



MDFB WLC PHOTO CONTEST

ACCEPTING ENTRIES NOW | END SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 P.M.

Please join us in submitting your original photos for fundraiser notecards. Winning submissions will also be featured on the Maryland Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee website and social media pages. Contest winners will receive their credited work printed on the front of notecards, title of Farm Bureau Photographer and two packs of the notecards featuring the winning submissions.

2021 Maryland Farm Bureau® WLC Photo Contest Official Rules

The 2021 Maryland Farm Bureau WLC Photo Contest (the “Contest”) is governed by all terms and conditions listed below. If you choose to participate in the contest, you have agreed to these terms and conditions.

ELIGIBILITY: The Contest is for amateur photographers and is open to all Maryland Farm Bureau members. Anyone can join MDFB and enter. Contest judges, families and household members of contest judges are not eligible. VOID where prohibited. Maryland Farm Bureau reserves the right to reject and disqualify any images that are considered inappropriate.

CONTEST PERIOD: The contest begins at 12:00 A.M. Eastern Time (ET) on July 19th, 2021 and ends at 11:59 P.M. ET on September 1, 2021 (the “Contest Period”). Late entries will not be accepted. The winners will be notified during the December Women’s Leadership Meeting, and a list of winners will be posted on the Maryland Farm Bureau website.

HOW TO ENTER: No purchase necessary. To enter, visit www.mdfarmbureau.com/womens-leadership-committee to fill out the Consent and Release Form and email the form and your images to Parker Welch at pwelch@marylandfb.org. If your files need to be uploaded via a shared option, please contact Parker. Each photo entry must be uploaded by 11:59 pm ET September 1, 2021. Please save each photo as YourName_Photo# (ex., ParkerWelch_Photo1)

SUBMISSION RULES:

- The submitted photos must be the photographer’s original work, and the photos must have been taken in Maryland.
- Photos do not need to be taken within the contest timeframe to be eligible to win.
- A contest entry form must be filled out in its entirety by each person entering the contest.
- You must obtain a written release from any recognizable person in a submitted photo.
- Participants may submit up to five pictures. If you submit more than five entries, we will consider only the first five photos received.
- Please set your camera to 6 megapixels or higher for these photos. The more megapixels the better!

- Photos with date stamps or photographer's name on the photo will be disqualified.
- No nudity.
- All photos submitted for the contest must be in JPG format.
- All guidelines for safe farm photos must be met (e.g., ROPS and seatbelts on tractors; no extra riders on ATVs, riding mowers or tractors; no children in proximity to large animals; and individuals wearing proper protective equipment).
- Full guidelines located at <https://www.mdfarmbureau.com/womens-leadership-committee/>
- All photos should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appears. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color, and contrast, etc.) will not be chosen. Any images not meeting these specifications will be disqualified.
- MDFB will at its sole discretion determine eligibility. MDFB reserves the right to reject and disqualify any images that are considered inappropriate.
- Entered photos must be of a Maryland locale/subject or scene and anything dealing with agriculture, forestry, etc. Please explain photo: who, what, where, and time of year.

OWNERSHIP OF PHOTOS; LICENSE: Participants retain ownership of the copyright in any submitted photographs, and a photo credit will be given to the photographer in any use whenever practical.

By entering this contest, you represent that you have all rights to grant, and do hereby grant the Maryland Farm Bureau and its County Farm Bureau Affiliates a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to use, publish, display, distribute, reproduce, edit, adapt and create derivative works of the submitted photograph, in whole or in part, in any media now known or hereafter discovered, including in use on websites, in publications and for promotional purposes, without compensation or prior notice to the participant, his or her successors or assigns, or any other entity. ENTERING A SUBMISSION IN THIS CONTEST CONSTITUTES PARTICIPANT'S IRREVOCABLE ASSIGNMENT, CONVEYANCE, AND TRANSFERENCE TO SPONSOR OF THE FOREGOING RIGHTS.

JUDGING: A panel of judges shall select the winners. The panel of judges will be composed of people with expertise in public relations, graphics, photography, agricultural literacy, and agricultural safety and health. Judging of the Contest will be based on: composition and arrangement, interest, presentation, safe practices on the farm, and image quality. Contestants agree that the sole and final judgment as to all matters concerning the Contest and interpretation of contest rules are at the sole discretion of Maryland Farm Bureau, and their officers and staff.

PRIVACY: Participants agree that if their photo is selected as a winner, the participant's name and hometown may be used for promotional purposes. In addition, any use of a submitted photograph by Sponsor will be accompanied whenever practical by a photo credit with participant's name. Any other personal information submitted by contestants will be for internal use only and will not be shared with or sold to any other parties. Your contact information is required for notification purposes only.

DISCLAIMER AND INDEMNIFICATION: By entering or participating in the Contest, Participants agree to be bound by these Official Rules. Sponsor is not responsible for: (1) any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by participants, or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest; (2) technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in phone lines or network hardware or software; (3) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the submission process or the Contest; or (4) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the Contest or the processing of entries. Further, if, for any reason, the Contest is not capable of running as planned by reason of infection by virus, bugs, worms, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which, in the sole opinion of the Sponsor, may corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this Contest, Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest, and select the winner for the Contest, from the entries received prior to the action taken or in other such manner as deemed fair and appropriate by Sponsor. Participants, by participating in this Contest, hereby waive and release, and agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless, Sponsor, and its respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, distributors, and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents, and their respective successors and assigns (the "Indemnified Parties"), from and against, any and all rights, claims and causes of action whatsoever that they may have, or which

may arise, against any of them for any liability for any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, including but not limited to any injury, loss, damage, whether direct, compensatory, incidental or consequential, to person, including death and property, arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from: (1) their participation in the Contest ; (2) their acceptance, possession, use or misuse of the prize in the Contest; and/ or (3) the use of the photograph, including without limitation any claims relating to violations of intellectual property laws. Participant also further acknowledges that the Indemnified Parties have neither made, nor are in any manner responsible or liable for, any warranty, representation, or guarantee, expressed or implied, in fact or in law relative to any prize or this Contest including but not limited to quality, condition or fitness for a particular purpose.

2021 Maryland Farm Bureau® Photo Contest Consent and Release Form

I hereby irrevocably grant to Maryland Farm Bureau® (MDFB) the right to use, copyright, transmit, display, and publish my image and name in all forms and in all media now known or later developed, for all lawful purposes, including but not limited to advertising, trade, or any commercial purpose throughout the world and in perpetuity. Without limiting the foregoing, my image and/or name may be copyrighted, used and/or published individually or in conjunction with other photography, video works and records, in any medium now known or later developed, including without limitation, print publications, public and private broadcasts and websites, for any lawful purpose, including without limitation, trade, exhibition, illustration, promotion, publicity, advertising and electronic publications of any/all types now known or later developed. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve MFB use of my image and/or name in any medium that may be used in connection with the use and/or publication of my image and/or name. I release the Released Parties and their assigns, licensees and successors from any claims that may arise regarding the use of my image and/or name including but not limited to any claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, or infringement of moral rights, rights of publicity or copyright. I have read this consent and release prior to the signing of this document. I am over the age of 18 and I am fully authorized to, and freely enter, into this consent and release contract on my own behalf, or, if applicable, on behalf of the minor identified below.

Name of recorded party: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Photographer's name: _____

Photographer's email address: _____

Photographer's contact number(s): _____

If you have any questions, please contact Parker Welch at 443-480-4059 or pwelch@marylandfb.org .

For Use by MFB Only

MDFB Member Number: _____

Submission Number: _____

Guidelines for safe farm photos

- Tractors should have rollover protection structures (ROPS) and operators must be wearing a seatbelt.
- Proper guards should be in place on Power Takeoff (PTO) units and other moving parts
- If farm equipment is shown operating on a public road, it should have a properly mounted slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblem and front and rear lighting must be in working order.
- Children in photos should be doing age-appropriate chores under supervision.
- Photos of people working on the farm should portray them in proper clothing and personal protective equipment for the task.
 - Do not show individuals riding on wagons, in the backs of pickup trucks or as extra riders on tractors.
 - Do not show people stepping over a rotating shaft or leaning over a conveyor.
 - Do not show people climbing to heights without fall protection.
 - Do not show children riding on adults' laps on ATVs, riding mowers or tractors.
 - Do not show children in proximity to large animals unless appropriate barriers are evident.
 - Operators of ATVs should be wearing proper protective equipment.
 - Children should not be placed in hazardous situations for the sake of the photo.
 - Do not show children playing in grain piles, wagons or bins.
 - Do not show children under age 14 operating any motorized farm vehicle or riding, climbing, standing or playing on farm machinery.
 - Workers near machinery should not be wearing loose clothing or anything that could become entangled in the machinery.
 - Photograph areas free of clutter; show clean, well-maintained equipment and visible safety measures such as fire extinguishers are a plus.