

AROUND OUR COUNTY

FALL 2024

A PUBLICATION AND MEMBER BENEFIT OF DELAWARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU



This was the 10th year of Benefit in the Barn, an annual charity event raising money for local hunger relief. The event was held at Lee Farms in Marysville. Founded and sponsored by Delaware and Union County Farm Bureaus, Benefit in the Barn has raised nearly \$600,000 in the past ten years for hunger relief agencies in Delaware and Union Counties. The attendees enjoyed a concert by Ramblewood a Central Ohio musician.

We're proud to announce this year's Benefit in the Barn raised \$75,134.54 for our local hunger relief agencies! \$37,567.27 to the Delaware County Hunger Alliance and The Hope Center - Marysville, Ohio received \$37,567.27.



**BENEFIT in the
BARN 2024**
Hosted by Delaware & Union County Farm Bureaus



YOUNG AG PROFESSIONALS COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Our young farmer programming provides community, leadership development, and professional growth opportunities for Farm Bureau members who are 18-35.

Excellence in Ag

If you work primarily off the farm and are a leader in Farm Bureau and the community, then this contest is for you. This award is designed to recognize successful young agricultural professionals (singles or couples) who are actively contributing and growing through their involvement with Farm Bureau and agriculture, but do not have the majority of income subject to normal production risk. Each year, the top three applicants will have a 25-minute presentation before a panel of judges.

Applications are due **Dec. 20, 2024**

Outstanding Young Farmer

The Outstanding Young Farmer contest is designed to recognize successful young farmers, age 35 or younger, for achievements in the business of farming and leadership in the agricultural community. Applicants should have a majority of their income subject to normal production risks as well as ownership (or part ownership) of the operation/business. Applications are due **Dec. 20, 2024**

Visit our website for complete details & to access the application for the contests
<https://ofbf.org/community/young-ag-professionals/young-farmer-contests/>



Mary Fleming of Delaware is serving on the 2024 Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Policy Development Committee.

The committee collects and organizes public policy recommendations from county Farm Bureaus and presents the final policy suggestions to be voted on by Ohio Farm Bureau's delegates during the state annual meeting in December.



Beef donation

Delaware County Farm Bureau is proud to provide quarterly beef donations to People in Need. Hunger initiatives and helping to overcome food insecurity in local communities is very important to DCFB and we are happy to help feed hungry neighbors.

Visit delawarepeopleinneed.org/ to learn more about their services to the residents of Delaware County.



DELAWARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING & COUNTY FAIR

Sunday September 15th, 2024 Delaware County Farm Bureau held their county annual meeting at the Farm Fun Tent at the Delaware County Fair. Delaware County Farm Bureau members in attendance also voted on policies, voted on delegates to attend the 2025 Annual meeting, as well as electing board trustees. All 5 of the 2024 scholarship recipients also were recognized. Attendees also enjoyed ice-cream! Thank you to Farm Credit for donating the raffle basket and to everyone who joined us.

DCFB bought or added on to over 43 exhibitors' animals at the 2024 Delaware County Fair livestock sale. Congratulations to all of the youth exhibitors at this year's Delaware County Fair.

Congratulations to Kennedy Thiel and Bob Kall for guessing the calf birth date the closest in the DCFB fun tent at the County Fair. Thank you to Derek and Angie Dusthimer for donating the toys.

**HELP US
RECOGNIZE
OUTSTANDING
AG EDUCATORS**



Nominate an Ohio agriculture teacher for the Golden Owl Award by December 31st!



The Golden Owl Award®, presented by Nationwide® in partnership with the Ohio FFA, Ohio Farm Bureau®, Farm Credit Mid-America and AgCredit, honors outstanding agricultural educators across Ohio and crowns the Ohio Agricultural Educator of the Year. Nominate the Ohio ag educator who has impacted you or someone you know now through Dec. 31, 2024
<https://ohioffa.org/foundation/programs/golden-owl-award/>



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MEMBER BENEFIT HIGHLIGHT

Energy and Utility Issues Resource Guide

Since the days of rural electrification, Ohio Farm Bureau has been helping members with information and resources related to energy development.



Our new Energy and Utility Issues Resource Guide is a members-only document that provides information about critical energy issues many farm families encounter. This new guide focuses on leases, easements, on-site generation and legal considerations for energy development on privately owned farmland in Ohio.

Millions of acres in Ohio are privately owned farmland, so when it comes to locating infrastructure for utilities such as pipelines, telecommunications, wind, solar and more, the stakes are high. There are also new opportunities for installing on-farm energy generation equipment to help manage costs and generate income. To learn more on this member benefit please visit the website below or scan the QR code.



<https://ofbf.org/membership/benefits/energy-utility-issues-resource-guide/>

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