

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.



2011 Membership Campaign

Huron County Farm Bureau is working on achieving membership gain for 2011. In April they achieved the pacesetter award from Ohio Farm Bureau. They had 94% of their 2010 active membership so they are on pace to achieve farmer gain. For achieving the pacesetter award, the county will receive \$500. Membership chairman, Mike Meyer, is leading the volunteers for the current campaign. If you are interested in helping with the membership campaign for 2012, we encourage you to call the Farm Bureau office or contact a board member or volunteer.

If you feel Farm Bureau is a good organization to be a member of then we encourage you to sign up a friend as a member. You can call the office at 1-888-292-6442 or visit <http://ofbf.org/benefits-and-membership/become-a-member/>

I Lead Conference

Are you looking for a way to build your leadership skills? Want to get a head start in life skills to carry you into college? Then check out iLead! This unique, first-ever opportunity offers a day of leadership training for parents and teens to experience together.

Ohio Farm Bureau will be sponsoring the I Lead Conference Saturday, July 16, 2011. It will be held at the Nationwide/Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Leadership Center on Ohio State University's Campus in Columbus. The conference will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m., followed by an optional tour of Ohio Stadium.

Teens (high school freshmen through seniors) and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. The cost to attend is \$20 per person and you must be a Farm Bureau member. Please contact the county Farm Bureau office for more information and to register at huron@ofbf.org or 1-888-292-6442.

Local Member Benefits in Huron County

Please visit the following Farm Bureau members and ask how you can save money with them:

- Merri-Land Farm** / John J. Merrilees / \$1.00 off 3-pound jug of honey
- Schick Apiary Farm** / John Schick / 10% discount on purchase of \$10 or more
- Jake's Radiator, Inc.** / Howard Wilde / 10% off up to \$100 w/current membership
- Photography by Mahl** / Carol Mahl / free family portrait on your farm
- The Stitchey** / Curt and Tammy Stang / 10% off on \$100 order or more
- Harold's Custom Carts** / Harold Abner / 5% off on all parts and labor

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's businesses.



Visit local orchards this year and meet the farmer that grows the food you enjoy.

For a listing of local orchards and other markets, visit www.ourohio.org and click on the Buying Local Directory

Toledo Mud Hens Game JUNE 24

Once again the Lucas, Wood, Sandusky, and Ottawa County Farm Bureaus are offering discount tickets to a Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Game and Fireworks Night at Firth Third Field. The Hens will be playing the Louisville Bats.

Game Date: June 24, 2011

Game Time: 7:00 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$7 each

Tickets sell out fast so be sure to order yours soon.

**To purchase tickets mail your check to: Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky & Wood County Farm Bureau
109 Portage Street
Woodville, OH 43469
1-800-333-8015**

Animals for Life Requests for Proposals

The Animals for Life Foundation, which works to educate the public about the value animals bring to human life and the care humans give their animals in return, is now accepting requests for proposals (RFP). Visit <http://aflfoundation.org/grants> for more information on how your organization can apply for funding.

Oil & Gas Leasing Meeting JUNE 15

Huron County Farm Bureau will be holding an educational seminar on:

Oil & Gas Leasing Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at Norwalk High School, Fisher Titus Learning Center Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Dale Arnold, director of energy services at Ohio Farm Bureau, will be the guest speaker. Light refreshments will be provided and the public is welcome to attend. If you have questions, please call 1-888-292-6442 or email huron@ofbf.org.

Policy Development Meetings

If you are interested in helping to form policy for the upcoming year then we invite you to become involved with the policy development process. Our first meeting will be on June 16 with a follow up meeting a week later on June 23 at the meeting room of Ag Credit located at 735 US Route 20 East of Norwalk. Both meetings will start at 7 pm.

Fourth Annual Appreciation Day

Huron County Farm Bureau will sponsor the Fourth Annual Appreciation Day **Saturday, July 16, 2011** at the Huron County Fairgrounds Veterans Pavilion. The day will start at 3 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. Bratwursts, burgers, salads, desserts and beverages will be served. We hope that you will come join fellow Farm Bureau members for a good time. Learn about all of Farm Bureau's benefits and how to get the most of your Farm Bureau membership. We will also have \$2,500 Reward signs and you can purchase your annual meeting ticket for September 15. Look for your invitation in the mail.

Mark Your Calendars!

- **June 16 - Policy Development Meeting with elected officials** - Job and Family Services Meeting Room - Norwalk - 7 p.m.
- **June 24-27 - Youth Camp** - Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum - **Must register** through Farm Bureau office by June 10.
- **July 1 - Animal for Life Request for Proposals Due**
- **July 16 - 4th Annual Appreciation Day** - Huron County Fairgrounds - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- **August 5-6 - Leadership Conference** - Hyatt Regency - Columbus
- **August 15-20 - Huron County Fair** - Huron County Fairgrounds- Come visit the Farm Bureau Booth
- **September 15 - Huron County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting** - Grace Methodist Church - Willard - 7 p.m.

Did You Know that Huron County...

- Ranked 20th in corn production in Ohio in 2009 with an average yield of 175 bushels per acre?
- Ranked 25th in soybean production in Ohio in 2009 with an average yield of 47.5 bushels per acre?
- Ranked 15th in wheat production in Ohio in 2009 with an average of 67 bushels per acre?
- Ranked 29th in alfalfa production in Ohio in 2009?
- Ranked 55th in Ohio in the number of cattle and calves in 2010 with over 9,000 head?
- Ranked 23rd in Ohio in the number of milk cows, with over 3,800 head in 2010, which produced 70,000 million pounds of milk?

The average farm size in Huron County is 282 acres and there were more than 770 farms in Huron County in 2009.

June Featured Member Benefit

Summer travel is right around the corner. Save money by taking advantage of these great car rental discounts. At **Avis** you can save 5-25% on daily, weekend and weekly car rentals. For reservations visit avis.com or call at 1-800-331-1212. To receive your discount mention Avis Worldwide Discount #A298835. Farm Bureau members receive up to 20% off **Budget's** great rates by providing discount #Y775735. You can call Budget at 1-800-527-0700 or go to budget.com. At **Hertz** members can use *one* of the following offers on each car rental: one car class upgrade, \$20 off weekly rental, up to \$15 off weekend rental, free child seat rental or 2 days of SIRIUS. Call 1-800-654-2210 and be sure to use CDP #276740. You can also visit <http://bit.ly/OFBFBenefits> for more information.

My Ohio Agriculture: What's Our Connection? Video Contest

Do you have a connection to Ohio agriculture? Are you creative? Do you like to use a video camera? Do you want to earn a \$500 gift card? Then this video contest is for you.

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation's Center for Food and Animal Issues invites farmers, county Farm Bureaus, youth organizations (4-H clubs, FFA chapters, church youth groups, etc.) and the public to share positive messages and images of Ohio agriculture through the "My Ohio Agriculture—What's Our Connection?" video contest. The contest runs through October 14, 2011. Your video must be submitted to YouTube by October 14, 2011. Winners for both the People's Choice and the Judges' Choice will be selected between October 14 and November 29. The winners then will be announced prior to November 30, 2011. Prizes for both of the categories are \$500 gift cards.

For the complete set of rules, please visit <http://bit.ly/MyOhioAg>. You may also contact the Farm Bureau office for a hard copy of the rules and guidelines.

If you need a flip camera to use to record your video, contact the Farm Bureau office at huron@ofbf.org or 1-888-292-6442. We look forward to seeing the videos that you submit for the contest.

2010-2011 Huron County Farm Bureau Goals

Huron County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees set these goals at the Reorganization Meeting in October.

1. Continue to hold the Annual Appreciation Day for Huron County Farm Bureau members.
2. Get more help with the membership campaign, which in turn will provide more productive workers.
3. Have a presence at the Huron Soil and Water Conservation District Fall Fun Fest which Huron County Farm Bureau donated \$900 towards.
4. Work on continued group memberships for the farms and businesses in Huron County that would benefit from them.
5. Provide "Farm Facts" packets to local teachers.
6. Continue to have a presence at the Huron County Chamber of Commerce Home and Business Show.
7. Get involved with activities that benefit young adults.
8. Improve attendance at the 2011 Huron County Annual Meeting.
9. Provide local FFA banquets with information on Farm Bureau.
10. Work on public relations with the non-farm community; possibly hold a Business After Hours.
11. Provide our members with a newsletter at least twice a year.

Visit www.northcoastfarmbureau.org for more information about Huron County Farm Bureau.

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