

County Name: _____

Address: _____

Payment made by: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP





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