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## MID-WINTER 2017

Greetings,

I hope everyone is enjoying this mild winter we are having and lack of snow. We have been busy at Farm Bureau. In December, nine Delegates and two from Farm Bureau's Women's Committee went to Ocean City for the State Convention to set National and State policy. In January, four from Cecil County went to Phoenix for the National Convention where we heard from National President Zippy Duval and what he has been working on in D.C. on the county level.

We worked with county officials in December with the passing of the final tier map which left most of the northern Ag land in tier 3 and southern Ag land in tier 4.

In February, three Cecil Farm Bureau members went down to Annapolis for Maryland Farm Bureau Day in Annapolis. We visited with our representatives in the House and Senate and many of our representatives came to the Calvert House to have lunch with us.

A few weeks ago three county board members and I met with the County Executive, Planning & Zoning, Soil Conservation and Al Wein to discuss the changes to zoning for poultry farms in the county.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Cecil County Young Farmers had their Legislative Breakfast which was well attended. Great discussion held for over an hour with local elected officials.

Lastly, our Annual Banquet is coming up on March 24<sup>th</sup>. It will again be at Rising Sun Fire Hall with great food and our big auction to raise money for local Ag programs. Hope to see you all there!

Regards,

*Jonathan Quinn*

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President, Cecil County Farm Bureau, Inc.

# CECIL COUNTY FARM BUREAU BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

The Cecil County Farm Bureau is hosting their 87th Annual Banquet on **Friday, March 24th** at the Rising Sun Fire Company Banquet Hall. We will be holding a silent auction along with a live auction right after dinner. Proceeds from the auctions will benefit the Cecil County Farm Museum, Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, 4-H and other county agricultural programs. Following dinner the Outstanding Farm Operation of the Year Award will be presented.

Plan to join us for this evening beginning at **5:00 P.M.** for appetizers and for bidding on silent auction items and fellowship. An open bar will be available also. We will be enjoying garden salad, boneless baked chicken, roast beef with Au Jus, creamed mushrooms, green beans, succotash, mashed potatoes with beef gravy, rolls, butter, coffee, tea, milk and assorted miniature pies. A form for auction donations is enclosed if you care to donate.

**Please make reservations by March 16th as seating is limited.** If you have any questions, you may contact the Farm Bureau Office at 410-658-2460 or email [cecilfarmbureau@gmail.com](mailto:cecilfarmbureau@gmail.com).

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For reservations, return this portion of the letter with payment by **Thursday, March 16th, 2017 to Cecil County Farm Bureau, 135 North Hills Dr, Rising Sun, MD 21911.**

Make your check payable to **Cecil County Farm Bureau.**

***Please adhere to the March 16th deadline as we will be unable to accommodate late reservations.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE NOTE – Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Reservation listings will be at the door.  
NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED.***



## AUCTION DONATION FORM

### CECIL COUNTY FARM BUREAU BANQUET AND AUCTION, MARCH 24, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) to be  
donated \_\_\_\_\_

• **Please check one and return this form to:**

Mrs. Betty Moore (410-398-3879)  
2745 Telegraph Road  
North East MD 21901

\_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver my donation to Betty Moore  
2745 Telegraph Road, North East (Route 273)  
by **March 17, 2017.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will need someone to pick up my donation.

## **CECIL COUNTY WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Hello, Women's Committee. I want to thank Michelle Goldie for helping put our scrapbook together for the State Farm Bureau Convention. She did a super job and our group will be receiving \$25.00. Also, thank you Betty Moore for taking snacks for us to the hospitality room. I am sure they were enjoyed by all!

I would like to get an email list started for those women who would like to be part of our group. This would allow us to communicate faster with each other. I am going to try and have a spring meeting. Please send Patty your email address so we can start a list. I will also have a signup sheet at the banquet. Additionally, for those who have Facebook, I have set up a site to keep you updated on there. Please look for Cecil County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

March 21 is National Ag Day and is the Day we will be reading at all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade public school students in Cecil County. We are still using the book "The Cow in Patrick O'Shannihans Kitchen". I am in need of volunteers to sign up to read to all of the schools. Please email me with school request. When finished reading, we will be donating the book to the school. Additionally, our Miss and Jr. Miss Cecil County Farm Bureau ladies will be visiting schools and some of the local farmers markets to teach about where our food comes from. We have received permission from the school board, but each principal gets to decide if we can do a program in that school. So, we will need to spread the word.

We will also be offering the AFBF program from Miss America – "Peas to the Table" again and several classrooms will be participating. This is open to all classrooms in Cecil County. Please contact Ellen Larrimore if you know of a teacher who would like to have our program.

Finally, it is never too early for girls to start to think about our 2017 Miss Cecil County Farm Bureau Contest. We will be having an orientation in June/July. Details in the next newsletter.

I am collecting items for the Ronald McDonald house and the Hope Lodge (American Cancer Society House). I do not have the delivery date yet, but I can store items, if needed. Last year we took a car full of items. I will post need list on Facebook, or I can email them to you.

Looking forward to a warm spring!

Ellen Larrimore

elarrimore@zoominternet.net

Chair – Women's Outreach and Agricultural Education Committee

## **CECIL COUNTY YOUNG FARMERS**

Happy Winter, I hope this message finds you having been blessed with our mild winter. Our Young Farmers have been busy these past few month attending leadership training sessions and promoting Cecil County Agriculture.

We had 9 members attend the Maryland Farm Bureau Convention in Ocean City in December. Members took part in a variety of agriculture tours and were able to network with other young agriculture leaders from Maryland.

Cecil County Young Farmers hosted our Legislators Breakfast in early February. This was a successful event with over 40 people in attendance. I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our Young Farmers for all their hard work hosting this event They made an amazing breakfast without too much fire! The event allowed our legislators to take the time to hear our concerns about our local agricultural issues. One main concern was agriculture education. The County Council voiced many concerns over school of technology's scheduling and Ag program, as well as agriculture being taught in the elementary schools with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation's Mobile Science Labs. Bob Meefley is a good contact if any one would like to discuss this program further. A huge thank you to our local politicians who took the time to come to the breakfast to update us on their ongoing efforts to protect rural Maryland.

Several Young Farmers attended the Taste of Maryland Agriculture Dinner. This was a great evening to see Cecil County's own Milburn Family inducted into the Governor's Agriculture Hall of Fame, congratulations to the Milburn Family!

We had three members travel to Pittsburg, PA for the National Young Farmer & Rancher Fusion Conference. This event was full of leadership and professional development as well as good fellowship with other young farmers from across the country.

Our Young Farmers are now working hard planning the 11th Annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser that will be held April 9th at Hopkins Game Farm in Kennedyville, Maryland. Registration will begin at 10 A.M., tickets are \$45 and \$35 for youth under 15. Tickets include one round of 50 clay targets, a BBQ lunch, and one chance for the gun raffle.

For more information on this event please contact Sam Guethler at [443-206-8768](tel:443-206-8768) or by email at [samuelguethler@yahoo.com](mailto:samuelguethler@yahoo.com).

I wish you all a happy, safe, and abundant growing season ahead.

God Bless,  
Ashley M. Larrimore  
Cecil County Young Farmer President  
[cecilyoungfarmer@gmail.com](mailto:cecilyoungfarmer@gmail.com)

## CECIL COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Cecil County Farm Bureau, Inc. is offering **four** \$1,500 scholarships: two Ray Mueller Scholarships and two Steve Carson Young Farmers' Scholarships. The deadline for submitting the scholarship application is April 20, 2017. Guidelines and application forms are available by contacting Cecil County High School Guidance Offices, going to the Maryland Farm Bureau website at [www.mdfarmbureau.com](http://www.mdfarmbureau.com) and clicking on Cecil County, or by calling or emailing the Cecil County Farm Bureau Office at [cecilfarmbureau@gmail.com](mailto:cecilfarmbureau@gmail.com) (410-658-2460).



Please pass this information along to anyone who may have an interest in applying.

## NEWS FROM MARYLAND FARM BUREAU

No. 3 February 10, 2017

This week in Annapolis more than 120 Maryland Farm Bureau (MFB) members traveled to the state capital on Feb. 8 for MFB's annual Day in Annapolis event to talk with Senators and Delegates about agricultural bills. Sponsored by the Young Farmers and Women's Leadership Committees, the event featured a legislative briefing by our Government Relations staff and a sit-down lunch with more than 60 legislators at the Governor Calvert House.

"The interaction between farmers and elected officials was extremely valuable," said Chuck Fry, President of Maryland Farm Bureau. "Many don't realize how effective it can be to simply share your story with legislators. The more they understand why and how you operate the way you do, the more they will consider your operation and the agricultural industry when drafting and voting on bills."

Maryland farmers gathered in the State Capitol and at lunch to meet with legislators on issues regarding transportation, wildlife, tax assistance, the environment, dairy and livestock. Members discussed their support of transportation bills for live hauling poultry up to 88,000 pounds GVW on a 5-axel truck (HB 768 and SB 917) and re-establishing the Exceptional Milk Hauling Permit to allow up to 88,000 pounds on a 5-axel truck for the first four months of the year (SB 558). They also shared their support for a bill that authorizes a person to hunt deer under a Deer Management (Crop Damage) Permit on any Sunday throughout the year (HB 788 and SB 844) and for a bill that would exempt an individual who kills or wounds a black bear in defense of a bee colony from DNR penalties (HB 177).

Maryland Farm Bureau members spoke to their legislators about opposing the Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act (SB 174) because it eliminates agricultural renewable energy process form qualification for Maryland's Clean Energy Tax Credit. They also talked about their opposition to the Keep Antibiotics Effective Act of 2017 (SB 422 and HB 602) because it would duplicate the restrictions that were implemented on January

1 of this year through FDA's regulation (prohibits the use of medically important antibiotics for growth promotion and routine, non-Veterinarian approved disease prevention).

Miss Maryland Agriculture Megan Millison of Frederick County was recognized on the Senate floor for her dedication to Maryland's number one industry. Jennifer Cross, Chair of the MFB Women's Leadership Committee, and Chuck Fry, MFB President, were also recognized by President of the Senate Mike Miller.



## **HB0586 - Maryland Farms and Families Act**

*Delegate Hettleman, APP at 1:00 pm in 120 HOB*

This bill creates a new program at the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the Maryland Farms and Families Program, to double the purchasing power of food-insecure Maryland residents with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables and to increase revenue for farmers through the redemption of federal nutrition benefits at farmers markets. The bill also creates the new Maryland Farms and Families Fund. The bill mandates that the Governor provide \$500,000 each year out of existing general fund revenue. The Fund will be awarded to grantees who must distribute 70% of grant dollars to Maryland farmers markets for healthy food incentives and may keep 30% for administrative overhead. Money in the Fund will be granted to nonprofit organizations that have a demonstrated record of building a statewide network; of designing and implementing successful healthy food incentive programs that connect federal food benefit recipients (FMNP, SNAP, WIC) with local producers at farmers markets; of providing training and technical assistance to farmers markets; have community outreach and data collection experience and provides a full accounting and administration of funds distributed to farmers markets. The bill does not identify a new source of revenue. Maryland Farm Bureau is concerned that without a new dedicated source of revenue, current marketing programs at MDA (which are funded at \$600,000 annually) would be eliminated to meet the new mandate. This would jeopardize more than \$2 million in federal funds leveraged in support of MDA's current marketing programs.

**MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 586 WITH AN AMENDMENT TO DELETE THE MANDATED FUNDING REQUIREMENT**

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