



ARENAC COUNTY
FARM BUREAU®

2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT

What We Do

The purpose of the Michigan Farm Bureau is to represent, protect, and enhance the business, economic, social, and educational interests of our members.

Who We Are

We are the largest general farming organization in the county. Arenac 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:** Hugh Bilow
- **Vice-President:** Melissa Guoan
- **Third Member:** Mikayla McCane
- Diane Morley – Promotion & Education Representative
- Vic Daniels
- Connie Glaspie – Membership Captain
- Art Rivard

Board members are elected each year at our county annual meeting in September. Contact our county office to learn more about serving on our board.

Membership by the Numbers

- We represent **287** farming families.
- **46** volunteers assisted with programming throughout the year.
- **37** Young Farmer (18–35-year-old) members belong to the organization.
- Average age of our members/farmers is **66** years old.

2026 Priorities

- Engaging with our members- Arenac County Farm Bureau actively engages with the community in which we live through our involvement with the Arenac County Fair, Bay Area Community Foundation, FFA, 4H, Arenac Conservation District and Standish Sterling Community Schools.
- Growing our Young Farmer (18-35-year-old) program- A goal we have for next year is to find a meaningful way to connect with our future upcoming agriculture community.
- Advocating on behalf of agriculture with consumers with reading in our classrooms, donating books in our newly built book barns, and participating in the Arenac Conservation 5th Grade Tour.
- Combatting childhood hunger- For the last four years Arenac County Farm Bureau has hosted a Harvest for All event to help fight hunger in our community.

Our Impact



252

Number of students reached by agricultural literacy efforts.



\$1,000

Dollars provided in scholarships to local students.



670

Number of local students and teachers visited by the FARM Science Lab or Van.



2,000

Number of community members impacted by events/programs.



\$75

Dollars donated to local hunger relief efforts.



107

Pounds of food donated to local hunger relief efforts.

Reasons to Connect

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

Recognition of Support

Arenac County Farm Bureau has had a successful year collaborating with community partners such as Farm Bureau Insurance, Arenac Conservation District, MSUE, Bay Area Community Foundation, Standish Sterling Community Schools and the Arenac County Fair. We would like to thank Karen Tremble for her continued generous support of our efforts. We would also like to thank the following people for their willingness to contribute to our success: Diane Morley, Leona Daniels, Ken Daniels, Hugh Bilow, Vic Daniels, Art Rivard, Melissa Guoan, Connie Glaspie, Mikayla McCane and Rick Rockwell.

Become a Member

Interested in being a Farm Bureau member? If you are involved in agriculture, you may qualify. Contact the Arenac County Farm Bureau office to learn more about the benefits of membership:

Angie Hague at (989) 358-0050 or arenacounty@ctyfb.com

Visit the county's website and Facebook page to stay up to date on events and activities:

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