

THE CONVEYOR

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The 2024 Ohio Agriculture and Rural Communities Action Plan

The agriculture sector continues to face a volatile economy, particularly with continued uncertainty around the price and availability of inputs for the 2024 growing season. Consumers continue to pay higher prices for food while margins for agricultural producers remain tight. Meanwhile, development pressures from many different sources threaten the availability of farmland and the Buckeye State's rich farming heritage. The 2024 Ohio Agriculture and Rural Communities Action plan provides a blueprint for policymakers and Ohio Farm Bureau members to bolster Ohio's agriculture industry and our rural communities.

2024 Priority Issues



*Scan the QR code
for the complete
plan*

Promote a strong business climate

Farm Bureau will:

- Engage with the U.S. Congress and the Ohio General Assembly on a tax landscape that encourages a strong farm economy.
- Promote enactment of legislation that helps farmers meet their labor needs.
- Support initiatives and implementation efforts that bring proper infrastructure, affordable broadband and high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved parts of the state.
- Secure resources to rebuild, repair or modernize transportation infrastructure, including rural roads and bridges, ports, and inland waterway locks and dams.
- Support the development of businesses that produce value-added products from locally grown agricultural commodities.
- Promote policies and programs to increase meat and poultry processing capacity in Ohio to make the food system more resilient for farmers and consumers.

To view the other areas and the complete 2024 Ohio Agriculture and Rural Communities Action Plan Visit:

<https://ofbf.org/2024/02/22/ohio-farm-bureau-2024-priority-issues/>



FRANKLIN COUNTY

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AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2024

Hundreds of Ohio Farm Bureau members, including representatives from Franklin County Farm Bureau, gathered in downtown Columbus to meet one-on-one with their state senators and representatives during Ohio Farm Bureau's annual Ag Day at the Capitol Feb. 21. Ohio Farm Bureau priority issues such as eminent domain reform and additional landowner protections, water quality, a more resilient food system and the expansion of affordable high-speed broadband access were introduced, along with a host of other community issues.



CENTRAL OHIO COUNTY FARM BUREAUS HOST ANNUAL WOMEN IN AG BRUNCH

Delaware, Franklin, Madison & Union County Farm Bureaus hosted the annual Women in Ag Brunch on March 2nd at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center.

This annual event recognizes achievements in agriculture and the contributions of women to our local farm community. The keynote speakers were Jonathan & Alyssa Zucker. We honored Denise Johnson of Franklin County.



DOYLE PARTY PLAZA -
FOOD WILL BE
PROVIDED IN OUR
SECTION.

SAVE THE DATE

To purchase tickets call the county Farm Bureau office 800-451-8908. Reserve your spot today as seats are limited!

HUNTINGTON PARK
COLUMBUS CLIPPERS

CENTRAL OHIO FARM BUREAUS
MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

JUNE 15, 2024

VS
IOWA



7:05 P.M.

GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM

TICKETS
\$8.00 AGES 3-12
\$10.00 AGES 13-59
\$8.00 AGES 60+



DELAWARE, FRANKLIN,
MADISON AND
UNION COUNTIES

Hit it out of the park! Perfect for families or a gift for dad.



FARM BUREAU HOSTS ANNUAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON

Recently Franklin County Farm Bureau invited county and state elected officials to their annual Policy Luncheon to discuss important issues affecting agriculture. Officials spoke about what they felt could be done in the county to help farmers and consumers. Public Policy Action Team Leader, Dwight Beougher, spoke on behalf of the board of trustees and will take everything back to the policy development committee to write policies that will be voted on at the Franklin County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting to be held in August.



Franklin County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

We encourage all of our members to join us for the annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 5, 2024, at Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center 2201 Fred Taylor Dr. Columbus, OH 43210. The cost is \$20 and dinner will be catered by City Barbeque.

The evening will include the election of board of trustees and state annual meeting delegates, voting on any proposed code changes & policy presented and an update on current Farm Bureau programs and events.

Invite with complete details to follow.

Farm Bureau Ag Day at the County Fair

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Bring the kids and family to enjoy a day at the fair with many fun activities happening throughout the day.

Details will be on our Facebook page and website very soon!



Seeking Franklin County Fair Ambassadors

Franklin County Farm Bureau is looking to hire three Fair Ambassadors for the 2024 Franklin County Fair. This paid position will require ambassadors to set up the displays, work each day of the fair and help tear down displays and activities. Preference will be given to high school graduates, though current high school students are welcome to apply. Visit franklin.ofbf.org and look for the featured article on our webpage for the full job description. All interested applicants shall send a resume to frankline@ofbf.org no later than June 7, 2024.

September 22, 2024

TASTE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

Farm tour & dinner event

PRESENTED BY: FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU



OSU Waterman Farm | 2490 Carmack Rd.

Columbus, OH 43210

Taste of Franklin County will provide an opportunity to bring urban and suburban consumers as well as Farm Bureau members together to explore agricultural information & operations in our county.

We are excited for this initiative where all net proceeds will benefit our youth programs and scholarship fund. ***Invite to follow.***

CENTRAL OHIO FARM BUREAUS HOST WORKERS COMP MEETING

Each year, for your benefit, OFBF sponsors educational programs dealing with safety in the agriculture workplace. These programs are important for all Farm Bureau members and worker's compensation employers in the program - large and small. This program is estimated to save members over 6 million dollars this year alone in workers compensation premiums. The meeting was hosted on March 21st and attendees heard from Med Flight on the Stop the Bleed program & from Union County Mental Health & Recovery Board.





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OFBF MEMBER BENEFITS

Ohio Farm Bureau Health Benefits Plan



HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN

The Health Benefits Plan is a flexible and high-quality health coverage option specifically created for sole proprietors and small businesses in Ohio's agricultural economic sector. As today's farmers and small businesses with employees continue to search for health coverage options, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation has taken

action to help employers save on these expenses. The Ohio Farm Bureau Health Benefits Plan can lead to more rate stability and is a smart solution that offers potential savings for Ohio farmers and small businesses with 1-50 employees. You do not have to be a current Farm Bureau member to apply.

To learn more about the OFB Health Benefits Plan and its many advantages, contact the Ohio Farm Bureau today at 800-937-4567 for a referral to a local OFB

Health Benefits Plan approved agent or visit

<https://ofbf.org/membership/benefits/health-benefits-plan/>

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