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TASTE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGHLIGHT

Taste of Franklin County featured a farm-to-table dinner served outdoors on the farm, consisting of foods that were grown or produced right on The Ohio State University campus farm, located within Columbus city limits. Most of the food on the menu traveled less than a mile to get from where it was produced to where it was consumed.

The farm tours and dinner took place on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Participants had an opportunity to tour the 261-acre Waterman Farm on the OSU campus and learn how food is produced and how OSU is conducting cutting-edge agricultural research and educational programs to increase the sustainability and security of Ohio's food system. They were also able to purchase products at the mini farmers market and enjoy the locally sourced dinner. Thank you to Doug Dawson, Farm Bureau member for preparing the meat for the dinner as well as Chef David Wolf & students. Thank you to all of our generous sponsors for the event. This event would not be possible without the dedicated committee and day of volunteers, thank you for all of your hard work! **Over \$4,500** was raised for the youth scholarship fund.



FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center served as the location for the yearly Franklin County Farm Bureau meeting. Attendees had the opportunity to listen to Adam Sharp, executive vice president of Ohio Farm Bureau, speak as a special guest. During the event, Neil Distelhorst was presented with the Friend of Farm Bureau award for his unwavering dedication to the Agricultural Community. Additionally, scholarship recipients were recognized for their achievements.



**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/>

MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT

The Franklin County Farm Bureau hosted a "Meet the Candidates" night on September 24 at the Everal Barn & Homestead. This event allowed Farm Bureau members to engage with candidates vying for various positions. Candidates Night serves as an invaluable opportunity for attendees to familiarize themselves with our organization, its members, and the policies we advocate.



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/>



FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR 2024



In July, the Franklin County Farm Bureau sponsored the Franklin County Jr. Fair in many ways! We have proudly sponsored the Jr. Fair for many years, through sponsoring the Creative Baking Auction, Livestock Auction, Country Olympics, Open Swine Show & the Livestock Promotion Poster Contest. Each exhibitor worked hard! Way to go everyone! We sponsored Farm Bureau Ag Day at the Fair on Thursday for the 2nd year! We had many activities going on throughout the day! Including hands on activities, demos and a farmers market! We ended the day with County Olympics & ice cream social! We also participated in the round bale decorating contest and took home the People's Choice award. New this year, Franklin County Farm Bureau sponsored stall signs in partnership with Leist Mercantile our select partner with Nationwide Insurance. Farm Bureau members whose children picked up and displayed a stall sign had their projects boosted by \$50.

COSI FARM DAYS

COSI - Center of Science and Industry Farm Days! FCFB volunteers to provide education on agriculture and a local ag dealership brings tractors. There are lots of fun activities for kids of all ages!





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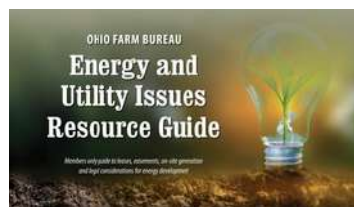
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MEMBER BENEFIT HIGHLIGHT

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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