



JACKSON COUNTY
FARM BUREAU®

2025 IMPACT REPORT

What We Do

Our mission is to build value for our members, protect our industry, grow new leaders, share our story, and support rural communities.

Who We Are

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

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

- **President:** Charles Loveland – District 3
- **Vice-President:** Coti Gee – At Large
- **Third Member:** Tyler Bigford – District 3
- Becky Heim – District 1
- Jim Gillispie – District 2
- Matt Reinker – District 2
- Kaleb Grammer – At Large
- Jessica Steller – At Large
- Jim Spink – At Large
- Chris Sanford – Young Farmer, District 1
- Loren Faist – Promotion & Education

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

Membership by the Numbers

- We represent **696** farming families.
- **68** members participated in programming throughout the year.
- **94** Young Farmer (18–35-year-old) members belong to the organization.
- We hosted **5** County Farm Bureau events with **14** partners.

2025 Priorities

- *Growing* our Young Farmer/Agriculture Professionals program
- *Combatting* childhood hunger
- *Advocating* on behalf of agriculture with legislators

President's Report

We have a lot to be thankful for in Jackson County! We had a record setting attendance for our Project RED, rural education day, with 1,520 third grade students attending a day filled with agricultural knowledge. We also had the pleasure of purchasing 11 hogs, nearly double from prior years, from our 4-Hers at the Jackson County Fair that were donated to local food pantries. Thank you to all the board members, volunteers, local partners, and sponsors that made 2025 such a successful year!

Charles Loveland, Jackson County Farm Bureau President

Our Impact



2,107

Pounds of food donated to local hunger relief efforts.



\$2,000

Dollars provided in scholarships to local students.



4

Number of elected officials reached through local events.



20

Number of members who participated in Michigan Farm Bureau statewide or national programming or events.



150

Number of local students and teachers provided FARM Crate lessons.



139

Number of High School Students and/or FFA members who volunteered at local Farm Bureau events.

Reasons to Connect

- Access resources for insight or expertise on agricultural issues.
- Discuss local issues impacting agriculture in Jackson County.
- Partner on our efforts to fight childhood hunger through our Cornhole for Hunger event.

Experiences impacted by our county farm bureau programs

"I love taking my class to Project RED every year! It is a well-organized and interactive experience. My students leave excited to share about what they learned about what is grown in Michigan and a greater appreciation for the state they live in." **Beth, Michigan Center Keicher Elementary**

"I appreciate this program every year! It is so important for young children to have an appreciation of farming/agriculture and where our food comes from." **Brianne, Concord Elementary**

Recognition of Support

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Board of Directors would like to thank our many partners that ensure success of our programs and activities we offer to advocate, educate and support the agriculture industry. Our partners have shared in the planning process, monetary donations, and volunteer hours, all of which have made a difference in our community. *Project RED*, or rural education day, celebrated 26 years of agriculture education to our 3rd grade students with record breaking attendance while the *Cornhole for Hunger* Tournament supported record breaking locally raised meat donations to Jackson Co. food banks. *Congratulations on a phenomenal year!*

Become a Member

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

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



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