It Pays to Be a Member

What to look forward to with your membership...

Farm Bureau is the Organized Voice for Agriculture.

We stand for:
- Preservation of Property Rights
- Balanced Federal Budget
- Individual Citizenship Responsibility
- Higher Net Farm Income
- Resource Conservation and Environmental Enhancement

Expert State Staff — ready to assist with specialized programs and services in five teams: Organizational Development, Public Policy, Legal Affairs, Public Relations, and Administration.

County, State and National Programs — Farm Bureau offers you the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process through county board meetings, policy development, informational workshops and seminars, Young Farmer programs, women’s committee programs, and county, state and national annual meetings.

Communication — As the voice of rural Indiana and production agriculture, Farm Bureau provides important information to audiences in a variety of public forums.

Education — County Farm Bureaus contribute approximately $200,000 annually toward youth scholarships and other educational programs. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, through various programs, provides more than $30,000 in scholarships annually.

All programs and services are supported by your annual membership dues.

Mission Statement: Indiana Farm Bureau promotes agriculture through public education, member engagement, and by advocating for agricultural and rural needs.

Vision Statement: Indiana Farm Bureau will be a proactive organization providing opportunities for members to influence positive outcomes in agriculture and their communities.

www.infarmbureau.org
Your annual Farm Bureau membership entitles you to the following benefits and programs.

Go to www.itpaystobeamember.org for more member benefit information!
Your membership also provides access to expertise of professionals in a number of disciplines.

Legal Affairs Team
- Offers expertise in agricultural law, land and environmental issues.
- Offers legal education opportunities.
- Provides legal advice to the president and chief operating officer on matters pertaining to the organization.
- Administers the Property Protection Program, which awards up to $2,000 for information that helps solve theft, vandalism or arson crimes against Farm Bureau members’ property.

Organizational Development Team
- Develops and implements educational and promotional programs.
- Develops and implements training programs for Farm Bureau leaders.
- Strengthens Farm Bureau’s presence in local communities.

Administration/Finance Team
- Provides administrative and financial oversight of all Indiana Farm Bureau staff functions.
- Handles county Farm Bureau general fund accounting operations.
- Coordinates state-level Farm Bureau meetings.

Public Policy Team
- Assists members with local, state and national government issues.
- Lobby elected and appointed leaders on behalf of our members.
- Guides the development and implementation of Farm Bureau policy.

Public Relations Team
- Informs Farm Bureau members and various members of the public about the organization’s programs, policies and accomplishments.
- Carries out statewide campaigns on agricultural issues.
- Oversees Farm Bureau’s website at www.infarmbureau.org.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today’s Date    Your Name (Last)       (First)       (Middle)       Spouse Name (Last)       (First)       (Middle)
Address (Street, Road, R.R., Box No., P.O. Box) (City)       (State)       (Zip Code)
County Farm Bureau       County Number       Township Number       Membership Number
Membership Classification (check one)
☐ Voting
☐ Associate
A voting member is an individual, a partnership, an unincorporated association or a corporation who owns or operates a farm or who is engaged and derives income from agriculture. Agriculture includes commercial production of plants, aquatic species, forestry, animals, beekeeping and related production activities. Farms commercially produce and market agricultural commodities or products. An associate member is any person, firm or corporation interested in agriculture to any degree less than that required for a voting membership.

Voting Members: No. Acres       Type of Farming Operation
Type of Membership
☐ Primary
☐ Select
☐ Student
Member’s Birth Date       Home Phone
Spouse’s Birth Date       Cell Phone

Business Phone

Member’s Signature

X
Membership Volunteer’s or Writing Agent’s Name
Member’s SSN (Last 4)       Spouse’s SSN (Last 4)
Member’s E-mail (Please print clearly)
Received
☐ Cash
☐ Check No.
Annual Primary dues are $32.50. Select and Student membership annual dues are $15.00. Primary membership is a prerequisite for purchasing a Select Membership.

We respect your privacy and will never rent or sell your information. By providing your email address you are opting in to receive email from our company, and you may request to stop receiving emails from us at any time.

Return completed application to your County Farm Bureau Office, membership volunteer, or mail to Indiana Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 1290, Indianapolis, IN 46206.
Indiana Farm Bureau offers several programs for young people interested in agriculture. We look to these programs for our future leaders – men and women who will work hard to promote policies that are good for society, for small business owners and for land owners.

Indiana Farm Bureau’s Young Farmer program was created to help young men and women 18-35 capitalize on the opportunities and overcome the challenges in agriculture to make their farm operations more profitable. Launched in 1969, the Young Farmer program has made a positive difference in the lives of countless young farm families, helping many of them achieve career success through networking and agricultural education.

Collegiate Farm Bureau chapters at Purdue and Vincennes give college students opportunities for scholarships, career development and professional networking.

Indiana Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus provide support to 4-H, FFA and other youth programs around the state. Indiana Farm Bureau also works to make sure that agriculture is part of the curriculum in our schools.

Scholarships

Stackhouse Scholarship — The Marion Stackhouse Memorial Scholarship was established to assist IFB members with their educational pursuits in an agricultural field of study. The deadline to apply is March 1.

Career Enhancement Scholarship — This scholarship is awarded to an adult, 21 years of age or older, who intends to enrich his or her career of choice. The scholarship may be used for a workshop, seminar, credit or non-credit class or degree program. The deadline to apply is March 1.

Harry L. Pearson Outstanding Leader Scholarship — Incoming Purdue University freshmen and School of Agriculture students are eligible for this scholarship, given in honor of former IFB president Harry L. Pearson. The deadline to apply is during January and varies annually.

District Level Scholarships — The Indiana Farm Bureau Foundation annually donates $500 in each of ten districts as scholarships, to be used to pursue a degree related to agriculture or agribusiness. Application is due to your county woman leader by March 1.

More information is available at www.infarmbureau.org.