

West Virginia Farm Bureau



Come grow with us

For almost 90 years, members of the West Virginia Farm Bureau have been successfully "growing" together. This year we invite you to join your county Farm Bureau. With your help, we can cultivate a better future for the agricultural industry.

Agriculture is important to you

No matter who you are, what you do or where you live, agriculture touches your life every day. Whether you farm or not, the survival and success of the agricultural industry is important to you, your family and the quality of life we, as Americans, enjoy, and we never want to be dependent on foreign food imports like we are on foreign oil imports.

Who we are

Farm Bureau is an organization of people like you ... productive, conscientious citizens dedicated to improving the quality of their lives and the lives of those who depend on them. We care about feeding our families, the environment, educating our children and speaking out on issues of concern. It is our organization's goal to provide leadership, education, information, training and economic services to enhance the quality of life of our members.

The information in this brochure is applicable from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008.

One big family

When you join Farm Bureau, so does your entire immediate family including your spouse and any children, under the age of 23, living at home or in school. Through your county Farm Bureau membership you also become part of the largest state and national agricultural organizations - West Virginia Farm Bureau, representing more than 17,000 member families, and the American Farm Bureau Federation, representing more than six million member families.

From the grassroots

Unlike most organizations, the membership governs Farm Bureau. Through a process called Policy Development, the grassroots membership establishes the direction of the organization. Because our policies are not set by a president or board, our members have the opportunity to actively participate in setting the agenda for the organization.

A strong legislative voice

Decisions are made in Charleston and Washington, D.C., that affect your farm, your business and the well-being of your family every day. As policy is discussed and legislation developed, Farm Bureau is there to monitor, inform and represent you, the member. Farm Bureau's legislative achievements affect your life...and your pocketbook! The professional staff of the Farm Bureau assists with this process and works with legislative and governmental leaders at the county, state and national level.

Cost of a yearly Farm Bureau membership pays for itself

As a member of the Farm Bureau, you will have access to a variety of programs, an assortment of services and several types of discounts. Each of these benefits are provided for the purpose of fulfilling the mission of the WVFB -- to improve, protect and enrich the lives of our members. For a complete listing of benefits currently available, see reverse.

COUNTY FARM BUREAU DUES

*indicates counties that do not participate in PAC

Barbour*	\$45	Monongalia	\$40
Berkeley	\$45	Monroe	\$38
Braxton	\$39	Morgan	\$45
Cabell	\$42	Nicholas	\$42
Calhoun*	\$38	Ohio/Brooke	\$36
Clay	\$45	Pendleton	\$42
Doddridge	\$40	Pleasants	\$37
Fayette	\$40	Pocahontas	\$40
Gilmer	\$40	Preston	\$38
Grant	\$40	Putnam	\$45
Greenbrier	\$40	Raleigh*	\$40
Hampshire	\$40	Randolph	\$45
Hancock	\$40	Ritchie	\$40
Hardy	\$40	Roane	\$40
Harrison	\$45	Summers	\$41
Jackson	\$38	Taylor*	\$40
Jefferson	\$40	Tucker	\$38
Kanawha	\$45	Tyler	\$40
Lewis	\$40	Upshur	\$43
Lincoln*	\$44	Wayne*	\$42
Marion	\$40	Webster	\$34
Marshall	\$43	Wetzel	\$43
Mason	\$43	Wirt*	\$40
Mercer	\$41	Wood	\$40
Mineral	\$40		

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (Please Print)

Member Name* (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Suffix): _____

Spouse: (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Suffix): _____

*If using membership for discount on Nationwide insurance products, please list the name of policyholder under member name.

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

What county Farm Bureau do you wish to join? _____

What is the name of the person/agency that explained the benefits of Farm Bureau membership to you? _____

PLEASE WRITE NATIONWIDE AGENCY # HERE, IF APPLICABLE.

Check One:

- This is the first time I have joined Farm Bureau.
 I am renewing my membership or rejoining Farm Bureau. I am/was a member in _____ County. My membership number is/was _____.

Check One:

- I will be joining as a
 FARMER MEMBER (see reverse for FARMER MEMBER definition)
 NON-FARMER MEMBER

Check Two: (to be answered by FARMER MEMBER applicants)

What type(s) of agricultural product(s) are produced in your farming operation.

Beef Dairy Poultry Tobacco

Sheep Fruits & Berries Other: _____

Amount Due:

(See adjacent table for dues amount for county Farm Bureau that you are joining and to confirm that the county Farm Bureau is a participating PAC county)

County Farm Bureau Dues \$ _____

Voluntary Contribution to Farm PAC (suggested) \$ 2.00

CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A PAC ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

Total Amount to Enclose with Application \$ _____

Make checks payable to County Farm Bureau you are joining.

Note: Contributions, gifts, or membership dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes. Please consult your tax preparer regarding possible deductibility as a business expense.

Please read and sign:

I understand that I am applying for membership into the county Farm Bureau listed above and that once accepted, which occurs at the time a membership number is assigned to me, my membership is valid for twelve months and that my payment for dues is non-refundable.

Signature _____

Date _____

*As an organization,
we support . . .*

- **Protection of private property rights**
- **Fair and reasonable taxation**
- **Management of wildlife to the benefit of all citizens**
- **Voluntary conservation practices and farmland preservation**
- **To improve public appreciation of agriculture**
- **Permanent elimination of estate taxes**

"Farmer Member" defined

"FARMER MEMBER" shall mean anyone who is an owner, retired previous owner, operator or anyone who has a financial interest in a farm, whether cropland, pasture, or woodland including ornamental horticulture and greenhouses. The financial interest may be as a resident or non-resident owner, a partner, a stockholder in an incorporated farm, a tenant, a farm manager, or an employee. The size of the farm, amount of income from the farm, or percentage of the member's total income derived from the farm, or other employment of the member will not be a factor in determining if the member is a "farmer member," except that a lot only large enough for a house and garden will not be considered a farm.

After you have completed the membership application, detach and mail it, along with a check made out to the county Farm Bureau you are joining, to:

County FB secretary, membership worker or president

OR West Virginia Farm Bureau
One Red Rock Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

NEED HELP? CALL (800) 398-4630 EXT. 300

Services and Discounts

Nationwide Insurance Companies - Insurance and financial services with special membership rates for auto, farm, long-term care, trip cancellation and veterinary care insurance and travel medical plans.

ScriptSave Prescription Discount Program - Prescription savings for your entire household on brand name, generic and non-covered prescriptions at participating pharmacies. The card is provided to members at no additional charge, upon request. If you have health insurance coverage, use your ScriptSave card for any prescriptions that are not covered by your insurance or for savings for your family members not covered by insurance. **DISCOUNT ONLY - NOT INSURANCE.** This program is not an insurance policy and does not provide insurance coverage. Discounts are available exclusively through participating pharmacies.

AmerLink Log Home Discount Program - If you can dream it, AmerLink can build it. Farm Bureau members can enjoy a 25% discount on the purchase of their dream log home through their partnership with AmerLink Log homes.

Dodge Rebate - Farm Bureau members are eligible for \$500 off on a new Dodge vehicle purchase. (Some vehicles excluded. Must be a Farm Bureau member for at least 30 days to be eligible.)

Discounts on Car Rentals - Members receive discounts off car rentals from Avis and Budget.

FBCountry.com - Designed exclusively for Farm Bureau members as a means to access all the essential information and member services needed to help operate a successful business and improve the bottom-line.

Discount on Hotel Stays - Save significantly on lodging from participating hotels representing more than 15 nationally recognized chains.

Long Distance Phone Service - The Farm Bureau Connection offers some of the most competitive rates in the business. The money you save switching to Farm Bureau Connection may just pay for your dues.

Grainger - Farm Bureau members receive a 10% discount on most Grainger catalog items. In addition, members qualify for a 35% discount on farm-duty motors, a 55% discount on Proto tools and a 50% discount on Stanley tools.

Farm Bureau Bank - Credit card and other services available to qualified Farm Bureau members.

FB Connect - FB Connect internet service allows members to access the Internet for as low as \$9.95 per month.

Beltone - Members and their immediate family members receive a 15% discount off the regular retail price of a Beltone hearing aid plus free hearing screening, free lifetime care and access to their nationwide BelCare Program.

Programs

Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance - Farm Bureau members in West Virginia receive, at no additional cost, coverage by an AD&D policy [\$2,500 for member/spouse, \$1,000 for child(ren)]. *Some exclusions may apply. Call for details.*

Reward Sign Program - New members receive a "Reward" sign along with the protection of a \$500 reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons for arson, vandalism, theft, or malicious mischief on the member's property.

Member Information Program - Farm Bureau members receive a copy each month of the *West Virginia Farm Bureau News*. County Farm Bureau leaders also receive the AFBF's weekly Farm Bureau News and WVFB's Leader Line. In addition, many county Farm Bureaus produce their own newsletters.

Public Information Program - Personal contacts & press releases, web page & television documentaries that all help to tell the farmer's story.

WV Farm Bureau Foundation - The Foundation provides for farming's future by supporting such programs as Ag in the Classroom and rural and farm safety training.

Summer Agricultural Institute for Educators - Each year, in partnership with West Virginia University Extension and the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences, the WVFB Foundation offers a two-day, for credit seminar to state teachers called the Summer Agricultural Institute. More than 400 teachers have completed the course since its inception.

Young Farmers' and Women's Programs - State and county committees sponsor special activities for young farmers (ages 18-35) and women. All family members are encouraged to participate in Farm Bureau activities.

Legal Defense Fund - Voluntary contributions support legal action concerning agricultural issues and other matters of a statewide nature and of importance to the Farm Bureau members. Fund distribution is governed by the WVFB Board of Directors.

Political Education - WV Farm PAC and Political Education Program are designed to keep members active in the political process. Voluntary contributions support candidates who support agriculture and rural communities. (Some county Farm Bureaus do not participate in WV Farm PAC.)

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