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MFB State Annual Meeting

NOV. 28-30, 2023 GRAND RAPIDS, MI



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WHERE YOUR MFB DUES GO*



*per \$50 dues payment

\$28.75 – MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

Lobbying on state and national issues, Michigan Farm News and other publications, conducting leadership programs, developing resources on key issues, developing educational programs and resources, administering membership services, developing and supporting member savings programs

\$16.25 – COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Conducting educational programs, county level activities, monitoring local issues, providing local member savings, providing local scholarships, supporting community projects

\$5.00 - AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Lobbying on national issues, developing resources on key national issues

Resources

State Annual Meeting Website

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Network: SAM2023 **Password:** GrowingToday

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Amway In-House Security, Medical Emergency: Ext. 500 (emergency line) from any house phone

or 616-776-6983

DeVos Security Office: 616-742-6640

Places to Eat in Grand Rapids

Scan the QR code with your device or visit **experiencegr.com/restaurants**



Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 28

12:30-9pm | Registration DeVos Secchia Lobby

12:30–1:30pm | YF Discussion Meet Registration DeVos Grand Gallery

1:30-2pm | YF Discussion Meet Briefing DeVos Grand Gallery

2-3pm | YF Discussion Meet Sweet 16 Round 1 DeVos Grand Gallery A-D

3:30-4:30pm | YF Discussion Meet Sweet 16 Round 2 DeVos Grand Gallery A-D

4:30-5:30pm | YF Award Finalist and Discussion Meet Sweet 16 Networking with Sponsors DeVos Grand Gallery Overlook

4:30-6:15pm | P&E Showcase DeVos Secchia Lobby

5:30-6:15pm | AgriPac Reception DeVos Secchia Lobby



5:45–6:15pm | Excellence in Agriculture Presentation DeVos Grand Gallery D

6:15-8:30pm | Leadership Banquet DeVos Ballroom BCD

- YF Awards
- Educator of the Year Award
- YF Discussion Meet Final Four Announced

8:30-10pm | Networking Reception - Open to All Members Amway Ambassador Ballroom

Hosted by the State Promotion & Education and Young Farmer Committees





Wednesday, November 29

6am-9pm | Registration DeVos Secchia Lobby

7-8:30am | Final Four Breakfast DeVos Ballroom BCD

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED FROM 7-7:30AM

YF Discussion Meet Finals

8–8:15am | High School & Collegiate Discussion Meet Registration DeVos Grand Gallery

8:15–8:30am | HS & Collegiate Discussion Meet Briefing DeVos Grand Gallery B (HS), D (Collegiate), F (Judges)

8:30–9:30am | HS & Collegiate Discussion Meet Round 1 DeVos Grand Gallery A-E

8:45am-12:15pm | Delegate Session DeVos Ballroom A

9am–12pm | Children's Museum Field Trip PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED Meet in DeVos Grand Gallery

9:45–10:45am | HS & Collegiate Discussion Meet Round 2 DeVos Grand Gallery A-E

11:15–11:30am | HS & Collegiate Discussion Meet Finalist Announcement DeVos Grand Gallery A-E

11:30am-12:30pm | HS & Collegiate Discussion Meet Finals DeVos Grand Gallery DE (HS), AB (Collegiate)

12:30–2pm | Member Engagement Lunch DeVos Ballroom BCD

- Key Club Recognition
- Membership Awards
- HS & Collegiate Discussion Meet Winner Announcement
- YF Discussion Meet Winner Announcement

2-6:30pm | P&E Showcase DeVos Secchia Lobby

2:30–5:30pm | Delegate Session DeVos Ballroom A

2:30–3:30pm | P&E Workshops – Session 1 DeVos Grand Gallery AB, DE

3:30–4:30pm | P&E Workshops – Session 2 DeVos Grand Gallery AB, DE

6–7pm | Consumers Energy Reception

DeVos Grand Gallery

Consumers Energy

Count on Us*

7–9pm | Annual Banquet DeVos Ballroom BCD

Volunteer of the Year Award

- President's Address
- Michigan Foundation for Agriculture Live Auction

Thursday, November 30

6:30-11am | Registration DeVos Secchia Lobby

7-8am | Delegate Breakfast DeVos Ballroom BCD BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED FROM 7-7:30AM

8-11am | Closing Delegate Session DeVos Ballroom A

Congratulations to the 2024 CONNECTING COMMUNITIES county grant recipients!

Berrien	Washtenaw	Tuscola	Clare
Cass	Wayne	Mecosta	Gladwin
Kalamazoo	Barry	Montcalm	Huron Shores
St. Joseph	Ionia	Newaygo	losco
Van Buren	Kent	Oceana	Ogemaw
Branch	Clinton	Osceola	Antrim
Calhoun	Eaton	Bay	Charlevoix
Hillsdale	Genesee	Gratiot	Cheboygan
Jackson	Ingham	Isabella	Emmet
Lenawee	Shiawassee	Midland	Presque Isle
Livingston	Huron	Saginaw	Copper Country
Macomb	Lapeer	Benzie-Manistee	Hiawathaland
Monroe	Sanilac	NW Michigan	Menominee
Oakland	St. Clair	Arenac	



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Michigan Farm Bureau Leadership

Board of Directors

President and Director At-Large: Carl Bednarski, Caro (Executive Committee)

Director At-Large: Doug Darling, Maybee Director At-Large: Paul Pridgeon, Montgomery District 1 Director: Brigette Leach, Climax

District 2 Director: Jennifer Lewis, Jonesville (*Executive Committee*)
District 3 Director: Mike Fusilier, Manchester (*Executive Committee*)

District 4 Director: Jeff Sandborn, Portland

District 5 Director: Stephanie Schafer, Westphalia

District 6 Director: Travis Fahley, Yale

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District 8 Director: Michael Mulders, Essexville

District 9 Director: Ben LaCross, Lake Leelanau (Executive Committee)

District 10 Director: Leona Daniels, Sterling District 11 Director: Patrick McGuire, Ellsworth District 12 Director: Dave Bahrman, Skandia

Promotion & Education Representative: Jess Erler, Reed City Young Farmer Representative: Lane Grieser, Six Lakes

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Annual Meeting Committee

Paul Pridgeon, Chair, Montgomery Brigette Leach, Climax Patrick McGuire, Ellsworth Jess Erler, Reed City Lane Grieser, Six Lakes

Rules Committee

Kylee Rasch, Chair, Kent Nathan Payne, Iosco Travis Fusilier, Washtenaw

Credentials Committee

Cathy McCune, Chair, Isabella Jacob Anderson, Mason Brett Roberts, Eaton

Lansing Legislative Seminar

February 20, 2024 Lansing Center, Lansing Registration: January 22-February 2, 2024

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Young Farmer Leaders Conference

February 23-25, 2024

Blue Water Convention Center, Port Huron Registration: January 3-12, 2024

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Take Root Farm Succession and Estate Planning Conference

February 27, 2024

Henry Center, East Lansing

Registration: Now-February 9, 2024

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Presidents' Capitol Summit

March 18-21, 2024

Washington, D.C.

Registration: January 22-February 2, 2024

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State Policy Development Committee



Loren King St. Joseph District 1



Jim Spink
Jackson
District 2



Jason Sahloff

Monroe
District 3



Sharon Kokx

Barry

District 4



Charles Goeke
Ingham
District 5



Jeff Hodge Lapeer District 6



Todd Fox *Oceana*District 7



Kevin Thiel
Gratiot
District 8



Jennifer Smeltzer

Benzie-Manistee

District 9



Bill Hileman Clare District 10



Greg Shooks

Antrim

District 11



Dan Bahrman *Hiawathaland*District 12



lason VanDrese Hiawathaland Young Farmer



Mitch Kline Kalamazoo Young Farmer



Chris Sanford Jackson Young Farmer



Julie Stephenson St. Joseph Promotion & Education



Peter Maxwell Gladwin At-Large



Kevin Messing, Vice Chair Huron At-Large



Stephanie Schafer Clinton MFB Board



Leona Daniels Arenac MFB Board



Michael DeRuiter, Chair Oceana MFB Board

The Michigan Farm Bureau Policy Development Committee is charged with reviewing hundreds of policy recommendations from county Farm Bureaus and state advisory committees and compiling a report for consideration by the voting delegates to the annual meeting. The committee consists of 21 members: one from each of MFB's 12 districts; two members serving at-large; three members representing Young Farmers; one member representing Promotion & Education; and three members representing the MFB Board of Directors.

Key Club Awards

NUMBER OF YEARS QUALIFIED

Key Club recipients have written five or more regular members during the 2022/2023 membership year. Thank you to those agents and volunteers for your continued support to our organization.

Allegan Tim Heffner	Clare Michael Leary	Brent Leininger
Barry Lynn Denton 25 Bay Shannon Childs 1 Rudy Schlatter 7 7 Shane Schmidt 8 8 Berrien 1 Dalton Stanage 5 Marty Rudlaff 26 26 Branch 8 Brian AcMoody 1 Tracy Neely, LUTCF, CIC 23 24 Calhoun 1 Thomas Piepkow 4 Chris Maye 6 Ron Lapland, LUTCF 31 Cass Scott Phelps 9 Jeff Neumann 16 Adam Hover 19 Cheboygan Marc Brach 2 Ryan Dombroski 5 Chippewa 2 Caitlin Galer 1 Dean Garlinghouse 17	Caleb Acciacca	Ingham Tami Shaw 1 Austin Ward 1 Tim Stiffler 2 Mark Voss 9 Ionia 6 Ashton King 6 Jack Griffin, LUTCF 17 Denise Arnesen 23 Iosco 2 Tyler Leslie 2 Kevin Smith 2 Iron Range 2 Scott Sanders 27 Isabella Ashleigh Bryant 1 Kirk Bunker 1 Zach Allen 2 Krista Brickner, LUTCF 29 Jackson 1 Holly Jenkins 7 Kalamazoo 1 Jame Flees 1 Chad Geoit 1 Barry Gray, CPIA 2 Jerrid Hisler, LUTCF, 2 Long Gregart 16

Angela Shannon, LUTCF	Montcalm Rob Russell	Curt Soule,
Jordan Peak	Newaygo David Landheer, CIC, LIC	St. Clair Kate DeRue 5 Michael Carr 17 St. Joseph Jason Scramlin 4 Austin Cooper 9 Michael West, CIC 14
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Carl Jefts, CIC	Ryan Roy 2 Adam Suitor 3 Megan Beldyga 6 Allen Green 6 Tom Gotham 8 Sanilac Darcy Lipskey 1 Macanna Briolat 2 Jack McPhail 2	Carlos Lozano, LIC, CIC3 Kaine Diver

Year-End Membership Totals

	2021/22	2022/23
Total Members	201,192	204,465
Total New Regular Members	2,105	2,452
Regular Members*		
% Statewide Regular Member Retention		

^{*}Included in total numbers above

Super Defender Award

Awarded to the county Farm Bureau with the highest regular member retention rate (excluding membership reclassifications) in the state.

County, District	% Reg. Member Retention
Ionia, 4	96.55

Top Defender Award

Awarded to the county Farm Bureau with the highest regular member retention rate (excluding membership reclassifications) in each district.

County, District	% Reg. Member Retention
Clinton, 5	96.07
Wexford, 9	95.90
Saginaw, 8	94.78
Antrim, 11	
Cass, 1	94.64
Oceana, 7	94.57
Mac-Luce Schoolcraft, 12	
Washtenaw, 3	
Clare, 10	
lackson, 2	
Huron, 6	

Prospector Award

Awarded to the county Farm Bureau that signed the highest percentage of new regular members written by volunteers from their Prospect List.

County	% New Reg. Members Written
•	from Prospect List by Volunteers
Lenawee	68

Top Volunteer Writers

Awarded to the top volunteer writer in each district. Must write a minimum of 5 new regular members to qualify.

<u>Volunteer</u>	County, District	# Reg. Members Written
Thomas VanWagner*		
Stacey Cary-Jenkins	Gratiot, 8	9
Darcy Lipskey		
Chad Geoit		
Kirsten Langmaack		
Raymond Moses	Livingston, 3	6
Philip Selter		
Ellen Vanderwal		
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^{*}Top volunteer writer in the state

Top Agent Writers

Agents that have written the most new regular members during the 2022/2023 Membership Campaign.

Agent	# Reg. Members Written
Ashton King*	39
Mason Jahn	37
Jason Scramlin	
Lynn Denton	
Hop Agency	
Mark Jarrait	
Denise Arnesen	
Derek Lietzau	
Duane Simpkins	29
Adam Hover	27
Holly Jenkins	27
Adam Korson	
Kaine Diver	
Steve Ellis	23
Allen Green	
Mandy Lum	
Scott Sanders	
Matt Williams	

^{*}Top agent writer in the state

Carhartt Club Qualifiers

Volunteers who write 5 or more regular members, renew 5 regular members they wrote the previous year, OR a combination of the two for a total of 5 members.

Thomas VanWagner Lenawee, 2 23 Thomas Piepkow Calhoun, 2 13 Breann Bonga Montcalm, 7 10 Stacey Cary-Jenkins Gratiot, 8 9 Jeffrey Schluckbier Tuscola, 6 9 Ron Stadler Monroe, 3 9 Christian Tollini Presque Isle, 11 9 Cathy McCune Isabella, 8 8 Gayle Bennett Ogemaw, 10 7 Chad Geoit Kalamazoo, 1 7 Chad Geoit Kalamazoo, 1 7 Dalaney Pantalone Oakland, 3 7 Tami Shaw Ingham, 5 7 Branch Shaw Ingham, 5 7 Branch Shaw Ingham, 5 7 Branch Esch Livingston, 3 6 Ashleigh Bryant Isabella, 8 6 Branden Esch Livingston, 3 6 Andrew Goodwin Livingston, 3 6 Isa Kelley Wayne, 3 6 Kirsten Langmaack Eaton, 5	Volunteer	County, District	Total New & Prior Year Renewed
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Educator of the Year

Tony Wood, Clare County

Tony Wood worked tirelessly to return agriscience and FFA to Clare-Gladwin RESD. His students build experience and leadership skills during the school year and at a summer CTE Camp. Also livestock is back at the county fair as Wood opens young eyes to potential ag careers.



Volunteer of the Year

Lynda Horning, Washtenaw County

Lynda Horning's 30-year "agvocacy" resume begins with school programming, stretching from there to include outreach with public libraries and a dynamic presence at several community fairs. Along the way she's an engaging recruiter of new talent, inspiring newcomers to join Washtenaw's ranks of involved members.





FREE HEARING TESTING

Need to check your hearing? Aren't sure? Stop by the Great Hearing Benefits space in the Ballroom A Coatroom for free testing!

WALK UP TESTING AVAILABILITY

Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 4–6pm

Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 9am-6pm

Young Farmer Awards

Michigan Farm Bureau is proud to recognize up-and-coming leaders in the Farm Bureau organization and Michigan's agriculture industry. The Young Farmer Awards honor deserving individuals in categories geared toward measuring their agricultural involvement, leadership and achievements. To learn more about the awards and the 2023 winners and finalists, scan the QR code or visit *michfb.com/young-farmer-awards*.



Young Agriculture Employee

Drew Bordner, Winner (St. Joseph) Madison Kenny, Finalist (Midland) Kyle Rasch, Finalist (Ottawa) Chelsea Smith, Finalist (Missaukee)

Young Agriculture Leader

Elaine Palm, Winner (Ogemaw) Emily Boeve, Finalist (Ottawa) John Bowsky, Finalist (Sanilac) Allison Schafer, Finalist (Clinton)

Young Farmer Achievement

Mitch and Brandie Kline, Winners (Kalamazoo) Matthew and Alisha Gibson, Finalists (Kalamazoo) Brayton Lehman, Finalist (Ionia) Aaron Schade, Finalist (Mason)

Excellence in Agriculture

Chris and Jackie Sanford, Winners (Jackson) Marcia Cripps, Finalist (St. Joseph) Darcy Lipskey, Finalist (Sanilac) Allan Robinette, Finalist (Kent)

State Young Farmer Discussion Meet

On Nov. 10, 2023, 27 individuals from around the state competed in the virtual preliminaries. The Sweet 16 finalists will compete in the semi-finals on Nov. 28, 2023, vying for their position in the state finals taking place on stage during the Final Four Breakfast on Nov. 29, 2023. To learn more, scan the QR code below or visit *michfb.com/annual-meeting/discussion-meets*.





Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 5:30–6:15pm DeVos River Overlook

Get your AgriPac Passport stamped at each of the reception stations for a chance to win a prize!



Pick up your passport at the AgriPac pin sales table!



Networking Reception OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

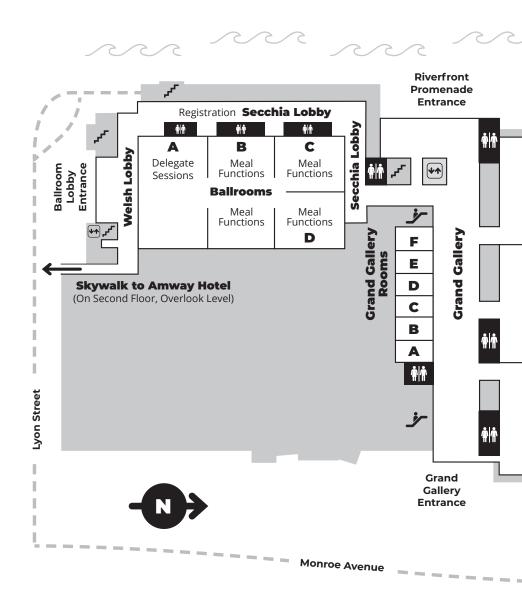
Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 8:30–10pm Amway Ambassador Ballroom

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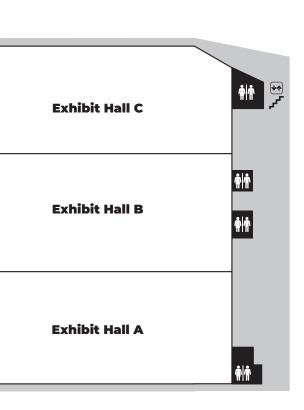






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P&E WORKSHOPS AT STATE ANNUAL MEETING



Nov. 29 at 2:30 and 3:30pm DeVos Grand Gallery

Inside the mind of today's consumer

with Dr. Ernest Baskin, St. Joseph's University
Join us to better understand consumer behaviors and
motivations: what they buy, how they buy and why they buy.

Connecting Communities Unpacked

with Members of the State P&E Committee
Join us to check out resources available to support your
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