

# 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”** 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](http://www.wvfarm.org). For assistance, call 800-398-4630 x. 300**

## Services and Discounts

**Nationwide®** - is proud to be the exclusive insurance provider of the West Virginia Farm Bureau, offering a full range of insurance and financial services, including auto, home, farm, pet, powersports, commercial and life insurance. To learn more about Nationwide, visit [Nationwide.com/wvfb](http://Nationwide.com/wvfb).

**John Deere** - Farm Bureau members get special access to John Deere's GreenFleet Loyalty Rewards program, providing members with a free two-year Platinum membership. Plus, savings on mowers, tractors, utility vehicles, parts, tools and more! See [www.wvfarm.org](http://www.wvfarm.org) for more information.

**Rocky Boots/Lehigh Outfitters** - Farm Bureau members save 10% or more online on 55+ different brands of shoes, boots, & various apparel line, plus FREE shipping and FREE returns! Brands such as Rocky, Georgia, Justin, Dan Post, Carhartt clothing, Lehigh, Keen, Muck, Dr. Martens, Rockport, Reebok and more! See [www.wvfarm.org](http://www.wvfarm.org) for full details.

**Grainger** - Use the WVFB Grainger account number to get exclusive Farm Bureau member savings and free ground shipping at stores, online or by phone.

**Wyndham and Choice Hotels** - Save big on lodging from participating hotels representing more than 15 nationally recognized chains. See [www.wvfarm.org](http://www.wvfarm.org) for details.

**Caterpillar** - Save up to \$2000 on CAT ag construction equipment! Print your certificate online at [www.wvfarm.org](http://www.wvfarm.org) before heading to your dealer.

**Budget** - Farm Bureau members always save up to 25 percent off Budget rent-a-car base rates. Plus, get other great offers like dollars off, a free upgrade, or a free weekend day. See [www.wvfarm.org](http://www.wvfarm.org) for details.

**Case IH** - Receive a manufacturer's incentive discount of \$300-\$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. Full details at [www.wvfarm.org](http://www.wvfarm.org).

**PLUS** Hundreds more discounts and savings offers on our website and through **BenefitHub** - including brands like Sam's Club, Advance Auto Parts, Bass Pro Shops, Applebee's, Starbucks, JC Penney and more! Offers change constantly. Click on the “Members Only” tab on [www.wvfarm.org](http://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 Nationwide® and 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](http://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 2018 Benefits Guide or the Members Only section at [www.wvfarm.org](http://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.

# Make a difference.



# West Virginia Farm Bureau

2018 Membership Guide

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## Anyone Can Join!

For nearly 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 more than 20,000 member families, and the American Farm Bureau Federation, representing more than six million member families.

## Farm Bureau Works for You:

- Eliminating taxes on livestock, crops & machinery
- Fighting imminent 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 Service

## 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](http://www.wvfarm.org) for the latest information.

### YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU DUES

Barbour	\$45	Monongalia	\$45
Berkeley	\$50	Monroe	\$43
Braxton	\$47	Morgan	\$50
Cabell	\$50	Nicholas	\$47
Calhoun*	\$43	Ohio/Brooke	\$45
Clay	\$45	Pendleton	\$47
Doddridge	\$45	Pleasants	\$43
Fayette	\$44	Pocahontas	\$45
Gilmer	\$45	Preston	\$45
Grant	\$45	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	\$50	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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_