



WV Young Farmers Network



How would you like to Win a New Dodge Ram?



Entries Sought for Achievement in Ag, Excellence in Ag, and Discussion Meet Competitions

Three national winners of this year's Achievement Award, Discussion Meet and Excellence in Ag competitions will receive a new Dodge Ram courtesy of Ram Trucks. National winners will also receive paid registration to the 2011 YF&R Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida February 5-7.

National runners-up in the Achievement Award will receive a CASE IH Farmall 31 tractor courtesy of Case IH. National finalists in the Discussion Meet and Excellence in Ag each will receive a \$6,000 savings bond and a Stihl Farm Boss, courtesy of Stihl.

West Virginia state winners will receive free accommodations at the 2010 West Virginia Farm Bureau Annual meeting and \$500 from our friends at Dodge.

To enter in the National Achievement and Excellence in Ag competition, you must fill out a state level entry form by Oct. 1st. (Forms can be obtained by contacting

the state Farm Bureau office). The winner of the state level will be automatically entered in the national contest.

The state discussion meet winners are determined during the annual meeting on Friday, November 12th at 7 p.m. The Young Farmer Discussion Meet is open to all young farmers 18-35. Simultaneously is the Collegiate Discussion Meet, open to all students currently enrolled in an accredited university or college.

The winner of the Discussion Meet will be awarded \$500 courtesy of Dodge and a free trip to the 2011 YF&R Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida February 5-7.

Don't let this opportunity pass you by! Sign-up today for one of the West Virginia and National YF&R Competitions.

Sell, Sell, Sell!

Don't forget to sell your tickets for the Gun and Quilt raffle. Proceeds from this simple fundraiser help to support educational trips, conferences, and agricultural literacy programs.

Book Barns Galore

The book barn project has flourished since its inception. Eleven barns have been delivered to counties all over West Virginia. YF plans to make four more to place in schools this fall. If your county is interested in having a book barn placed in your community contact West Virginia Farm Bureau at 304-472-2080 ext. 312.

Road Trip.... Road Trip.....

YF is hitting the road and heading to Ontario, Niagara Falls, and Western New York, July 15th-18th. We'll be touring farms in Ontario, visiting University of Guelf, sight-seeing at Niagara Falls, and finally touring more



farms in Western New York. The cost is \$40 for young farmer members and \$100 for all others. If you would like more information or to reserve your spot, contact Janet Deem at 304-472-2080 x 312 or email janetd@wvfarm.org.

AFBF Backs Bipartisan Chesapeake Bay Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 18, 2010 – The American Farm Bureau Federation supports a bipartisan bill introduced by Reps. Tim Holden (D-Penn.) and Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) that seeks to address water quality problems in the Chesapeake Bay.

In a letter to Holden and Goodlatte earlier this week, AFBF President Bob Stallman said the Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act, H.R. 5509, is “a common-sense approach to help agriculture, business, states and local governments within the Chesapeake Bay watershed work together to improve

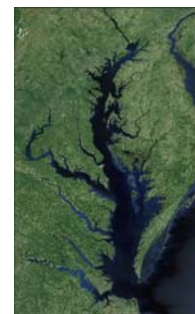
water quality.” Stallman said the bill is a reasonable and bipartisan solution that farmers and ranchers can support.

“H.R. 5509 provides a viable, effective alternative to other measures that view this problem as a ‘zero-sum’ game,” Stallman said. “Other measures are not just aiming to limit opportunities for agriculture in the watershed but would, in all likelihood, spell the end of agriculture for many farm families.”

Stallman said the H.R. 5509 provides important incentives to farmers to implement additional environmental

best management practices that go above and beyond minimum state regulatory compliance requirements.

“Those incentives, like interstate nutrient trading opportunities and an environmental assurance program, not only will help farms but also will benefit communities in the bay’s watershed,” Stallman said. “They also help balance environmental protection with the essential need to expand economic activity, provide affordable housing and a secure and abundant food supply.”



Aerial picture of the Chesapeake Bay. Rivers from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and West Virginia are claimed to be the culprits in polluting the watershed.

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Young Farmers will be represented at State FFA Convention

On July 9th, the Young Farmers display will be in Cedar Lakes for the State FFA Convention and Career Show.

Our goal is to recruit young farmers as well as inform them of various agricultural careers they can pursue.



Jessica Clark, DVM, to speak at WV State Annual Meeting Luncheon

Dr. Jessica Clark is originally from Fairmont, WV. In her youth, she enjoyed helping on the family’s commercial cow-calf operation and exhibiting market lambs and steers at the Mannington Fair and WV State Fair as part of 4-H projects. In 2005, she graduated from Davis College of Agriculture at West Virginia University, then in 2009 from of North Carolina State School of Veterinary Medicine. She’s a member of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians,

American Veterinary Medical Association, and Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, and she serves as the current staff veterinarian for Country View Family Farms located in Lancaster, PA. She is responsible for the health & welfare of 48,000 sows that produce approximately 1 million market hogs per year.

In 2009, Dr. Clark was faced with a terrifying run-in with the media. A video surfaced from Mercy for Animals (MFA),

showing animal abuse at one the farms she worked on. Unfortunately, the video was made way before Dr. Clark arrived on the farm. Fortunately, by the time the media caught wind of it, Jessica had rectified the whole situation.

Be sure to attend West Virginia Farm Bureau’s Annual meeting to hear Dr. Clark’s gripping story on how she dealt with the whirl wind of negative media, and how you can send a positive message about agriculture.



Dr. Jessica Clark