



# NEWSLETTER

## FCFB 2023 Calendar

### Upcoming Events

**February 7**

Digging Deeper into Soil Health  
Frederick Fairgrounds

**February 8**

Day in Annapolis

**February 11**

Legislative Day  
9am-3pm at New Midway  
Fire Hall

**March 23**

Spring Banquet  
7pm at Jefferson Ruritan Hall

**April 19**

Women's Spring Luncheon  
11:30am at New Midway  
Fire Hall

**June 16-17**

Farm Safety Camp  
Camp Round Meadow

**July 19**

Summer Picnic  
6pm at Mount Tabor Park

**August 26-September 5**

Maryland State Fair  
Timonium

**September 15-23**

The Great Frederick Fair

**October 20**

Annual Meeting  
New Midway Fire Hall

**November 17**

Women's Leadership Bingo  
New Midway Fire Hall

**December 2-5**

Maryland Farm Bureau  
Annual Meeting  
Cambridge, MD

## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

DENNY REMSBURG

Your Frederick County Farm Bureau completed another successful year as evidenced by recognition at the Maryland Farm Bureau Convention in Cambridge held this past December. Frederick County once again was recognized as excelling in all six program areas submitted to Maryland Farm Bureau for evaluation. A huge thank you to all the committee chairs and committee members for your continued efforts in keeping Frederick County Farm Bureau active and involved. Additional accolades received at the convention included Connie Palmer being named as Maryland Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee Agri-Woman of the Year. Congratulations to Connie, who received a standing ovation at the banquet when the award was announced! Shelby Green was selected as the winner of the Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Group and will represent Maryland at the 2024 National Convention in Salt Lake City.

Frederick County Farm Bureau has also received recognition on the national level. Our Soil Smart Farm Tour first held in 2021 was selected as one of 24 national winners from 143 applications by American Farm Bureau to participate at the 2023 American Farm Bureau National Convention in Puerto Rico. The tour was a cooperative effort with Catoctin and Frederick Soil Conservation Districts and MidAtlantic (now Horizon) Farm Credit designed to bring our congressional, state, and local legislators out onto county farming operations to observe firsthand what Frederick County farmers are doing to address conservation, water quality, and climate change. The response from those involved was so positive we held another tour in 2022. This communication provides valuable information to support the positives of what the ag industry is doing for our environment.

The 2022 elections are now history, and we have some new faces in state and local

government. I would encourage you to attend our Legislative Day at New Midway Fire Hall on Saturday, February 11 for an opportunity to interact with our legislators and make your voices heard. This annual event has proven to be a great opportunity for our representatives to hear the voice of agriculture express our views and requests.

And finally, I would like to say a word about membership. An organization needs a strong foundation- its members. Farm Bureau was formed as a grass roots organization to provide agriculture with a voice. We have a voice at the table at the state and national level, but we need support to continue to be the Voice of Agriculture. Our membership figures are declining on both the county and state levels. There is strength in numbers, so I encourage you to ask a neighbor or fellow farmer who is not a member to join Farm Bureau. Help to keep the Voice of Agriculture strong.

## SPRING BANQUET

LAURA RAMSBURG

The Spring Meeting for Frederick County Farm Bureau will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at the Jefferson Ruritan Hall at 7pm. The evening's dinner will be turkey and shrimp. For questions regarding reservations please contact Mary Sue Grossnickle at 301-662-8951 or [msgrossnickle@comcast.net](mailto:msgrossnickle@comcast.net). Registration deadline is March 13th. The RSVP form is available below.

## DAY IN ANNAPOLIS

LINDSAY STINE

The Young Farmers' and the Women's Leadership Committee are jointly sponsoring our Day in Annapolis. The Day in Annapolis will be on Wednesday, February 8th. The day begins at 8:15am with a morning reception and concludes after legislative meetings at 1pm. The cost is \$35/person. This event is critically important as it brings farmer representation directly to our state capital.

The deadline to register is January 29th. Register online at [www.mdfarmbureau.com/day-in-annapolis](http://www.mdfarmbureau.com/day-in-annapolis)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

BETH AHALT

Frederick County Farm Bureau is awarding several \$1,000 scholarships to Farm Bureau members or their dependents. Applications may be found on the county website. Applications are due to Beth Ahalt by April 30th via email at [bethahalt@gmail.com](mailto:bethahalt@gmail.com).

## FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SPRING LUNCHEON

CONNIE PALMER

Please join us for the annual women's Spring Luncheon!

Date: April 19, 2023  
Location: New Midway Fire Hall  
Time: Silent Auction starting 11:30am  
Lunch served at noon  
Cost: Cost \$16.00 per person

For Reservations: Call Mary Sue Grossnickle at 301-662-8951 by April 12

## LEGISLATIVE DAY

DENNY REMSBERG

Legislative Day will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the New Midway Fire Hall.

Sponsors are the Frederick County Farm Bureau, Frederick County Pomona Grange and the Catoctin and Frederick Soil Conservation Districts. Representatives will be available from the local, state and national level to discuss issues pertinent to Farm Bureau members. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for breakfast and soup and sandwiches will be available for lunch.

Please contact Denny Remsburg for any additional questions at 240-675-6378 or [dremsburg52@gmail.com](mailto:dremsburg52@gmail.com).

### Reservation for Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual Spring Banquet

Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 7pm

Jefferson Ruritan Hall

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18.00/person = \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Mary Sue Grossnickle at 11020 Keymar Road, Woodsboro, MD 21798

**Deadline March 13, 2023**– Please make check payable to **Frederick County Farm Bureau**

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**SAVE THE DATE- FARM BUREAU SAFETY CAMP**

AMY JO POFFENBERGER

Safety Camp - June 16-17, 2023 at Camp Round Meadow  
Safety Fair - July 7, 2023 at the Frederick Fairgrounds

More information will be coming out in a few weeks. Make sure you follow us on social media. Like and follow our Facebook page at Frederick County Farm Bureau Safety Camp

**February 7, 2023**  
**Registration: 8am**  
**Event: 8:30am – 2:40pm**  
**LUNCH PROVIDED!**

# Digging Deeper into Soil Health

At the Great Frederick Fairgrounds, Null Building (Building No. 9)

📍 797 E Patrick St, Frederick, MD 21701

Frederick and neighboring county producers are invited to attend Digging Deeper into Soil Health presented by Jim Hoorman of Hoorman Health Services and hosted by the Catoctin and Frederick Soil Conservation Districts and Frederick County Farm Bureau!



**Topics Include:**

- SLUGS
- The nitty gritty of soil structure and composition
- WHY you may not be seeing improvements despite your best efforts
- Micronutrients and humates for plant health
- Importance of soil ecology and nutrient cycling
- State and federal conservation program updates and new opportunities!

**RVSP TODAY!**

Online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com):  
Search by the event title OR [Click Here!](#)

By Phone: 301-695-2803 ext. 3  
Please RSVP by January 31<sup>st</sup> to be counted for lunch!

Certified Crop Advisor and MD Nutrient Management continuing education credits are AVAILABLE!





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## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

CONNIE PALMER

The January newsletter gives us the opportunity to reflect on our past fall activities. We are happy to say our Women's Leadership Committee remains busy, thanks to our hard working committee members. In October our 101<sup>st</sup> Frederick County Farm Bureau Annual meeting was held with a very large number of committee members in attendance. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, Women's Leadership Chair Connie Palmer and Audrey Wolfe participated in Harvest Day at the Sabillasville Environmental School. Stations for the students to learn about farming and harvesting had been set up in and around the school. We had hands on activities such as digging and identifying root vegetables as well as a game to identify different grains for students in grades 4-6.

In November, Women's Leadership had their annual bingo fundraiser at New Midway Fire Hall. It was successful with approximately 135 players in attendance. Money will be used for three \$1,000 scholarships, eight food banks, the Ronald McDonald House, Farm Safety Camp and the Ambassador Contest. On November 28<sup>th</sup>, Frederick County Women's Leadership held their Christmas volunteer luncheon at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant to thank all who volunteered throughout the year. Our prayer was led by Ambassador Cheyenne Van Echo and Farmerette Mattee Lambert sang a song. Reverse bingo was played, poems were read and door prizes awarded.

December 3-5<sup>th</sup> was the annual Maryland Farm Bureau convention in Cambridge. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassador contest was held. Our Frederick County Farm Bureau Ambassador Cheyenne Van Echo participated along with ten other contestants. A Maryland Farm Bureau Women's Leadership meeting was also held and several of our ladies were in attendance. Frederick County donated two bags of food for the Maryland Food Bank. Fleece blankets and snack movie bags were made and given to Ronald McDonald House. Please note the Women in Ag Day that has historically been held in the fall has now been changed to spring. And on December 5<sup>th</sup>, Connie Palmer, Frederick County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Chair, received this year's Maryland Farm Bureau Agri-Woman of the Year Award.