As an organization we support...

Protection of private property rights

Fair and reasonable taxation

Permanent elimination of estate taxes

Voluntary conservation practices and farmland preservation

Responsible management of wildlife and natural resources

Greater understanding and appreciation of agriculture

"Farmer Member" means anyone who is an owner, retired previous owner, operator or 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, partner, stockholder in an incorporated farm, a tenant, farm manager or 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 shall not be considered a farm.

Complete the application, detach and mail it with payment (made out to the county Farm Bureau you are joining) to: **West Virginia Farm Bureau, 62 Farm Bureau Road, Buckhannon, WV 26201.** Or join online at www.wvfarm.org. For assistance, call 800-398-4630 x. 300

Services and Discounts

Nationwide Insurance Companies - Insurance and financial services including discounted membership rates for home, auto, farm, travel and veterinary care insurance plans. See your local agent for a quote.

GM - Farm Bureau members are eligible for $500 off on select GM vehicles (Some vehicles excluded. Must be a WV Farm Bureau member for at least 30 days to be eligible.) See www.wvfarm.org for more information.

Case IH - receive a manufacturer's incentive discount of $300-$500 depending on the tractor of implement acquired. WVFB members should negotiate their best deal with their preferred Case IH dealer and then add the manufacturer's incentive discount to the bottom line. Full details at www.wvfarm.org.

Polaris - receive a manufacturer's incentive discount of $200-$300 depending on the vehicle acquired. Members should negotiate their best deal with their preferred Polaris dealer and then add the manufacturer's incentive discount to the bottom line.Full details at www.wvfarm.org.

Grainger - Farm Bureau members receive a 10% discount on most Grainger catalog items. Grainger prices reflect a 55% discount on Proto tools and 50% off Stanley tools over the manufacturer's suggested retail price. Free shipping with online orders. See www.wvfarm.org for more information.

Bowles Rice Attorneys at Law - Save 10% on standard hourly rates for estate planning, wills, or tax law services (does not include tax preparation or filing of tax returns). See www.wvfarm.org for more info.

Wyndham and Choice Hotels - Save significantly on lodging from participating hotels representing more than 15 nationally recognized chains. See www.wvfarm.org for details.

Caterpillar - Save up to $2000 on CAT ag construction equipment! Print your certificate online at www.wvfarm.org before heading to your dealer.

PLUS Hundreds more discounts and savings offers available through BenefitHub - including brands like Sam's Club, Adavance Auto Parts, Bass Pro Shops, Applebee's, Starbucks, JC Penney and more! Click on the "Members Only" tab on www.wvfarm.org. and start saving today!

Programs

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 (conditions apply).

Member Information Program - Farm Bureau members receive the new West Virginia Farm Bureau News magazine each month. Our website, www.wvfarm.org, has up-to-date information, resources and helpful links for members. And many county Farm Bureaus produce their own newsletters.

WV Farm Bureau Foundation - The Foundation provides for farming's future by supporting such programs as farm safety training, environmental stewardship, the Summer Agricultural Institute for Teachers, and the Mobile Agriculture Eduction Science Lab.

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 importance to Farm Bureau members. Fund distribution is governed by the WVFB Board of Directors.

Political Education - WV Farm PAC and the Political Educational Program keep members active in the political process. Voluntary contributions support candidates who support agriculture. (Some county Farm Bureaus do not participate in the WV Farm PAC.) Farm Bureau also conducts Campaign Seminars to help candidates who support FB to win elections.

See the 2016 Benefits Guide or the Members Only section at www.wvfarm.org for full information on services, programs & discounts, or call 800-398-4630 or 304-472-2080 x. 300. Benefits subject to change without notice.

West Virginia Farm Bureau

2016 Membership Guide

WEST VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU
"we pull the most when we pull together"

West Virginia Farm Bureau

Anyone can join!

For over 95 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 farmers and landowners.

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 the quality of life you and your family enjoy. We never want to be dependent on foreign food imports as 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, protecting 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.

One big family

When you join Farm Bureau, so does your entire immediate family including your spouse and any unmarried children, up to age 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 24,000 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. Farm Bureau professional staff is there to monitor, inform and represent you, working with legislative and governmental leaders at the county, state and national level.

Cost of yearly Farm Bureau membership pays for itself

As a member of Farm Bureau, you will have access to a variety of programs, services and discounts. Each of these benefits are provided for the purpose of fulfilling the mission of WVFB – to improve, protect and enrich the lives of our members and their families. And new benefits are being added all the time! See www.wvfarm.org for the latest information.

COUNTY FARM BUREAU DUES

Barbour*	$45	Monongalia	$45
Berkeley	$50	Monroe	$43
Braxton	$44	Morgan	$50
Cabell	$50	Nicholas	$47
Calhoun*	$43	Ohio/Brooke	$40
Clay	$45	Pendleton	$47
Doddridge	$45	Pleasants	$43
Fayette	$44	Pocahontas	$45
Gilmer	$45	Preston	$45
Grant	$48	Putnam	$45
Greenbrier	$46	Raleigh*	$45
Hampshire	$45	Randolph	$50
Hancock	$42	Ritchie	$45
Hardy	$45	Roane	$48
Harrison	$48	Summers	$46
Jackson	$43	Taylor*	$45
Jefferson*	$48	Tucker	$45
Kanawha	$50	Tyler	$44
Lewis	$45	Upshur	$48
Lincoln*	$50	Wayne*	$50
Marion	$45	Webster	$42
Marshall	$43	Wetzel	$48
Mason	$45	Wirt*	$43
Mercer	$46	Wood	$45
Mineral	$45		

*indicates counties that do not participate in PAC

Membership Application (PLEASE PRINT)

Member Name:* (First, Middle initial, Last, Suffix)

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Spouse: (First, Middle initial, Last, Suffix)

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*if using membership for discount on Nationwide Insurance products, please list the name of policyholder under member name

Address:_____

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Phone:_(_____)_____

Email:_____

Which county Farm Bureau are you joining?

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Name of person/agency who explained the benefits of Farm Bureau to you:

_____

Nationwide Agency # (if applicable)

Check one:

☐ This is the first time I've joined Farm Bureau

☐ I am rejoining/renewing my membership. I was/am a member in _____ County. My membership number was/is _____

Check one: I will be joining as a

☐ FARMER MEMBER (see definition on reverse)

☐ NON-FARMER MEMBER

FARMER MEMBER APPLICANTS - CHOOSE up to TWO:

Type(s) of agricultural product(s) produced in your farming operation:

☐ Beef ☐ Dairy ☐ Poultry ☐ Tobacco ☐ Sheep

☐ Fruits & Berries ☐ Other_____

Amount Due: (See table at left for dues amount)

County Farm Bureau Dues: $_____

Voluntary Farm PAC Contribution (suggested): $__2.00_____

(NOTE: CORPORATE PAC CONTRIBUTIONS PROHIBITED BY LAW)

TOTAL AMOUNT (Enclose with application): $_____

Make checks payable to county Farm Bureau you are joining. Membership dues are usually not tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor regarding business expenses.

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover (check one)

Card #_____

Exp. date_____ Sec. code_____

Please read and sign:

I understand that I am applying for membership in the county Farm Bureau listed above, and once accepted (which occurs at the time a membership number is assigned to you), that my membership is valid for twelve months from the date of acceptance and my payment for dues is non-refundable.

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Signature **Date**