

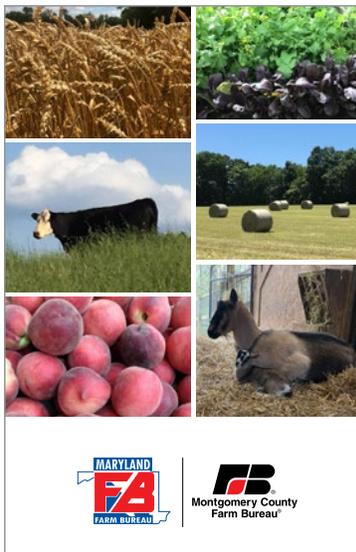


# MCFB Ag/Member *highlights*

September 2022

## MCFB Signs and Handout Cards

MCFB needs your help in promoting our local Montgomery County Farm Bureau and to recruit new members! Send an email now to [mcfarmbureausecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mcfarmbureausecretary@gmail.com) to request a sign or two to put up on your farm, display in your Ag business or stationed for all to see as they enter your farm market! We also have cards you can use at point of sale locations in your farm business for patrons to take! All contain a QR code that takes them directly to the registration page to join MCFB! It's that easy! Please do your part to promote and recruit members of our community to support our Montgomery County Farm Bureau and its members.




**Montgomery County Farm Bureau NEEDS YOU!**

We promote and protect Montgomery County agriculture and rural life with the support of our passionate membership—ensuring the future of our natural resources, food supply, and rural heritage.

**2 ways to become a Montgomery County Farm Bureau member**

- Farmer (Voting member)**—you are a farmer and/or work in agriculture.
- Friends of Agriculture (Associate member)**—you enjoy the products that the local farmers have to offer (vegetables, fruits, milk, eggs, chicken, beef, pork, soaps, cheese, and much more), in addition to farm markets, farm tours, farm to table—you just want to support farms in Montgomery County.

*join us today!*

Visit our website <https://www.mdfarmbureau.com/montgomery/>




## Close Encounters with Agriculture

The Extension Office is gearing up to welcome thousands of fourth graders to the Farm Park! Close Encounters will take place most days in October. Students learn about agriculture, nutrition, and the environment through various activities and lessons. The field trips take place from approximately 10:15am-1:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering for or observing this program, please contact Kelly Nichols at [kellyn@umd.edu](mailto:kellyn@umd.edu). The Farm Bureau annually supports this Ag Education effort!

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## Our Farmers



Maryland's Best recently highlighted **Savage Acres Farm**, one of our many Farm Bureau members living and farming in the Agricultural Reserve.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=pQM8vYo5UG8&feature=youtu.be>

Would you like to highlight your farm or Ag business in our MCFB communications newsletter? Please send us a picture or two of your farm along with a short write up discussing your farm/ag business so we can highlight you in one of our next issues! Send to [mcfarmbureausecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mcfarmbureausecretary@gmail.com) and we'll contact you with any questions.

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**Annual Picnic:** The Annual MCFB Picnic was held on June 5 at Sunny Ridge Farm in Laytonsville. About 100 members attended. Thanks goes to the Special Events Committee for a very nice affair!

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**Young Farmers:** The young farmers gathered at **Butlers Orchard** for their summer picnic! Following a brief presentation on Transition Planning and dinner, the young farmers took a tractor tour around the farm and picked flowers, blackberries & potatoes.

If you would like to learn more about Young Farmers please reach out to Tyler Butler at [tylercbutler@gmail.com](mailto:tylercbutler@gmail.com) or Catherine Savage at [Csavage9@vt.edu](mailto:Csavage9@vt.edu).

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## Ukraine Fundraiser

On March 31, 2022, **Bella Vita Farm** and **Sister Axe** hosted “Throw Your Support for Ukraine”.

The host farms reported that, “Despite windy and rainy weather, 61 people came out to show their support for Ukraine and we managed to raise nearly \$3000.” The owners have a friend from Lviv, and know her brother who still resides in Ukraine. The Ukrainian family was prepping an old Soviet underground bus depot as a shelter. The family needed a generator to provide lighting and heating. The farmers were able to wire the money collected and the family was able to get one of the last remaining generators at a local hardware store!



The shelter, established with support of these local farm owners, will be able to give nearly 300 people a safe place and other necessities for daily living. Three weeks after the event the farmers received a video call from Lviv and were given a virtual tour of the shelter where their Ukrainian friend’s family fired up the generator, turned on the lights and said, “Thank you for making this possible, we are now ready.” Sometimes when you support locally, you can impact globally.

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## Upcoming Events MCFB and Extension

**MCFB Annual Dinner** on November 5 in the Heritage Building

**Practical Experiences in Nutrient Management**, September 27, from 9:30 am–3:00 pm at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center in Clarksville. Topics include pasture and hay management, corn yield checks, question and answer session with MDA, and manure spreader calibration. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Four nutrient management credits are available. For more information and to register, visit [go.umd.edu/PENMseptember2022](https://go.umd.edu/PENMseptember2022).

**Pasture Walks** will be offered across the state this fall at the following dates and locations:

September 22, 5:30 pm, in Clear Spring (Washington County). Topic: Multi-Species Grazing.  
[www.go.umd.edu/septemberpasturewalk](https://www.go.umd.edu/septemberpasturewalk)

October 12, 4:00 pm, in Edgewater (Anne Arundel County). Topic: Equine Pasture Renovation.  
[www.go.umd.edu/octoberpasturewalk](https://www.go.umd.edu/octoberpasturewalk)

November 17, 4:00 pm, in Ellicott City (Howard County). Topic: Grazing Stalks/Cover Crops.  
[www.go.umd.edu/novemberpasturewalk](https://www.go.umd.edu/novemberpasturewalk)

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