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## **MARYLAND FARM BUREAU REACHES MEMBERSHIP GOAL**

With 30,663 member families signed on, Maryland Farm Bureau (MFB) exceeded its membership goal set by the American Farm Bureau Federation on Thursday, May 28, 2009.

The all-time high membership surpasses last year's record of 30,620 member families. Membership drives will continue through the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2009.

"It is encouraging to see our organization continue to grow," said Mike Phipps, MFB president. "The growth we have seen over the last several years is attributable to the work of our county leaders, the strong legislative work we do in Annapolis and Washington, and our friends at Nationwide who offer benefits through various insurance programs."

Dorchester County Farm Bureau, led by President Brinsfield Lowe, is the first county to achieve its membership goal.

Farm Bureau is a private, non-profit membership organization. It is completely controlled by its members through the democratic process and is financed by voluntary membership dues. Its strength comes from the active participation of its members families that belong to the state's 23 county Farm Bureaus.

Our mission is to promote and protect Maryland agriculture and rural life so that all citizens can have the safest, most affordable and most abundant local food supply.

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