



# 2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT

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## What We Do

Clare County Farm Bureau will represent agriculture by providing information to all citizens about the importance of agriculture to Clare County.

## Who We Are

We are the largest general farming organization in the county. Clare 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:** Sarah Hollon
- **Vice-President:** Ashley Cooper
- **Third Member:** Bill Hileman
- Ashley Cooper – Young Farmer Representative
- Sarah Hollon– Promotion & Education Representative
- Allison Coats – Membership Captain
- Lyle Coats
- Teresa Coats

Board members are elected each year at our county annual meeting. Directors can serve two consecutive 2-year terms and then term off for one full term to be eligible again.

Contact our county office to learn more about serving on our board.

## Membership by the Numbers

- We represent **344** farming families.
- **49** members participated in programming throughout the year.
- **41** Young Farmer (18–35-year-old) members belong to the organization.

## 2026 Priorities

- **Advocating on behalf of agriculture with consumers** – We will continue to work with the community by hosting events such as our Tractor or Treat and Project RED to reach the young people in our community.
- **Leadership Development** – We will continue to hold events targeted to the Young Farmer demographic.

## President's Report

There are so many great events that happen in Clare County that it was very difficult to choose just three, but I am extremely proud of our county's Project RED, Tractor Treat Event, and YF Golf Outing. For our 2025 Project RED, we served three different school districts and allowed the opportunity for about 300 5th grade students to see and experience different aspects of agriculture. Tractor Treat is an event that works similar to a "Trunk or Treat" but allows children to see and touch tractors and farming equipment. Children receive agricultural commodities with facts, rather than simple candy, while they move through

the line of tractors. We estimate that at least 400 kids attend our event and receive various agricultural commodities and information about those commodities. Lastly, I am very proud of our Young Farmer Annual Harvest for All Golf Outing. In June, we will host our golf outing that focuses on food insecurity in not only our county, but our neighboring county as well. We have partnered with Gladwin County for the last few years to really showcase how huge of a problem food insecurity is in our two counties. All of the profits are donated to local food banks. Last year, we were able to donate a total of \$2,134, with a matching ACF grant, to five different food bank organizations.

I would like to thank the members on our board. These individuals take time out of their busy schedules to participate in various events, meetings, and activities. Without them, we would not be able to accomplish much and with them, we will continue to grow and benefit our members.

If I could share one piece of advice to members or partners, it would be, "Do the thing". It sounds so simple, but taking a chance on an event, whether that be hosting or attending, can completely change your future! Sometimes things don't work out, but that simply means we get a chance to try again and do better next time. For members specifically, try out the event, take the opportunity to attend a meeting or a conference. Personally, conferences offer me an opportunity to learn and reignite a passion for agriculture every single time.

### **Sarah Hollon, President – Clare County Farm Bureau**

#### **Our Impact**



**\$1,000**

Dollars provided in scholarships to local students.



**684**

Number of community members impacted by events/programs.



**450**

Number of students reached by agricultural literacy efforts.



**\$2,134**

Dollars donated to local hunger relief efforts.

#### **Recognition of Support**

Clare County Farm Bureau would like to recognize and thank our volunteers who have served on various committees, donated their time, and supported our organization throughout the year. A special thank you to our agent, Michael Leary, and his awesome staff for their help with and support of our members.

#### **Become a Member**

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

**Angie Hague or Katie Weber | 989-358-0050 | [clarecounty@ctyfb.com](mailto:clarecounty@ctyfb.com)**



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