

# FARM BUREAU NEWS

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### **Farm Bureau Mission Statement**

Forging a partnership between farmers and consumers that meets consumers needs, addresses public expectations and ensures agricultural prosperity in a global marketplace.



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## OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, September 9, 2013

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course Conference Center  
9445 Brecksville Road  
Brecksville, OH 44141

6:00 p.m. Doors open

6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner  
*Roast beef, chicken, red skin potatoes,  
pasta, snap peas, tossed salad, rolls,  
assorted pastry, beverage*  
*Catered by Theo's Catering*

To follow: Business Meeting  
*Trustee and Delegate Elections*  
*Act on Proposed Policy Resolutions*  
*Recognize Accomplishments*

Speaker: Dan Toland, Director of Digital Strategy, Ohio Farm  
Bureau *"Connecting with today's consumers"*

Tickets: \$10.00 per person - Farm Bureau members  
\$20.00 per person - Non-members

**Advance reservations are required.** Tickets can be purchased at the County Farm Bureau office or complete and mail the reservation form on the back page.

## GRASSROOTS PROCESS—POLICY DEVELOPMENT

### **Member Benefit Minute**

*Did you know?*

*Farm Bureau primarily focuses on two goals: Legislative representation for members and promotion of agriculture. We work on issues important to you and strive to keep consumers connected to producers and local farmer businesses.*



The Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau annually goes through the policy development process at the county level. Several meetings are held to assess the needs of the county and to determine if a problem or need affects agriculture.

The policy development committee takes the information that is presented and formulates proposed policies.

The policies are categorized by county, state, and national policies.

These policies are reviewed and voted on by the assembly of members

at the county Farm Bureau annual meeting held in September.

The policies that are passed at the county Farm Bureau annual meeting then become the 'marching orders' for the county Farm Bureau, giving direction for programming and activities to address those problems or needs.

The Ohio Farm Bureau's policy development process is a grassroots process. It starts on the county level in all 88 counties of Ohio and works its way up to the Ohio Farm Bureau and then the American Farm Bureau.

To submit your concern(s) with suggestion on how Farm Bureau can work to address your issue, complete the form online at [cuyahoga.ofbf.org](http://cuyahoga.ofbf.org) - *Get Involved, Provide Input.*

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

August 5 - 11 - Cuyahoga County Fair

August 10 - Pedal Tractor Pull at the County Fair. All participants receive a pedal pull t-shirt. Onsite registration - 1st pull at 1 p.m.

August 17 - Farm Bureau Fun Night - Akron Aeros Game (*details page 3*)

September 7-8 - Garlic Festival, Shaker Square [www.clevelandgarlicfestival.org](http://www.clevelandgarlicfestival.org) *Win two tickets by providing your email address to update our files* - Drawing held August 30.

September 9 - Cuyahoga Farm Bureau Annual Mtg. Advance registration required

September 14 - Cleveland Mounted Police Horse March - Downtown Cleveland "Tail Gate" at Muni parking lot (*details at [cuyahoga.ofbf.org](http://cuyahoga.ofbf.org)*)

September 14 -15 - Farm City Days at Stearns Homestead

September 17 - Farm Science Review Bus Trip (*details on page 3*)

### **FUTURE CONSUMERS LEARN DURING FARM FIELD TRIP**

From April through August over 700 children and 110 adults experienced animal agriculture and explored where their food comes from through farm field trips to Stearns Homestead, sponsored by the



Cuyahoga Farm Bureau. Homestead volunteers took students on a guided tour of the Homestead, introducing them to the

100+ farm animals residing at the farm. Third and fourth graders explored "*Crop Connectors; Growing Carrots in Ohio*", a program designed by Ohio Farm Bureau to match class standards while highlighting Ohio agriculture and the impact agriculture has on Ohio's economy.



**Visit local farmers markets and orchards this year and meet the farmer that grows the food that you enjoy**

For a listing of local orchards and other markets, log on to [www.ourohio.org](http://www.ourohio.org) and click on the Buying Local Directory

**BETTY HANSEN MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Betty Hansen Memorial Scholarship Program was established by the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau in 1992 to honor Betty Hansen for her leadership to the organization as a former president and board member of the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau and her lifetime profession as a greenhouse farmer in Cuyahoga County. The scholarship program assists Farm Bureau members or their dependent children who are interested in pursuing a college or advanced technical education.

Eight students will be recognized this year at the Cuyahoga Farm Bureau annual meeting as the 2013 scholarship recipients.

*Congratulations to:*

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Christopher Polcar</i> | <i>Jeremy Polcar</i> |
| <i>Ramon Adams</i>        | <i>Renee Kraft</i>   |
| <i>Forrest Andrew</i>     | <i>Shannon Lott</i>  |
| <i>Amanda Stack</i>       | <i>Tricia Evans.</i> |

**Farm Bureau Fun Night at an Akron Aeros Game**



Join us **August 17** for **Farm Bureau Night with the Akron Aeros.**



Tickets for Farm Bureau members are only \$5 per person and includes a hot dog, bag of chips, and drink. Non-member guests are welcome to join you for only \$12 per person and they get the same deal.

Game time at 7:05 pm with fireworks after the game! **Tickets must be purchased in advance .**

This event is sponsored by Summit, Stark, Portage, Columbiana and Cuyahoga County Farm Bureaus.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Summit County Farm Bureau at 330-456-4889 .... or mail your name, member ID# and the # tickets along with a check payable to Summit County Farm Bureau 1206 N Main Street, Suite 10 North Canton, OH 44720



Join us for a bus trip to the **Farm Science Review on Tuesday, September 17.**

Charter Bus Transportation and Admission - \$20.00 for Farm Bureau Members

\$30.00 per person for non-Farm Bureau members

**Farm Science Review Itinerary**

- 6:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> pickup – Strongsville - Parking lot next to Panera Bread at I-71 and Route 82
- 7:30 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> pick up – Wellington - Village Market/Drug Mart parking lot, 816 N Main Street (ST RT 58)
- 9:45 a.m. Arrive at Farm Science Review
- 4:30 p.m. Leave Farm Science Review
- Stop for dinner - 45 minutes (at your own expense)
- 7:45 p.m. Wellington
- 8:30 p.m. Strongsville

**2013 Features at a Glance**

**Something for everyone.... even if you are not a farmer!**

- ◇ "Break New Ground" with the Peterson Farm Brothers on Sept 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the Morton Building, lot 513
- ◇ Hundreds of demonstration plots and several million dollars worth of machinery.
- ◇ OSU Central, featuring demonstrations and displays from OSU colleges and departments.
- ◇ Lots of farm safety, home safety and health information.
- ◇ Expanded programs on conservation practices in the Gwynne Conservation Area and Gardens.
- ◇ Arts and crafts exhibit tent.
- ◇ Harvesting, strip-tilling, global positioning, and tillage demonstrations will take place every day.

Mail registration to: Farm Bureau  
8460 Ridge Road  
North Royalton OH 44133

**Farm Science Review Bus Trip Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

FB Mbr # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#FB Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Non-FB Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Farm Bureau

Please list name (and FB mbr# if applicable) of all participants on separate paper. All children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

**Registration deadline: September 11**

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*The Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau Newsletter is distributed to Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau members to keep them informed of Farm Bureau issues, events, member benefits and agriculture.*

*With direction from the county board of trustees, the organization supports Ohio farmers and promotes Ohio agriculture.*

### Executive Board

President:  
David Peth –North Royalton  
Vice-President:  
Thomas Kaskey –Olmsted Falls  
Secretary:  
Kim Rassi-Gollin –Brooklyn Hts.

### Board of Trustees

Donita Anderson -Shaker Hts  
Dennis Eck -Strongsville  
Fred Holzman -North Royalton  
Gayle Hansen -Olmsted Falls  
Jim Lewandowski –Parma  
Jeremy Peth -Strongsville  
Bob Tuma - Columbia Station  
Thomas Washtock –Berea  
Gerald Wilson –Cleveland

### Office Staff

Organization Director -  
Anita Cook  
  
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Mary Wallencheck

Email [cuyahoga@ofbf.org](mailto:cuyahoga@ofbf.org) to be entered to win two tickets to the **Garlic Festival at Shaker Square.**



In subject line put:  
Garlic & FB member ID#  
Ticket drawing August 30.



Stop by and visit us at the Farm Bureau Museum during fair week and enter the "Guess What This Is" contest. Correct answers are entered to win a \$25 gift card.

Last year a total of 274 people participated in the *Guess What This Is* contest. 109 people had the correct answer; a cherry pitter. Drawn from the correct answers, Dianne Kaminsky of Medina won the \$25 gift card.



**The Farm Bureau Pedal Tractor Pull will be held on Saturday August 10 First pull - 1 p.m.** Free to participate for ages 3 years to 13 years. Onsite

registration. **Fun for the whole family!**

## Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau

### Annual Dinner Meeting Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Bureau

Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

If non-member:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ FB Memebers - \$10.00 each

# \_\_\_\_\_ Non- FB Members - \$20.00 each

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Farm Bureau and mail to 8460 Ridge Road. N Royalton OH 44133

Reservation deadline: September 3, 2013