



MACOMB COUNTY
FARM BUREAU®

2026 IMPACT REPORT

What We Do

The purpose of Macomb County Farm Bureau is to promote the agricultural interests of its membership and through them create a better and broader understanding of agriculture in our community.

Who We Are

Michigan Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization. As a general farm organization we represent the diversity of Michigan's agriculture industry, from crops and livestock to fruits and vegetables, greenhouses, forestry and more. Likewise, we represent farms of all sizes — small, medium, and large — and varying styles of production, such as conventional and organic and both indoor and outdoor animal management.

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

- **President:** Amanda Kutchey
- **Vice-President:** Nathan Rhein
- **Third Member:** Gary Kirsh
- Brad DeCock – Young Farmer Chair
- Amanda Kutchey – Promotion & Education Chair
- Gary Schmidt– NEW board member
- Jeff Altermatt – NEW board member
- Ashley Decker – NEW board member
- Ryan Rowinski – board member
- Dave Ruczynski – board member
- Brendan Schwark – board member
- Kate Montney – board member
- Brandon Falker – board member
- Brad DeCock – board member

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 **615** farming families
- **125** members participated in programming throughout the year
- **64** Young Farmer (18-35-year-old) members belong to the organization
- We hosted **10** County Farm Bureau Events in 2025

2026 Priorities

- Growing our Young Farmer (18-35-year-old) program
- County Farm Bureau sustainability and growth
- Growing, Engaging, and Communicating with our members
- Advocating on behalf of agriculture with consumers
- Advocating on behalf of agriculture with legislators
- Combatting childhood hunger

President's Report

In 2025, our county Farm Bureau accomplished several meaningful projects that strengthened both our agricultural community and our connection to the public. We reached nearly 500 students through Project RED, giving young people hands-on agricultural education, and we supported our farmer members through a tire recycling event that helped them clean up their farms and responsibly dispose of old tires. We also hosted a farm safety program focused on grain-entrapment awareness, bringing together first responders and farm families to reinforce critical safety practices.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to expand our "Extending the Dinner Table" event to help Macomb County consumers connect directly with farmers and learn about food truths from farm to table with speaker Michelle Payne. We are also planning a Touch-A-Tractor event to promote farm equipment awareness and safety within the community, continuing our monthly social events for farmer members, and hosting our Doe Derby venison drive to help supply local food banks with healthy, fresh proteins for families in need.

*One piece of advice for our members and community partners is **Lean in—because Macomb County Farm Bureau is only as strong as the people who show up.***

The biggest opportunities in Macomb County Farm Bureau do not come from titles or committees; they come from involvement. When members step forward—whether it is attending a meeting, sharing a concern, or collaborating with local partners—the organization becomes more effective, more connected, and more influential.

- **Your voice shapes policy.** Farm Bureau is one of the few places where everyday farmers can directly influence decisions that affect their land, their businesses, and their communities.
- **Your participation builds community strength.** Partnerships with local businesses, schools, and civic groups grow when members actively engage.
- **Your involvement creates opportunity.** Leadership roles, advocacy training, networking, and community impact projects all start with simply showing up.

The impact- When members and partners invest even a small amount of time, the ripple effect is huge—stronger advocacy, better programs, more support for agriculture, and a more resilient rural community.

Reasons to Connect

- Partner on a project impacting childhood hunger.
- Partner on an event or project benefiting farmers and our local community.
- Discuss a local issue impacting agriculture/farmers.

Recognition of Support

Over the past year, our county Farm Bureau has collaborated with several key partners, including Farm Bureau Insurance, the Blue Water Conservation District, and MSU Extension. Together, we have helped raise awareness of Conservation District programs that support responsible land-use practices and engage both our farmer members and community neighbors. We have also partnered with Farm Bureau Insurance through their Agents for Change initiative to help combat childhood hunger in our area. In addition, we continue to support MSU Extension by sponsoring 4-H events and activities throughout the county, strengthening youth development and agricultural education in our community.

LOCAL BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP: BECOME A MEMBER

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

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