

Why Join?

- 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” shall mean anyone who is an owner, retired previous owner, operator, or who has a financial interest in a farm, whether cropland, pasture or woodland, including ornamental horticulture and greenhouses; or who is involved in an agriculture-related industry or marketing activity; or in agricultural education.

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.”

If a member only has a house and personal garden, but does not meet the agriculture involvement described above, the member shall not be considered a “farmer member.”

Complete the application, detach & 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 1-800-398-4630 x. 300.

Services and Discounts

Ford Motor Company - WVFB members receive \$500 Bonus Cash on the purchase or lease of an eligible new Ranger, F-150 or Super Duty®. Must be a Farm Bureau member for 30 consecutive days prior to purchase. Visit FordFarmBureauAdvantage.com or see your authorized Ford Dealer for qualifications and complete details.

O'Reilly Autoparts - Members save on a variety of items at West Virginia locations. See your local store for details.

Dollywood/Dollywood's Splash Country - Members save on every ticket to enter Dollywood and Dollywood's Splash Country. See www.wvfarm.org for more information.

John Deere - Farm Bureau members receive an upgraded John Deere Rewards membership (Platinum 1) - which unlocks extra discounts on equipment, parts, and merchandise. Register today, and explore all that Rewards has to offer. See www.wvfarm.org for more information.

Grainger - Exclusive Farm Bureau member prices on select products and FREE standard ground shipping on all standard Grainger products. Get full details at www.wvfarm.org.

Wyndham and Choice Hotels - Save up to 20% off the Best Available Rate at participating hotels. See www.wvfarm.org for details.

Caterpillar - Save up to \$5000 on CAT® machines! On top of that, members also get an additional \$250 credit on work tool attachments purchased with new CAT machines. Get full details and print your certificate online at www.wvfarm.org before heading to your dealer.

Budget/Avis - Farm Bureau members always save up to 30% off base rates, using their special discount number. See www.wvfarm.org for details.

Case IH - Receive a manufacturer's incentive discount of \$200-\$500 depending on the tractor or 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. Print your certificate online at www.wvfarm.org.

Office Depot/Office Max - West Virginia Farm Bureau members save up to 75% off on office, home and school supplies at Office Depot Office Max! Enjoy exclusive pricing and discounts on office essentials, toner, paper, cleaning products, breakroom items, furniture and more. Save online and in-stores.

PLUS More discounts and savings offers on our website! Click on the “Members Only” tab on www.wvfarm.org, enter your membership number 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). A service of the West Virginia Farm Bureau.

Member Information Program - Farm Bureau members receive the *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 annual Summer Agricultural Institute for Educators, and the Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab, which travels to elementary schools statewide.

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 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 **2022 Member Benefits Guide** or the **Members Only** section at www.wvfarm.org for full information on services, programs & discounts, or call 1-800-398-4630 or 1-304-472-2080 x. 300. Benefits subject to change without notice.



2022
West Virginia
Farm Bureau
Membership Application



West Virginia Farm Bureau

Membership Application (PLEASE PRINT)

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

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

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Which county Farm Bureau are you joining?

Where/from whom did you hear about Farm Bureau (person's name, website, advertisement, social media, etc)?:

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 YOUTH MEMBER

Youth member birthday month & year: _____

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.

Signature _____ Date _____

Anyone Can Join!

For over 100 years, members of 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, landowners and consumers.

Why Join?

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. Together, our voices speak loudly to protect and improve our way of life.

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 thousands of member families, and the American Farm Bureau Federation, representing more than five million member families across the U.S.

Farm Bureau Works for You:

- Eliminating taxes on livestock, crops & machinery
- Fighting eminent domain laws
- Passing stronger surface owner oil & gas regulations
- Protecting property owners from frivolous trespasser lawsuits
- Working for capital gains exclusion on inherited properties
- Maintaining farm use evaluation
- Opposing DNR efforts to decrease deer harvest
- Removing property tax from stocks and bonds
- Defending fence line laws
- Fighting EPA in court
- Working with NRCS & Soil Conservation Districts

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.

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.

YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU DUES

Barbour*	\$47	Monongalia	\$50
Berkeley	\$50	Monroe	\$45
Braxton	\$47	Morgan	\$50
Cabell	\$50	Nicholas	\$50
Calhoun*	\$45	Ohio/Brooke	\$45
Clay	\$45	Pendleton	\$49
Doddridge	\$50	Pleasants	\$43
Fayette	\$46	Pocahontas	\$48
Gilmer*	\$45	Preston	\$47
Grant	\$48	Putnam	\$47
Greenbrier	\$48	Raleigh*	\$50
Hampshire	\$45	Randolph	\$52
Hancock	\$44	Ritchie	\$47
Hardy	\$47	Roane	\$50
Harrison*	\$48	Summers	\$48
Jackson	\$43	Taylor*	\$47
Jefferson	\$52	Tucker	\$47
Kanawha	\$52	Tyler	\$46
Lewis	\$47	Upshur	\$50
Lincoln*	\$50	Wayne*	\$50
Marion	\$49	Webster	\$48
Marshall	\$48	Wetzel	\$50
Mason	\$47	Wirt*	\$45
Mercer	\$48	Wood	\$50
Mineral	\$45		

Youth membership (ages 14 -18): \$20 regardless of county

*indicates counties that do not participate in PAC