

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### December

5-7 - Maryland Farm Bureau Convention, Ocean City

### January

9-12 - American Farm Bureau Federation Convention, Atlanta, GA

### February

3 - Maryland Agriculture Celebration, Glen Burnie

15 - Maryland Farm Bureau Day in Annapolis

18-20 - Maryland and Pennsylvania Young Farmers Conference, Hershey, PA

### March

5 - Charles County Farm Bureau Banquet

19 - Prince George's County Farm Bureau Banquet  
Baden Volunteer Fire Department Hall

29 - Washington Drive-In

(To get your county's activities listed on the calendar, please send the date, event, place and time to Susan Summers at [ssummers@comcast.net](mailto:ssummers@comcast.net).)

## AFBF Annual Meeting Focuses on Environment, Farm Bill, Social Media

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sioner, who as head of the nation's largest agriculture department has been in the middle of numerous water quality battles in Florida, most recently as part of EPA's efforts to establish numeric nutrient criteria.

Other featured conferences will address timely and relevant issues such as the outlook for the 2012 Farm Bill, food safety issues and the latest information regarding animal welfare from an agricultural perspective.

Also on the agenda will be the latest update on the crops and livestock markets. Gerald Bange, chairman of the Agriculture Department's World Agriculture Outlook Board, will provide a picture of USDA's official supply and demand estimates and the market forces driving them.

In addition to sessions on leadership development and successful management techniques, Farm Bureau members can learn how to successfully use social media to both network with other farmers and reach out to consumers. Speakers addressing "Grassroots Engagement with Social Media" will include Dan Toland with the Ohio Farm Bureau, California rancher Jeff Fowle, Farm Bureau member and president of the AgChat Foundation, and Minnesota dairy farmer and Farm Bureau member Emily Zweber.

More than 5,000 Farm Bureau members from across the nation are expected to attend AFBF's annual meeting.

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## AFBF Submits Comments on Proposed Chesapeake Bay Regs

The American Farm Bureau Federation has joined 29 agricultural and forestry organizations in submitting comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding water quality regulations it is proposing for the Chesapeake Bay. The comments outline the agriculture and forestry community's concerns with the agency's draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for the Bay, while calling attention to the significant contributions of agriculture to improvements to water quality in the Chesapeake Bay.

Despite these voluntary efforts, which have resulted in measurable improvements to water quality, the comments state that EPA's models do not account for many of the voluntary agricultural and forestry practices that are currently being employed in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and as a result, the draft TMDL fails to acknowledge the success that has been achieved in the Bay by the efforts of the agricultural community and others.

"Bigger federal government and expanded federal authority is not in the best interest of our nation," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "EPA is pushing to issue a top-down TMDL that limits states' opportunities to address water issues. EPA is seeking greater control over land-use decisions that should be made at the local level."

In addition to highlighting EPA's oversight of the agriculture and forestry community's environmental stewardship efforts within the Bay, the comments criticize the Agency's failure to provide sufficient information for the public regarding the draft TMDL and the models used to develop the requirements.

Even more troubling than EPA's lack of transparency in proposing the draft TMDL, the agricultural groups' comments explain that EPA knows it is using flawed data to impose the draft TMDL, and additionally, is stepping outside of the authority it has been granted by the Clean Water Act in order to do so.

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## 95<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL meeting CONVENTION December 5-7

### MFB gathering takes on new format

Maryland Farm Bureau members will gather for education, entertainment and policy making during the 95th Annual Meeting and Convention at the Clarion Resort Hotel in Ocean City. The event will be held December 5 to 7, 2010 – ending a day earlier with a new schedule of events.

Changes in the schedule include moving the Women's Leadership Committee meetings back to Monday, while allowing the Young Farmers' meeting to take place Sunday. Opening ceremonies will take place early Monday morning, allowing for a full day of speakers and sessions and concluding with the annual awards banquet and auction Monday evening. Wrapping up the convention on Tuesday will be a day full of policy decisions.

Maryland Farm Bureau President Pat Langenfelder welcomes all members to attend and participate in the many activities planned at the convention, including interesting break-out sessions, one-on-one entrepreneurial coaching and much fellowship.

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MARYLAND  
FARM BUREAU  
PAC has  
93%  
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rate

Of the 110 candidates endorsed by the Maryland Farm Bureau PAC during the state's general election, 102 of them were elected. This 93 percent success rate is the highest the committee has had since they began six years ago. The group only endorsed state delegate and senator candidates. "We are pleased to have helped elect so many agriculture-friendly legislators in Maryland – those who understand agriculture and support our basic

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## MARYLAND MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS



Maryland Farm Bureau President Pat Langenfelder, right, is presented with her membership quota jacket from the American Farm Bureau Federation during the November Board of Directors meeting in Randallstown. Presenting AFBF's Navigator Award for outstanding membership growth for the seventh year in a row is MFB Administrator Mel Hollingsworth. MFB's final membership count for 2010 was 34,894 member families.

## AFBF Annual Meeting Focuses on Environment, Farm Bill, Social Media

Topics ranging from environmental policy and food safety to the 2012 farm bill and use of social media by farmers and ranchers highlight a slate of conferences during the American Farm Bureau Federation's 92nd annual meeting, Jan. 9-12 in Atlanta, Ga.

"Successful farming and ranching in the 21st century involves managing a vast amount of knowledge and information on a day-to-day basis," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "This can be a real challenge, but by attending AFBF's annual meeting in Atlanta in January, Farm Bureau members can cut through the clutter and return home with a better understanding of how all the various issues impact their lives and livelihoods."

Dealing with the vast maze of environmental regulations is something every farmer and rancher in every state must worry about,

according to Stallman.

"We all want to know what is on the horizon," Stallman said. "Farm Bureau members attending the Atlanta meeting can gain insight from the most widely respected and knowledgeable individuals in the nation who will give their assessment of current environmental policies and what the future holds."

Leading the environmental issues conference will be Bryan Shaw, chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Shaw is an expert on air quality and a leader in challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to impose federal mandates on states with respect to greenhouse gases. Sharing the podium with Shaw will be Charles Bronson, Florida's 10th agriculture commis-

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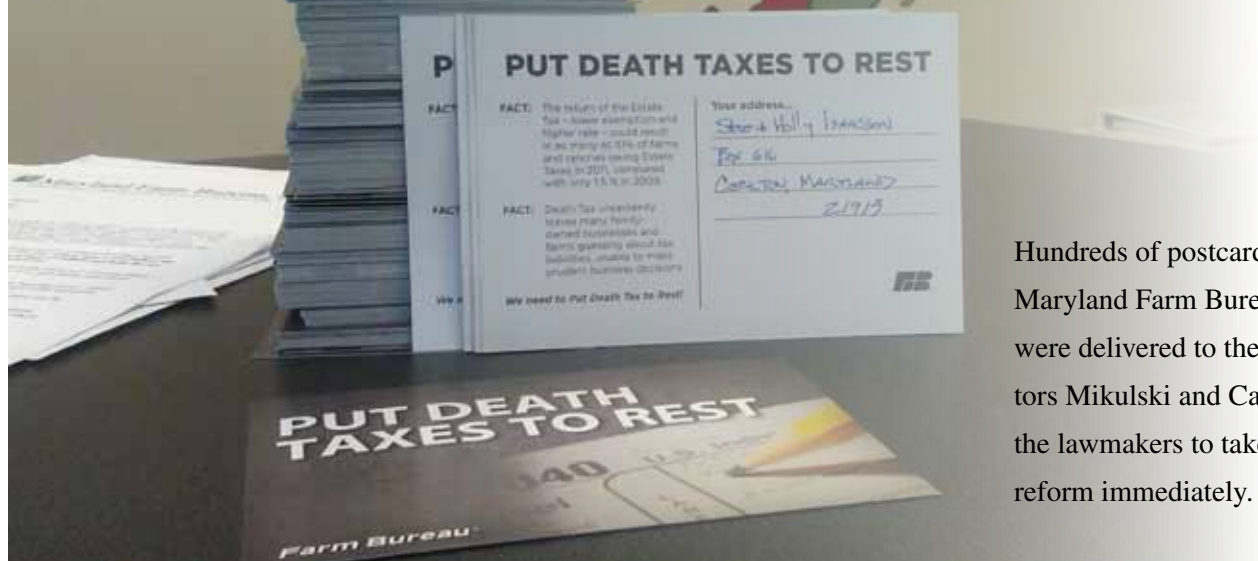
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## Maryland Farmers Urge Lawmakers to Tackle Estate Tax Reform



Hundreds of postcards signed by Maryland Farm Bureau members were delivered to the offices of Senators Mikulski and Cardin, urging the lawmakers to take up estate tax reform immediately.

Maryland Farm Bureau leaders delivered hundreds of signed postcards from their members to Senator Mikulski's and Senator Cardin's district offices in November, urging them to take up estate tax reform as a priority issue when the Senate reconvened.

Without a change to the current law, many Maryland farms will be lost at the death of the eldest members of the family after January 1st because the estate tax exemption will revert to \$1 million and the tax rate will jump to 55%. Families will not be able to pass the farm from one generation to the next because the tax due will be too great. Farmland values are high in Maryland and a small or mid-sized family farm can easily be pushed over the exemption level based on value of their land and the specialized farm equipment necessary for conservation practices the protect the Chesapeake Bay.

Farm Bureau members from across the state signed the postcards at annual meetings this fall. Their hope is that lawmakers take action before the end of the year to restore a reasonable estate tax exemption to at least \$5 million and hold the tax rate to 35%. Estate tax reform is needed because:

- Individuals, partnerships and family corporations own 98 percent of the nation's 2.2 million farms and ranches. These families, representing less than 2 percent of the U.S. population, raise about 92 percent of the food and fiber produced here.
- The death of a loved one often requires the remaining family to make some hard decisions. When the deceased is a farm or ranch owner, those decisions

will determine the future of the operation.

- When estate taxes cost more money than a farm family has, surviving family partners are forced to sell land, buildings or equipment to keep their operation going.

- In 2011, when the estate tax returns with a top rate of 55 percent and a \$1 million exemption, almost 10 times the number of farms and ranches would be subjected to the estate tax than there were in 2009. That's 10 times the number of surviving family members who will have to consider selling off part of their farm.

- Estate tax planning is costly and takes away from money that can be invested in the farm or ranch in form of purchases of machinery and other necessities from local businesses.

- It is much more expensive and nearly impossible to plan for multiple estate tax scenarios, but that's what farmers and ranchers are facing as Congress goes back and forth on a permanent rate and exemption.

- A higher exemption and lower rates will give family farms and ranches a better chance to remain in operation when they are transferred from one generation to the next. So farmers and ranchers are calling for a permanent estate tax provision that would increase the exemption level to \$5 million and adjust it for inflation and reduce the maximum rate to 35 percent.

- Estate tax reform must also include stepped-up basis, which limits the amount of property value appreciation that is subject to capital gains taxes if the assets are sold. Because farmland typically is held by one owner for several decades, setting the basis on the value of the farm on the date of the owner's death under stepped-up basis is an important tax provision for surviving family partners.

## ROPS and Rollovers, Lifesavers and Life-takers

Tractor rollover accidents are among the most frequent causes of farm fatalities. Rollovers also result in serious injuries that leave farmers disabled and many farm families in dire straits.

Yet, according to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), half of the 4.7 million tractors in use today don't have the one device that can prevent rollover deaths. ROPS, or rollover protective structures, create a protective zone around tractor operators that can prevent deaths and serious injuries when rollovers occur.

Nationwide Agribusiness, whose farm insurance is endorsed by Maryland Farm Bureau, advises that rollovers occur more frequently than many people realize. On average, one of every ten tractor operators will overturn a tractor.

ROPS have proven to be extremely effective when tractors flip. There are an estimated 2,000 ROPS-equipped overturns a year, with no data to suggest these rollovers resulted in fatalities. When ROPS and seat belts are used together, they are estimated to be 99 percent effective in preventing deaths or serious injury.

The three types of ROPS available – a two-post frame (with solid fold-down versions), a four-post frame, and a ROPS with an enclosed cab – all perform the same duty, providing a protective zone that can save a human life.

Like airbags in cars, ROPS on tractors are designed and certified to withstand only one rollover. So if a tractor overturns, the ROPS should be replaced immediately. ROPS also should be inspected regularly for signs of rust or cracks, as these could cause a structural failure during a rollover. Altering a ROPS by drilling into or welding onto the frame can weaken its ability to hold up in a rollover. Pulling or towing with a ROPS can result in a rear overturn.

Nationwide Ag recommends that older model tractors should be retrofitted with a ROPS based on manufacturers' specifications. ROPS for many older and smaller tractors often can be purchased for \$600 or less. Homemade ROPS are not recommended because they can easily fail if not designed, built or installed according to precise specifications of the manufacturer.

While many farmers do not wear tractor seat belts, and the best protection comes from the ROPS-seatbelt combination, a ROPS alone can still provide considerable life-saving defense in rollovers. So be sure to equip or retrofit with the ROPS that's right for your tractor.

For a no-cost policy review and Nationwide Agribusiness farm insurance consultation, contact a Nationwide agent, or locate one near you at nationwide.com/MFB.

## County Farm Bureau Membership Report

County Farm Bureau Membership Goals are based upon regular members, represented in the first column. The second column reports the total members paid, including both regular and associates.

County	YTD Regular Members Paid	YTD All Members Paid
Allegany	18	87
Anne Arundel	167	1395
Baltimore	80	1959
Calvert	50	260
Caroline	67	218
Carroll	139	494
Cecil	58	273
Charles	24	360
Dorchester	37	220
Frederick	137	726
Garrett	45	98
Harford	101	607
Howard	45	446
Kent	36	83
Montgomery	89	1510
Prince George's	58	1140
Queen Anne's	40	151
St. Mary's	30	203
Somerset	23	108
Talbot	33	193
Washington	39	274
Wicomico	57	245
Worcester	32	184

**Maryland Totals 1405 11,234**

### MDA SPEAKER SECRETARY EARL "BUDDY" HANCE 3:40 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

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thority and as chairman of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Commission among other farm and community activities. Hance also was active in numerous local, state and national farm and civic organizations. At the national level, he represented the Northeastern states on the American Farm Bureau Federation and was a member of the Nationwide Insurance Company Board Council. In Maryland, he served as a member of the Rural Maryland Council, the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department, the Patuxent River Commission, the Southern Maryland Tourism Council, the Maryland State Tobacco Authority, the Calvert Farmland Trust, the Board of the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum and the Board of the Calvert County Farm Bureau. A former tobacco farmer, he and his family farm 400 acres of corn and soybeans and operate several commercial greenhouses. Buddy and his wife Robin live in Port Republic and have three children and one grandchild.

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**LUNCHEON SPEAKER MATT SCRAMLIN**  
1:15 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH



Matt Scramlin is Director of Leadership Development for the American Farm Bureau Federation. In this role, he delivers a variety of leadership development programs and coordinates several national programs including the County Activities of Excellence. Before joining the AFBF, Matt served as the Southeast Regional Representative for Michigan Farm Bureau. He holds a bachelor's degree in animal science from Michigan State University and is a graduate of Reppert's School of Auctioneering in Indiana. Matt was raised on a sheep farm in Holly, Michigan, and helped operate the family's custom mix feed mill. He and his family continue to show and sell registered Southdown sheep across the country. As a 4-H supporter, Matt volunteers with the Oakland County Fair. He currently lives in Arlington, Virginia.

**ENTREPRENEURIAL COACH GINGER MYERS**  
2-7 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH



Ginger S. Myers is the Director of the Maryland Rural Enterprise Development Center and the Regional Extension Marketing Specialist, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland Extension. Ginger works with agricultural entrepreneurs, develops new markets and networking opportunities, works with new and beginning farmers, and assists with business development and business planning. She also publishes the "Master Marketing" newsletter, maintains two websites and is a regular contributor to the agricultural press. She has received numerous grants and is currently completing a project funded by the Harry S. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology that is geared to help expand value-added and on-farm processing opportunities in Maryland. She is a certified NxLevel Entrepreneurial Course Instructor, a graduate of LEAD Maryland and a former member of the Administrative Council for USDA's Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program.

**NATIONWIDE SPEAKER FRED FINNEY**  
9:15 A.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



Fred C. Finney is a board member of Nationwide, a \$157 billion diversified financial services organization based in Columbus, Ohio. He was first elected to the board in 1992 and served as board chairman of Farmland Mutual Insurance Company from 2001 to 2004. Mr. Finney is the owner and operator of the Moreland Fruit Farm and operator of Melrose Orchard in Wooster,

OH. He is past president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Ohio Fruit Growers Society, Wayne County Farm Bureau and the Westwood Ruritan Club. He is a board member of the American Berry Cooperative. He served on the executive board of the Buckeye Council of the Boy Scouts of America from 1995 to 1997, and was Boy Scout scoutmaster for 14 years. He has been a board member, Sunday school teacher and finance committee chairman of the Moreland United Methodist Church. He earned an agricultural economics degree from The Ohio State University and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict.

**BREAK OUT SPEAKER DR. BOB KRATOCHVIL**  
10:30 A.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



Dr. Bob Kratochvil is an Extension Specialist with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland, College Park. He obtained his Bachelor's in plant and soil science from Montana State University and his Master's and Ph.D. in agronomy at the University of Maryland, College Park. He relies on his applied research program to provide much of the information used for Extension education program and focuses his research efforts in three areas. They are: identify, evaluate and educate agronomic crop farmers about crop production practices that will maximize profit; design production practices for cropping systems that incorporate sound, economical nutrient and best management procedures; and evaluate alternative and value added crop opportunities for Maryland farmers.

**KEYNOTE AND BREAK OUT SPEAKER MATT RUSH**  
10:30 A.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH  
1:20 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



Matt Rush is the eighth generation in his family to be a farmer and cattle rancher. He and his dad partner in a cow/calf operation where they average 150 mixed breed cows per year. They also farm 850 acres of wheat, grain sorghum and hay grazer. To support his farming habit, Matt spends the winter months traveling the country speaking to groups on leadership skills as well as preaching the importance of American agriculture. In 2006, he was an invited guest of the White House and has been honored on the floor of the New Mexico House of Representatives. He has co-authored a book on leadership entitled, "Why Is No One Following Me?" In 2005, he was chosen as one of four John J. McCloy fellows to represent U.S. agriculture on a three-week exchange program in Germany. He serves as president of the Roosevelt County Farm Bureau, member of the New Mexico Cattle Growers and is an active member of his church.

**MISS MARYLAND AGRICULTURE LAUREN JACKSON**  
2:15 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



Lauren Jackson of Calvert County was named Miss Maryland Agriculture during opening ceremonies of the Maryland State Fair in August. Her family farm was originally a tobacco and livestock operation. Today, the crop farm produces corn, soybeans and straw as well as fruits and vegetables. Most of Miss Jackson's responsibilities involve planting, harvest and selling produce and she hopes to participate in a local market next summer and test out a cooperative to sell shares of vegetables. When she is not working in the garden or fields, she volunteers at Smithville United Methodist Church, assists with cooking, baking, laundry and cleaning and maintains her home's landscape. She is a sophomore at St. Mary's College, majoring in English and history. She plans to also obtain her master's degree in education.

**UNIVERSITY SPEAKER DR. CHENG-I WEI**  
3:15 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



Dr. Cheng-i Wei is the Dean and Director of University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from the Tunghai University of Taiwan in 1970, a Master's of Science in medical microbiology from National Taiwan University in 1972, and a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of California, Davis, in 1979. Before heading to College Park, he was Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies of the College of Human Environmental Sciences at Oklahoma State University, a position he had held since August 2002. Dr. Wei also served as Interim Head of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, where he interacted regularly with the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. Dr. Wei's research interests are in nutritional safety, toxicology and immunotoxicology.

**MDA SPEAKER SECRETARY EARL "BUDDY" HANCE**  
3:40 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



Governor Martin O'Malley appointed fourth generation Southern Maryland farmer, Earl F. Hance as secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture in May 2009. He served as deputy secretary of agriculture from February 2007 until May 2009. Prior to these appointments, Buddy Hance served as president of the Maryland Farm Bureau, chairman of the Maryland State Tobacco Au-

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95th Annual Meeting - Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 5, 2010

- 10:30am - noon** *Upper Lobby*  
Early Registration—Young Farmers & County Presidents
- 11am** *Conference Room 6*  
Young Farmers' Annual Business Meeting
- 12:30pm** *Crystal Hall 2A & 2B*  
County Presidents & Young Farmers' Luncheon  
*Sponsored by Southern States Cooperative*  
Featured Speaker: Matt Scramlin, AFBF
- 2-7pm** *Conference Room 3*  
Free One-on-One Entrepreneurial Coaching Session for Developing Successful Rural Businesses  
Hosted by: Ginger Myers, University of Maryland Extension
- 2:30-4pm** *Conference Room 6*  
County Presidents' Training Program  
Speaker: Matt Scramlin, AFBF
- 4-6pm** *Upper Lobby*  
Registration
- 5pm** *Room 302-304*  
Women's Hospitality Room Opens
- 5pm** *Upper Lobby*  
Women's Leadership Committee Silent Auction  
Bidding open to all convention participants
- 5-7pm**  
Dinner on Your Own  
Reservations are recommended for dining at Horizons – call x7180
- 5:30pm** *Conference Room 1*  
Dinner for Miss Maryland Ag Participants
- 7pm** *Crystal Ballroom*  
Vespers  
Organized by the Maryland Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee
- 8pm** *Crystal Hall 2A & 2B*  
Ice Cream Social Celebrating the Relationship between Maryland Farm Bureau and Nationwide  
*Sponsored by Nationwide Insurance*
- 8:30pm** *Crystal Hall 2A & 2B*  
Nationwide Appreciation & Membership Recognition Program

Monday, December 6, 2010

- 7am**  
Exhibit Hall Opens *Grand Ballroom*  
Registration Desk Opens *Upper Lobby*  
Continental Breakfast *Grand Ballroom*  
*Sponsored by MidAtlantic Farm Credit*
- 7am** *Crystal Hall 2A*  
Women's County Chair Breakfast
- 8:30am** *Crystal Ballroom*  
Opening Ceremonies of Annual Meeting  
*Floral Arrangements sponsored by Bell Nursery*  
Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
National Anthem  
Invocation  
Roll Call of Delegates  
Minutes of 2009 meeting  
Credential Committee Report
- 8:50am**  
Maryland Farm Bureau President's Address – Patricia A. Langenfelder
- 9:15am**  
Nationwide Address -- Fred Finney, Nationwide Insurance Board of Director Audit Committee Report Auditor's Report
- 10am** *Grand Ballroom*  
Break  
In Appreciation of Exhibitors  
*Sponsored by MARBIDCO*
- 10:10am** *Crystal Ballroom*  
Women's Leadership Committee Annual Business Meeting & Program
- 10:30am**  
Break Out Sessions  
"Wildlife Issues – Q&A with DNR" *Conference Room 6*  
Includes presentation of the DNR Farmer of the Year Award  
"New Research on Fall Fertilizer Application" *Conference Room 2 & 3*  
Bob Kratochvil, University of Maryland Extension  
"Come Sit at Our Table – Reintroducing Ourselves to Our Customers" *Conference Room 4*  
Matt Rush, New Mexico Rancher
- Noon**  
Lunch *Crystal Hall 2A & 2B*

**1:15pm**  
Delegates Reconvene *Crystal Ballroom*

**1:20pm**  
“There’s a Snake in My Bumper – Our History & Heritage in Agriculture”  
Keynote Speaker: Matt Rush

**2:15pm**  
Address by Miss Maryland Agriculture -Lauren Jackson of Calvert County  
MFB PAC Report - Harry Moreland, Chairman  
Nominations Committee Report

**2:45pm** *Grand Ballroom*  
Ice Cream Break  
*Sponsored by Custom HealthCare*

**3:15pm** *Crystal Ballroom*  
Address by Dr. Cheng-I Wei, Dean and Director of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland, College Park  
Address by the Honorable Earl F. Hance, Maryland Secretary of Agriculture

**4:10-4:25pm**  
District Farm Bureau Caucus Meetings  
District 1 – Allegany, Garrett, Frederick, Washington  
Chairman: Chuck Fry *Conference Room 1*  
District 2 – Howard, Carroll, Montgomery  
Chairman: Jim Steele *Conference Room 2*  
District 3 – Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s  
Chairman: Joe Wood *Conference Room 3*  
District 4 – Baltimore, Cecil, Harford  
Chairman: Keith Wills *Conference Room 4*  
District 5 – Kent, Queen Anne’s, Talbot, Caroline  
Chairman: Bob McCormick *Conference Room 6*  
District 6 – Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester  
Chairman: Larry Thomas *Crystal Ballroom*

**5:30pm**  
Reception *Grand Ballroom*  
*Sponsored by The Clarion Resort Hotel*

**7pm** *Crystal Ballroom*  
Annual Dinner, Awards Banquet & Auction  
*Dinner sponsored by Nationwide Agribusiness*  
*Awards sponsored by Choice Hotels International*

**Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

**7am** *Conference Rooms 1 & 2*  
Board of Directors Breakfast & Meeting  
*Sponsored by The Delmarva Farmer*

**7am**  
Exhibits Hall Opens  
Continental Breakfast *Grand Ballroom*  
Sponsored by MidAtlantic Farm Credit

**8:15am**  
Delegates Reconvene *Crystal Ballroom*

**8:30am**  
Video Message on the 2012 Farm Bill  
Bob Stallman, AFBF President

**8:50am**  
MFB Policy Resolutions Session

**10am** *Grand Ballroom*  
Break  
*Sponsored by Monsanto*  
Shore Gourmet Sample Table *Lower Level Lobby*

**10:30am** *Crystal Ballroom*  
LEAD Maryland Update

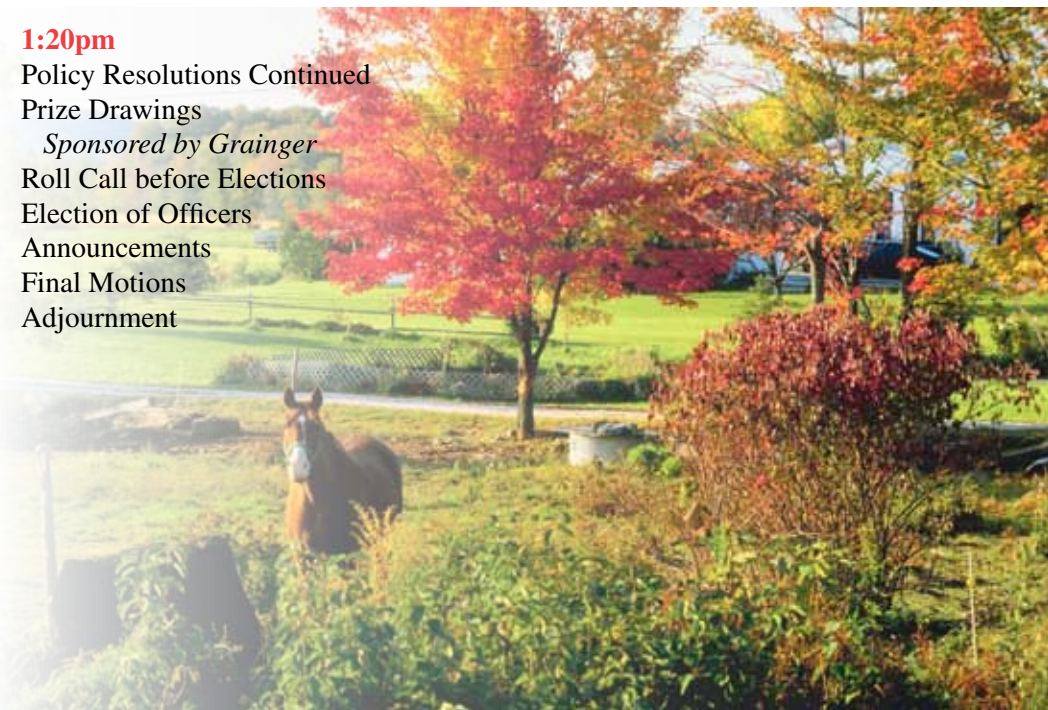
**10:45am-11:55am**  
Policy Resolutions Continued

**Noon**  
Lunch *Crystal Hall 2A & 2B*

**1pm**  
Hotel Room Check-out

**1:15pm** *Crystal Ballroom*  
Delegates Reconvene

**1:20pm**  
Policy Resolutions Continued  
Prize Drawings  
*Sponsored by Grainger*  
Roll Call before Elections  
Election of Officers  
Announcements  
Final Motions  
Adjournment



**Maryland Farm Bureau PAC has 93% Success Rate**  
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principles,” said Harry Moreland, Maryland Farm Bureau PAC chairperson. “We are encouraged by our 93 percent success rate and hope to continue our relationships with those leaders.”

Like all Farm Bureau programs, the PAC relied on strong grassroots activity to make their decisions. There were 550 candidate surveys sent out and 217 were returned seeking endorsement. The MFB PAC endorsed 116 candidates in the primary election, winning 106 of those races for a 91 percent rating.

Maryland Farm Bureau President Pat Langenfelder said the candidate surveys are a great tool to get potential lawmakers thinking about the importance of the agricultural industry in the state. “More and more candidates are paying more attention to farming issues before, during and after the election,” she said. “The urban and suburban candidates took the time to think and respond to the questions and now we can follow up with information for them.”

In addition to the endorsement success, Maryland Farm Bureau leaders were pleased with the accomplishments of attendees to its campaign schools held earlier this year. Three of the four political hopefuls that attended the one-day training were elected to local or state office and a two-day training session had a good percentage of candidates and workers from successful campaigns.

“The campaign management schools have been a great tool for Farm Bureau,” Langenfelder said. “We want to continue to help good people get elected to office.”

Delegate-Elect Charles Otto of Princess Anne in District 38A is a Farm Bureau leader who attended the training on his way to a successful bid for state office. “I was encouraged to continue on as a leader and Farm Bureau folks thought I was up to the task,” he said. “It has been an education and I am excited to get to Annapolis and serve my District and the agricultural industry.”

**Get your winter citrus**

Are you interested in citrus savings? The Maryland Farm Bureau Citrus program is offering great prices on fruit, juice and nuts. Contact your local Farm Bureau for information on the December citrus sales.

**Doe Harvest Challenge continues its success**  
*Cycle Winners Announced*

Winners of the first and second contest cycles of the 2010 Doe Harvest Challenge have been drawn. **Aaron Daye of Elkridge** and **Cody Magelsson of Mechanicsville** were the winning hunters in the Southern Maryland region while **Eric Foster of Easton** and **Casey Kennedy of Trappe** were drawn in the MidShore region. Each winner received a commemorative Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry Buck Knife and a \$400 gift certificate to a local outdoor store. A very special thanks to Shore Sportsman of Easton and Fred’s Sports of Waldorf for their sponsorship of the prize packages and their tremendous support of the program.

This year, the total entries over the course of the first two cycles are nearly double that of last year and there is no reason to think that momentum will taper off in the remaining three cycles, especially with the two-week firearms season yet to come.

The 2010 DHC is a joint program of the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board, Maryland Farm Bureau and Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. The goal of the program is to incentivize the increased harvest of doe deer in participating counties, reduce agricultural crop damage and increase donations of high-quality protein to the less fortunate in the community.

Last year’s program resulted in over 100,000 additional meals and a nearly 30 percent increase in donations in participating counties. The DHC has even helped inspire a doe-donation incentive program in Montgomery County to help reduce their huge deer herd that has not only caused tremendous crop damage, but poses significant health risks via tick-borne illness and automobile accidents.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Washington drive-in**

The 2011 Washington Drive-In is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th. The event will include a visit to the American Farm Bureau Federation office for a morning briefing and to Capitol Hill for lunch. Registration material and pricing will be available at the Maryland Farm Bureau Convention in December.