

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### September

- 9 - Caroline County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Williams Building, 4-H and Youth Park, Denton, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 - Carroll County Farm Dinner, Finksburg Branch Library, 6 p.m.
- 25 - Ag Day at Joel's, Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau

### October

- 4 - Washington County Farm Bureau Annual Banquet, Golden Corral
- 7 - Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, New Midway Fire Hall, 7 p.m.
- 14 - Kent County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- 16 - Carroll County Farm Bureau Young Farmers Sportsman Drawing and Dinner, Ag Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 21 - Worcester County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- 21 - Garrett County Farm Bureau Banquet

### November

- 1 - Baltimore County Farm Bureau Banquet
- 3 - Prince George's County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Baden Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 6:30 p.m. light meal, 7 p.m. meeting
- 4 - Maryland Ag Education Foundation Dinner, Glen Burnie
- 5 - Calvert County Farm Bureau Banquet
- 9 - Maryland Farm Bureau Board of Directors Meeting, Randallstown
- 9 - Carroll County Farm Bureau Women's Blood Drive, Ag Center, Noon-6 p.m.
- 9 - Montgomery County Farm Bureau Banquet
- 13 - Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau Banquet, Owensville
- 13 - Harford County Farm Bureau Banquet

### December

- 5-7 - Maryland Farm Bureau Convention, Ocean City

(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).)



#### Educational Tours

Many of the county representatives in the Miss Maryland Agriculture contest participated in an educational tour day following the day-long orientation. The event allowed them to learn about the diversity of the state's agricultural industry in preparation for their year of service.

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Special thanks go to our Corporate and Patron Sponsors. Please give these people, organizations and businesses your thanks for making this fund-raiser such a success.

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Miss Maryland Agriculture title goes to Calvert County

## Lauren Jackson is the winner

By Susan G. Summers  
Spotlight Editor

Lauren Jackson became the 2010 Miss Maryland Agriculture during opening night festivities at the 130th Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Sponsored by the Maryland Farm Bureau and Maryland State Fair, the two-day competition culminated with an on-stage contest.

All 23 county Farm Bureaus were represented during the annual. Taking the top agriculture spokesperson title, 19-year-old Miss Jackson lives on her family's Cedar Hill Farm in Dunkirk. She is the daughter of James and Lucy Jackson.

Four contestants were named to a court to assist the state winner throughout the fair and during the year ahead. Judges selected Emilee Guy of St. Mary's County as first runner up; Zoe Milburn of Cecil County as second runner up; Katie Steffy of Kent County as third runner up; and Rebecca Creighton of Charles County as fourth runner up.

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## CHANGES announced for State Convention

This year's Maryland Farm Bureau Convention features a new format. Activities will run from Sunday afternoon through Tuesday afternoon, eliminating Wednesday from the schedule. The 95th annual event will run from December 5 to 7.

Under the new format, a county presidents training program and the Young Farmers activities will be held on Sunday, the Women's Leadership Committee will meet on Monday and the annual Awards Banquet will be held Monday evening. Policy and the election of officers will occur on Tuesday, with a targeted adjournment time of 4 p.m.

Many Farm Bureau members may still want to stay in Ocean City on Tuesday evening to enjoy a leisurely dinner or other local entertainment. Hotel rooms will be available at the same rate for Tuesday evening. Take a look at the new schedule and make your plans to join us at the Clarion in December! See agenda on page 3.

## Maryland Farm Bureau PAC Announces 2010 Endorsements

The Maryland Farm Bureau PAC recently announced its endorsements for the state's 2010 election.

"We are pleased to offer our support to those candidates who have demonstrated their support for Maryland's family farms," said Harry Moreland, chairman of the Maryland Farm Bureau PAC. "Good government is dependent upon the election of responsible candidates who can balance the needs of all Marylanders with the reality of our limited state budget. We believe the candidates we have endorsed will work to preserve the economic viability of Maryland farms while addressing the numerous issues facing the next General Assembly."

The Maryland Farm Bureau PAC is non-partisan. The endorsement process is intended to draw attention to farm issues in an election year, increase voter turnout and build a stronger relationship between local farmers and their elected officials. Much of the direction for the endorsement decisions comes from county Farm Bureaus. Other considerations include response to the PAC candidate survey, voting records and in some cases, personal interviews between candidates and local farmers.

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## Mike Rowe to Keynote AFBF Annual Meeting

Marylander Mike Rowe, the creator and executive producer of Discovery Channel's Emmy®-nominated series Dirty Jobs with Mike Rowe, will deliver the keynote address to the American Farm Bureau Federation's 92nd annual meeting on January 10, 2011, in Atlanta, GA.

More than 5,000 Farm Bureau members from across the nation will gather in Atlanta January 9-12 to hear from distinguished leaders and participate in a grassroots policy setting process that will guide the American Farm Bureau through 2011.

A champion of farmers and ranchers and other hard-working Americans, Rowe has spent years traveling the country, working as an apprentice on more than 250 jobs that most people would go out of their way to avoid. Rowe knows how to get his hands dirty and has worked in just about every industry, including many agriculture jobs.

"We are excited to have Mike Rowe as our key-

note speaker," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "Like farmers and ranchers, he's not afraid to roll-up his shirt sleeves and get his hands dirty. Mike understands that most things that contribute to our standard of living—such as abundant food—are the result of someone else's hard work, dedication and skill, not magic. I think Farm Bureau members will get a lot out of his message."

Some of Rowe's Dirty Jobs have included apprenticing as a large animal veterinarian, feed lot worker, dairy cow midwife, rice plantation worker, egg producer and a farmer for goats, pigs, turkeys, potatoes and sugar cane.

Mike doggedly highlights the issues facing America's farming community through his website and specifically on his blog "The Future of Farming" ([www.mikeroweworks.com/2010/08/the-future-of-farming/](http://www.mikeroweworks.com/2010/08/the-future-of-farming/)).

An added bonus awaits attendees in Atlanta. Running concurrently with the AFBF Convention will be the AG CONNECT Expo, a world-class event for the global agricultural industry – bringing together the latest in equipment, technology and ideas.

### The Maryland Farm Bureau delegation will be staying at the Hilton Atlanta Hotel and will enjoy the following schedule of events:

Saturday, January 8th	9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Visit AG CONNECT Expo
	5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. - Maryland Welcome Reception, Hilton
Sunday, January 9th	Morning Devotions, Convention Sessions, YF Activities, Women's Leadership Program, AFBF Pavilion & More
Monday, January 10th	7:30 a.m. Maryland Delegation Breakfast, Convention Sessions and Keynote Speaker Mike Rowe
Tuesday, January 11th	Optional Tours, Delegate Voting Session
Wednesday, January 12th	Travel back to Baltimore

**The registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010.** Register earlier to reserve your ticket for one of the Atlanta area tours – tickets are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

**MFB Delegation Package includes:**

- 4 Nights accommodation (Saturday-Tuesday, taxes included) at the Hilton Atlanta
- AFBF Annual Meeting registration fee
- Maryland Welcome Reception
- Maryland Delegation Breakfast
- Saturday-only entrance to the Ag Connect Expo

**Rates:**

- \$ 565.00 per person, double occupancy
- \$ 910.00 per person, single occupancy

While individuals are free to make the travel arrangements they prefer, our staff is also available to help make airline reservations. Most participants will travel to Atlanta on Saturday, January 8th and return on Wednesday, January 12th. To register for the conference or for assistance booking your airline ticket, please call Valerie Connelly at the office at (800) 248-9012 or by cell at (443) 690-2411.

## Maryland Farm Bureau PAC Announces 2010 Endorsements

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"As a grassroots organization, we relied on input from all of the counties to determine which candidates would best serve the interests of farmers and rural Maryland," explained Pat Langenfelder, president of Maryland Farm Bureau.

The Maryland Farm Bureau PAC has endorsed the following candidates and encourages all citizens to vote for these candidates in the September 14th Primary and the November 3rd General Election:

**Maryland State Senate**

District & Candidate	District & Candidate	District & Candidate
1 George Edwards (R - Grantsville)	5B Wade Kach (R - Cockskeyville)	34B David Rudolph (D - Rising Sun)
2 Donald Munson (R - Hagerstown)	6 Michael H. Weir, Jr (D - Essex)	35A Wayne Norman (R - Bel Air)
3 Alex Mooney (R - Urbana)	6 Joseph Minnick (D - Baltimore)	35A Donna Stifler (R - Forest Hill)
4 David Brinkley (R - New Market)	7 Rick Impallaria (R - Joppa)	35B Susan McComas (R - Bel Air)
5 Joseph Getty (R - Manchester)	7 Pat McDonough (R - Baltimore)	36 Richard Sossi (R - Stevensville)
7 J.B. Jennings (R - Joppa)	7 Kathy Szeliga (R - Perry Hall)	36 Jay Jacobs (R - Rock Hall)
8 Katherine Klausmeier (D - Perry Hall)	8 Joseph Boteler, III (R - Baltimore)	36 Michael Smigiel (R - Elkton)
9 Allan Kittleman (R - West Friendship)	8 John Cluster (R - Baltimore)	37A Rudolph Cane (D - Hebron)
12 Edward Kasemeyer (D - Columbia)	9A Gail Bates (R - West Friendship)	37B Addie Eckardt (R - Cambridge)
14 Rona Kramer (D - Silver Spring)	9A Warren Miller (R - Woodbine)	37B Jeannie Haddaway (R - Newcomb)
15 Rob Garagiola (D - Germantown)	9B Susan Krebs (D - Eldersburg)	38A Charles Otto (R - Princess Anne)
17 Jennie Forehand (D - Rockville)	11 Dan Morhaim (D - Owings Mills)	38B Norman H. Conway (D - Salisbury)
19 Roger Manno (D-Silver Spring)	11 Dana Stein (D - Baltimore)	38B A. Kaye Kenney (R - Parsonsburg)
23 Douglas J.J. Peters (D - Bowie)	12A James E. Malone, Jr. (D - Arbutus)	38A Barbara Robinson (D - Baltimore)
25 Ulysses Currie (D - Forestville)	12A Joseph "Joe" Hooe (R - Baltimore)	42 Steven Lafferty (D - Baltimore)
26 Anthony Muse (D - Fort Washington)	13 Frank Turner (D - Columbia)	42 William J. Frank (R - Lutherville)
27 Mike Miller (D-Chesapeake Beach)	13 Ed Priola (R - Columbia)	42 Maggie McIntosh (D - Baltimore)
28 Thomas McLain Middleton (D-Waldorf)	13 Jeff Robinson (R - Laurel)	44 Ruth Kirk (D - Baltimore)
29 Roy Dyson (D - Great Mills)	14 Anne Kaiser (D - Burtonsville)	44 Keith Haynes (D - Baltimore)
30 John Astle (D - Annapolis)	14 Eric Luedtke (D - Burtonsville)	44 Melvin Stukes (D - Baltimore)
31 Bryan Simonaire (R-Pasadena)	14 Craig Zucker (D - Brookeville)	46 Peter Hammen (D - Baltimore)
32 James DeGrange, Jr. (D - Glen Burnie)	15 Kathleen Dumais (D - Rockville)	47 Doyle Neimann (D - Mt. Rainier)
33 Edward Reilly (R - Crofton)	15 Sylvia Darrow (R - Potomac)	47 Jolene Ivey (D - Cheverly)
34 Nancy Jacobs (R - Abingdon)	19 Ben Kramer (D - Rockville)	
35 Barry Glassman (R - Darlington)	23B Marvin Holmes (D - Upper Marlboro)	
36 E.J. Pipkin (R - Stevensville)	25 Dereck Davis (D - Mitchellville)	
37 Richard Colburn (R - Cambridge)	26 Veronica Turner (D - Camp Springs)	
38 Jim Mathias (D - Ocean City)	26 Kris Valderrama (D - Ft. Washington)	
39 Nancy King (D-Mont. Village)	26 Jay Walker (D - Ft. Washington)	
43 Joan Carter Conway (D - Baltimore)	27A James E. Proctor, Jr. (D - Accokeek)	
45 Nathaniel McFadden (D-Baltimore)	27A Joseph Vallario (D - Upper Marlboro)	
46 George Della (D-Baltimore)	27B Sue Kullen (D - Port Republic)	
47 Victor Ramirez (D - Mt. Rainier)	28 Sally Jameson (D - Bryantown)	
	28 Peter Murphy (D - Bryans Road)	
	28 Gary Hodge (D - Waldorf)	
	29A John F. Wood, Jr. (D - Mechanicsville)	
	29B John Bohanan (D - California)	
	29C Anthony O'Donnell (R - Lusby)	
	30 Virginia P. Clagett (D - West River)	
	30 Ron George (R - Arnold)	
	31 Steve Schuh (R - Gibson Island)	
	31 Nicholas R. Kipke (R - Pasadena)	
	32 Pamela Beidle (D - Linthicum)	
	33A Tony McConkey (R - Severna Park)	
	33A Cathy Vitale (R - Severna Park)	
	33B Bob Costa (R - Deale)	
	34A Mary-Dulany James (D-Havre de Grace)	
	34A Dan Riley (D - Edgewood)	

**Maryland House of Delegates**

District & Candidate	District & Candidate
1A Wendell Beitzel (R - Accident)	29C Anthony O'Donnell (R - Lusby)
1C LeRoy Myers, Jr. (R - Clear Spring)	30 Virginia P. Clagett (D - West River)
2A Andrew Serafini (R - Hagerstown)	30 Ron George (R - Arnold)
2B Neil Parrott (R - Hagerstown)	31 Steve Schuh (R - Gibson Island)
2C John Donoghue (D - Hagerstown)	31 Nicholas R. Kipke (R - Pasadena)
3A Patrick Hogan (R - Frederick)	32 Pamela Beidle (D - Linthicum)
3A Galen R. Clagett (D - Frederick)	33A Tony McConkey (R - Severna Park)
3B Charles Jenkins (R - Frederick)	33A Cathy Vitale (R - Severna Park)
4A Paul Stull (R - Walkersville)	33B Bob Costa (R - Deale)
4A Ryan Trout (D - Woodsboro)	34A Mary-Dulany James (D-Havre de Grace)
4B Donald Elliott (R - New Windsor)	34A Dan Riley (D - Edgewood)
5A Nancy Stocksdale (R -Westminster)	

party review our organization's structure and operations to determine our strengths and weaknesses," said Pat Langenfelder, MFB president. "With that knowledge we can look into ways to make improvements to MFB and be a more effective 'voice of Maryland agriculture.'"

During the project, the team examined a wide range of programs and issues including board operations, legal agreements, staff structure and responsibilities, volunteer structure, finances, organizational goals and membership programs.

The peer review team consisted of Bob Shepard, Chief Administrator/Secretary, Minnesota Farm Bureau; Mike Held, Chief Administrator, South Dakota Farm Bureau; Nolan Babineaux, Director of Field Services, Louisiana Farm Bureau; and Bob Wilson, Peer Review Team Leader, American Farm Bureau Federation.

## Peer Review will offer recommendations

The Maryland Farm Bureau Board of Directors recently voted to undergo a peer review. During the project, a team of four Farm Bureau staff from across the country reviewed the programs and operations of Maryland Farm Bureau. The team reviewed key documents and conducted several interviews with staff, volunteer leaders and others in the agricultural community.

The team will prepare a written report identifying key issues and make recommendations for improvements. The report will be presented in person to the board of directors at its November board meeting and the board and administrator will then decide how they would like to prioritize and take action on the recommendations.

The goal of the project is to provide the board of directors and the administrator with objective feedback and specific recommendations that they may act upon to improve the Maryland Farm Bureau. "It is important that we have a third



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All 23 county Farm Bureaus were represented in the 2010 Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest, kicking off the 130th Maryland State Fair.



## COUNTY CONTESTANTS



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Miss Maryland Agriculture title goes to Calvert County

## Lauren Jackson is the winner

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Miss Jackson's 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, Miss Jackson volunteers at Smithville United Methodist Church, assists with cooking, baking, laundry and cleaning and maintains her home's landscape.

The new Miss Maryland Agriculture is beginning her sophomore year at St. Mary's College, majoring in English and history. She plans to also obtain her master's degree in education.

"Ultimately, I hope to figure out a way to help maintain my family's farm, where I hope

to one day come back to and live," she wrote in her application. "As farming is less profitable and the farming generation fades, it is a challenge to figure how to preserve the farm. Many other families face this same issue, and finding a solution is essential."



James and Lucy Jackson are the proud parents of the new Miss Maryland Agriculture.



The 2009 Miss Maryland Agriculture Rachel Miller, right, passed on her title and congratulations to the 2010 honoree Lauren Jackson.



Miss Maryland Agriculture Lauren Jackson, center, receives congratulations from Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Buddy Hance, left, and Maryland Farm Bureau President Pat Langenfelder, right.

The new Miss Maryland Agriculture Lauren Jackson is surrounded by her court after the contest. From left, are, Katie Steffy of Kent County, third runner-up; Emmilee Guy of St. Mary's County, first runner-up; Miss Jackson; Zoe Milburn, second runner-up; and Rebecca Creighton of Charles County, fourth runner-up.



## 2010 Friends of Miss Maryland Agriculture

Many thanks to the sponsors of our Miss Maryland Agriculture program!

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| Glori Hyman                        | Leonardtwn                      |
| Kent County Farm Bureau            | Worcester County Farm Bureau    |



By Kurt Fuchs  
MFB Assistant Government Relations Director

In an effort to reduce crop damage and improve yields while simultaneously helping support the less fortunate in their communities, the Maryland Grain Producers has for the second year in a row provided funding for a novel approach to reduce the state's overpopulation of white-tailed deer: the 2010 Doe Harvest Challenge (DHC).

As a pilot program taking place on the Mid-Shore and in Southern Maryland, the DHC partnership also includes the Maryland Farm Bureau and the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry with a goal of reducing local overpopulations of deer by incentivizing the legal harvest and donation of does within participating counties.

Beginning on opening day of bow season, each time a hunter donates a legally harvested doe to a participating FHFH processor, they are eligible to enter into a drawing for a prize package valued at \$500. The program is split into five 3-week cycles with drawings taking place at the end of each cycle. Hunters may enter as many times as they donate a doe and winners of previous cycles remain eligible for participation in future drawings. The hunter in each region that has donated the most does at the end of all five contest cycles will receive a grand prize package valued at over \$1000! With each region holding five contest cycle drawings and a grand prize package valued at \$1,000, participating hunters have a total of 12 opportunities to win over \$7,000 in prizes simply by donating their harvested does.

Participating counties in Southern Maryland include Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's and Prince George's and on the Mid-Shore include Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Kent and Queen Anne's.

As a result of last year's program, hunters in the participating regions donated nearly 30 percent more deer to local FHFH processors than in 2008. Those donations represented an additional 100,000 meals of high-quality, lean protein for the less fortunate in their local communities and a reduction in economic loss to our family farms. Hunters - don't forget to take advantage of this great program as you set out afield this fall!

For more information contact Kurt Fuchs at [kurtf.mdfb@verizon.net](mailto:kurtf.mdfb@verizon.net).

sion Meet and Excellence in Ag contests. National winners will also receive paid registration to the 2011 YF&R Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida February 5-7.

National runners-up in the Achievement Award will receive a CASE IH Farmall 31 tractor courtesy of Case IH. National finalists in the Discussion Meet and Excellence in Ag each will receive a \$6,000 savings bond and a Stihl Farm Boss, courtesy of Stihl.

So, offer a hand to a young, inspiring producer. Together with YF&R, we can give young producers a leg up in agriculture.

## YF&R Gives First Generation Producers a Leg Up

Know of someone who's interested in farming, but may need a helping hand? Farmers and ranchers not only have the opportunity, but the responsibility, to help out other producers and shepherd along those who dream of becoming a farmer or rancher. It is up to all of us to lend a helping hand and encourage others to take the plunge, getting their feet wet in an industry that has given opportunity to so many first generation farmers.

The Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers Program helps first generation producers get involved in agriculture and prepare for their future with leadership development and personal growth. Opportunities such as leadership conferences, held annually at the state and national level, allow young agricultural leaders to serve the industry, build their skills and have fun. More than 700 young farmers and ranchers gather during the national conference every year to network and learn from the best of the best.

The national YF&R program contests all give younger producers a chance to win big. Three national winners this year will receive a Dodge Ram, courtesy of Ram Trucks, to showcase the top competitors in the Achievement Award, Discus-

## YOUNG FARMERS

The Maryland Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers Annual Meeting

Where: Maryland Farm Bureau Convention  
Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland

When: Sunday, December 5, 2010  
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Matt Scramlin, American Farm Bureau

Please RSVP by November 12, 2010 to Laura Ruhlman  
in order to confirm your attendance.  
[Laurar.mdfb@verizon.net](mailto:Laurar.mdfb@verizon.net) or 410-374-2324

### 2011 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer and Rancher Leadership Conference

February 5-7, 2011

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, FL

Engage. Act. Win. This is the theme of the 2011 AFBF Young Farmer and Rancher Leadership Conference. The event will be highlighted by an address from AFBF President Bob Stallman and speakers Andrew McCrea and Dick Wittman. Several tours, break-out sessions, displays and the collegiate discussion meet will round out the three-day event.

Early bird registration due October 1, 2010 –  
payment must accompany registration  
Regular registration due December 5, 2010

Maryland and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
Young Farmers Joint Leadership Conference  
Hershey, PA

February 18-20, 2011  
Hershey Lodge

Maryland Farm Bureau Young Farmers will hold its annual retreat in conjunction Young Farmers in Pennsylvania. In addition to the annual Discussion Meet competition, members will get to select from seminars on social media, ag finance, policy development and media training. Inspirational speakers and visits to a local food bank and the Ronald McDonald House will round out the conference.

Complete registration form and information can be found on [www.mdfarmbureau.com](http://www.mdfarmbureau.com). If you have any questions, contact Laura Ruhlman at [Laurar.mdfb@verizon.net](mailto:Laurar.mdfb@verizon.net).



## The Maryland Farm Bureau 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

December 5-7, 2010

The Clarion Resort Hotel  
101st Street, Ocean City, Maryland

### Sunday, December 5, 2010

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|-----------------|---|
| 11:00am         | Young Farmers' Committee Annual Business Meeting                  |
| 11:00pm-4:30pm  | Young Farmers Excellence Awards Presentations (closed program)    |
| 12:30pm         | County Presidents & Young Farmers Luncheon                        |
| 1:15pm          | Luncheon Speaker: Matt Scramlin, AFBF                             |
| 2:30pm – 4:00pm | County Presidents training program, Matt Scramlin, AFBF           |
| 5:00pm          | Dinner on Your Own  |
| 5:00pm          | Women's Hospitality Room Opens                                    |
| 5:00pm          | Women's Leadership Committee Silent Auction begins                |
| 5:30pm          | Dinner for Miss MD Ag Participants                                |
| 7:00pm          | Vespers   |
| 8:00pm          | Nationwide Appreciation & Membership Recognition Ice Cream Social |

### Monday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> (continued)

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| 1:15pm          | Delegates Reconvene  |
| 1:20pm-         | Keynote Speaker: Matt Rush   |
| 2:15pm          | Address by Miss Maryland Agriculture                                     |
| 2:25pm          | MFB PAC Report   |
| 2:35pm          | Nominations Committee Report   |
| 2:45pm          | Break (Ice cream in the Exhibit Hall)                                    |
| 3:15pm          | Address by Dr. Cheng-I Wei, Dean, College of Ag & Natural Resources, UMD |
| 3:40pm – 4:05pm | Address by the MD Secretary of Agriculture, Buddy Hance                  |
| 4:10pm          | District Caucuses  |
| 4:25pm          | Adjourn  |
| 5:30pm          | Reception  |
| 7:00pm          | Annual Dinner & Awards Banquet Followed by Live & Silent Auction         |

### Monday, December 6, 2010

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| 7:00am        | Exhibit Hall Opens                                    |
| 7:00am        | Continental breakfast                                 |
| 7:00am        | Women's County Chair Breakfast                        |
| 8:30am        | Opening Ceremonies of Annual Meeting                  |
| 8:35am        | Roll Call of Delegates                                |
| 8:45am        | Credential Committee Report                           |
| 8:50am        | MFB President's Address: Pat Langenfelder             |
| 9:15am        | Address by Fred Finney, Nationwide Board of Directors |
| 9:45am        | Audit Committee Report                                |
| 9:50am        | Auditor's Report                                      |
| 10:00am       | Break Out Sessions                                    |
|               | 1. Wildlife Management Issues                         |
|               | 2. Bob Kratovil, Fall Fertilizer Research             |
|               | 3. Matt Rush – Program TBA                            |
| 10:00am- Noon | Women's Leadership Committee                          |
| Noon          | Annual Business Meeting & Program                     |
|               | General Lunch   |

### Tuesday, December 7, 2010

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| 7:00am  | Board of Directors Breakfast & Meeting   |
| 7:00am  | Exhibits Hall Opens                      |
| 8:15am  | Delegates Reconvene                      |
| 8:20am  | Call to Order                            |
| 8:30am  | MFB Policy Resolutions Session           |
| 10:00am | Break (Check out of rooms)               |
| 10:30am | LEAD Maryland Update                     |
| 10:45am | Policy Resolutions Continued             |
| Noon    | General Lunch                            |
| 1:15pm  | Delegates Reconvene                      |
| 1:20pm  | Policy Resolutions Session Continues     |
| 3:15pm  | Finalize National & State Policy         |
| 3:20pm  | Grainger Prize Drawings                  |
| 3:30pm  | Roll Call before Elections               |
| 3:35pm  | Election of MFB Vice Presidents for 2011 |
| 3:50pm  | Announcements and Final Motions          |
| 4:00pm  | Final Adjournment                        |

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