

FARM GRAM

Promoting, Protecting & Advancing Farm Interests in Marion County



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Step Up to the Green

Marion County looking for players to join their team

Join Farm Bureau members and Oregon agriculture supporters for a fun day of scramble-format golf!

It's that time of year again for the annual Bayer Oregon Farm Bureau Classic Golf Tournament.

This year's tournament is Tuesday, Sept. 21 at Oregon Golf Association Golf Course in Woodburn, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Come out and take a swing to help raise funds for OFB's Political Action Committee, which supports candidates and ballot initiatives that are good for Oregon's ag community.

The Marion County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a team and looking for players! Space is limited so if you're interested please contact our office at: office@marioncofarm.com.

The scramble format makes it competitive for all levels. It is sure to be a fun day with prizes for longest drive, closest to pin, and overall score. Plus, snacks and a sack lunch will be provided.



What: Bayer OFB Classic Golf Tournament

When: Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021

Time: Check-in at 7:15 a.m., Shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Where: OGA • 2850 Hazelnut Dr. • Woodburn

To join: contact MCFB Office at office@marioncofarm.com



Find us online anytime at: www.marioncofarm.com





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A Message from the President

Is it just me or does time seem to be going by faster? I can't believe another summer has gone by and we're approaching Fall already!

I hope that those of you finishing up had a good and safe harvest. Some of us are just getting going and I wish the same for all of you as well. Fall is always an exciting time for me when crops like mine, pumpkins, move to harvest. Fall is also when I start to look ahead at the list of winter projects I'll have to keep me busy when the wet and cold weather sets in.

Your county farm bureau is doing very well and is working hard for you. We have many things in the works that benefit us all, including a program to help farmers and growers with spray drift harassment. Have you heard about the new OSHA regulations that are out? Please pay attention and make sure you're meeting all the requirements. Also, there is redistricting happening in Oregon. Make sure your voice is heard that it should be done by a nonpartisan committee, not at the state legislature.

I love being a part of this community. The more of us there are, the stronger our voice is. I encourage you to talk to your friends and neighbors and ask if they're a farm bureau member yet? They don't have to be a farmer; a supporting membership is for anyone that supports the agriculture community. The Oregon Farm Bureau has a Neighbor-to-Neighbor Challenge; refer a friend and you could win a \$50 Visa gift card! Take the challenge and send them to: www.oregonfb.org/join.

One final note, we've begun work on our annual meeting – in person! Save the date for Nov. 10 and look out for more information coming your way. I can't wait to see all of you again.

Be safe and happy farming!



Dylan Wells
Marion County Farm Bureau President

Take the Challenge Refer a friend, Win Prizes

Refer someone to join Farm Bureau as a voting or supporting member - and be entered into a quarterly drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card!

Remember that supporting members don't have to be farmers or ranchers; they can be suppliers, customers, friends, anyone who supports Oregon agriculture.

How to take the challenge: When they apply, make sure your name is entered in the "Referred by" box in the online or paper membership application. If a person joins by phone, make sure they say they were referred by you!



The quarterly drawings take place in January, April, July, and October.

They can apply online at:
membership.oregonfb.org/new-membership

Oregonians Unite to Fight IP 13

Twelve leading Oregon agriculture groups petitioned the Oregon Attorney General's office in August to clarify the sweeping devastating effects IP 13 would have on all Oregonians.

The measure would criminalize good animal husbandry practices, hunting and fishing, animal breeding of both pets and livestock, and even home rodent control. It also would create a new felony category for teachers, advisors, or parents who show children how to care for animals.

"Everyone from horse trainers to pet groomers to dairy farmers to anyone who kills a rat in their own home would become criminals under this measure," said Oregon Farm Bureau Public Policy Vice President Mary Anne Cooper. "Even farmers protecting their fields and crops from rodents would be made criminals. I have never seen an initiative that would have such an immediate and devastating impact on more Oregon families than IP 13."

Oregon Dairy Farmers Association executive director Tami Kerr said, "Animal abuse is already criminally illegal in Oregon. This initiative isn't about protecting animals, it's about criminalizing family farming activities. Preventative herd health practices shouldn't be criminalized. Breeding practices that are safer for animals shouldn't be criminalized."

Oregon Cattlemen's Association executive director Tammy Dennee added, "This measure makes it impossible to protect your pets or calves or sheep from aggressive predators legally. It undermines food safety by outlawing rodent control in our food supply chain, literally all the way from ranch or farm to your table. IP 13 also cripples the local food system and would force



Oregonians to rely on out-of-state or overseas suppliers."

The proponent of the measure has until July 8, 2022 to gather more than 112,000 valid signatures to get the measure on the November 2022 ballot.

Said Farm Bureau's Cooper, "The best advice I can offer is don't sign the petition. Don't hurt farm and ranch families. Don't waste the voters' time or money on a measure that makes criminals of Oregonians with pets, horses, or livestock, Oregonians who treasure local food, Oregonians who value food safety, Oregonians in the animal care community, Oregonians who offer veterinary education, and parents, teachers, and advisors who teach kids good animal husbandry."

Anyone interested in joining the fight against IP 13 can visit www.oregoniansforanimalcare.org.



Upcoming Events

OFB Trap Shoot

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 3 p.m.

Albany Gun Club, 35305 Hwy. 20 SE, Albany

More info: oregonfb.org/16270-2/

MCFB Annual Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Location: TBA

Willamette Valley Ag Expo

Nov. 16-18

Linn County Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, Albany

More info: wvaexpo.com

Pesticide Applicators Classes

Dec. 7 -- OR -- Feb. 24
8 a.m. to noon

Cost: \$20 (members),
\$60 (non-members)

More info: bit.ly/3sBa1GO

OFB Seeking Photo Submissions for 2022 Calendar

The award-winning calendar celebrates all aspects of Oregon agriculture: the products, the people, the production, the landscape, the enjoyment, anything that depicts the beauty, technology, culture, enjoyment, or tradition of family farming and ranching in this state.



— both close-ups and panoramic views — are sought of all types of agriculture in all seasons.

The deadline for entries is Sept. 15.

Participants do not need to be Farm Bureau members and there is no limit to the number of photos that can be submitted.

month pages in Oregon's Bounty will receive a photo credit in the 2022 calendar, which is mailed to 64,000 families across the state, along with copies of the calendar.

Everyone who submits a photo will receive a complimentary copy of the 2022 calendar (\$20 value).

Photos can be emailed to annemarie@oregonfb.org. Find instructions for uploading or mailing in images at OregonFB.org/calendar.

Horizontal-format, high-resolution images

Photographers with images selected for

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MCFB Board Meetings

Information subject to change.
Contact staff to confirm details.

The MCFB Board meets the
second Wednesday of each
month at 6:30 p.m.

Our next meeting is Sept. 8
at Oregon Farm Bureau:
1320 Capitol St. NE
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Membership Up-to-Date?

Contact the OFB at
503.399.1701 to renew your
membership today!



Save the Date ANNUAL MEETING

At this time, we are planning to meet in-person for our annual meeting.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Nov. 10

More details to come; check your inbox. We'll keep you posted on all the details!

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