



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
FARM BUREAU®

2025 IMPACT REPORT

What We Do

The St. Joseph County Farm Bureau represents farms of all sizes while advancing Michigan's agricultural diversity and protecting the business, economic, social, and educational interests of its members.

Membership by the Numbers

We represent **860** farming families.

70 members participated in programming throughout the year.

144 Young Farmer (18–35-year-old) members belong to the organization.

Our 2025 Impact



\$2200

Dollars donated to local hunger relief efforts.



834

Pounds of food donated to local hunger relief efforts.



\$2000

Dollars provided in scholarships to local students.



825

Number of students reached by agricultural literacy efforts.

Reasons to Connect

- Partner on a project impacting childhood hunger.
- Partner on an event or project benefitting farmers.
- Express interest in attending a local or statewide board meeting and/or events.
- Discuss a local issue impacting agriculture/farmers.
- Seek insight or expertise on agricultural issues.

Who We Are

We are the largest general farming organization in the county. St. Joseph County Farm Bureau members are volunteers who have a passion for agriculture. We are farmers, landowners, veterinarians, ag educators, ag industry professionals and more!

Our local programming is directed by our volunteer board of directors:

- **President:** Riley Brazo
- **Vice-President:** Jennifer Bennett
- **Third Member:** Mark Trowbridge -Young Farmer Co-Chair
- Andrew Littlefield– Young Farmer Co-Chair
- Mike Stears– Promotion & Education Rep
- Emily Swift -Membership Chair
- Doug Hasbrouck– NEW
- Morgan Walton
- Nicolle Ritchie
- Larry Walton

Board members are elected each year at our county annual meeting. Contact stjosephcounty@ctyfb.com to learn more about serving on our board.

President's Report

"The County Farm Bureau strengthened community food security by hosting a Harvest for All food drive with 4-H clubs and helping Centreville Public Schools launch a student food club. Looking ahead, the organization plans to partner with a local fire department on a Grain Bin Safety & Rescue program to support and educate first responders. These efforts were made possible by the dedication of board members, staff, insurance agents, and volunteers whose collective work enables the Farm Bureau's community impact."

~Riley Brazo, President St. Joseph County Farm Bureau

"St. Joseph County Farm Bureau's partnership has been instrumental to the success of St. Joseph County 4-H! From Harvest For All to awards at fair and supporting the livestock auction. We are extremely grateful for all the ways St. Joseph County Farm Bureau supports 4-H!"

Kayla Mitchell, MSU Extension 4-H Educator

"Our experience working with our County Farm Bureau has been absolutely amazing. The folks we have been able to partner with care as much for our students and the Food Club initiative as we do--and that has made our partnership very meaningful for everyone. The Food Club initiative has allowed us to work with members from our CFB on both a professional and personal level along with both sides of the partnership learning more about each other's organization. This has led to outstanding conversations on how we expand our work on behalf of students and ending childhood hunger."

Chad Brady, Superintendent Centreville School

2026 Priorities

- Growing our Young Farmer program by engaging more young people and involving them in leadership opportunities such as statewide conferences as well as social activities.
- Communicating with our members and beyond via our website, Facebook posts, strategic emails & postcards.
- Advocating on behalf of agriculture with consumers & legislators by inviting them to FB events.
- Combatting childhood hunger by maximizing funds raised through our Chili Cook Off with available Agent Charitable Funds & our Harvest for All food drive in conjunction with Centreville FFA & St. Joseph County 4H.

JOIN IN THE FUN!

Interested in being a Farm Bureau member? Contact the St. Joseph County Farm Bureau office to learn more about the benefits of membership.



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