

# AROUND OUR COUNTY

FALL 2024

A PUBLICATION AND MEMBER BENEFIT OF UNION 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 over \$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





# UCFB ANNUAL MEETING

In September, Union County Farm Bureau held their county annual meeting at Bokes Creek Winery in Raymond. Attendees were able to hear from our guest speaker Holly Zweizig, from Union County Mental Health and Recovery board. Enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by All Mixed Up. Union County Farm Bureau members in attendance also voted on policies and voted on Delegates to attend the 2025 annual meeting, as well as electing board trustees. Thank you to everyone who joined us.








# WINE DOWN AT THE MAIZE

On Thursday, September 12th, 2024, the Union County Farm Bureau hosted their **3rd Annual Wine Down at the MAIZE** located at The Maize at Little Darby Creek. The event was a success with a fantastic turnout. Guests relished wine tastings while wandering through the maize and had the opportunity to cut fresh flowers from the farm. The event wrapped up with a fantastic performance by Dan Wallace. We are grateful to our volunteers and sponsors for their unwavering support in making this event possible. Thank you to the participating wineries- Plum Run Winery, Bokes Creek Winery & Rhetoric. **Over \$3,700** was raised for the Union County Farm Bureau youth scholarship fund.

## 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/>



# 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/>



## 2024 UNION COUNTY FAIR SHIRTS

Union County Farm Bureau & *America's Trusted Insurance Group* started a project in 2021 where we present free T-shirts to Union County Fair & Richwood Independent Fair Jr. Fair exhibitors. This was the third year for the project. This is a great way to support the exhibitors and the kids will wear their new shirts at the fair and throughout the year. We would like to thank the local businesses that collaborated with us and advertised on the back of the shirt. UCFB also sponsored banners that were up during fair week at both the Union County Fair and the Richwood Independent Fair to show our support of the youth exhibitors.







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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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