



CALHOUN COUNTY
FARM BUREAU®

2024 IMPACT REPORT

What We Do

Calhoun County Farm Bureau's Mission is to serve and support the Calhoun County agricultural community by protecting and advancing agricultural interests with our members and the public.

Who We Are

We are the largest general farming organization in the county. Calhoun County Farm Bureau members are volunteers who have a passion for agriculture. We are farmers, landowners, veterinarians, ag educators, ag industry professionals and more!

Our local programming is directed by our volunteer board of directors:

- **President:** Cameron Reichow – District 5
- **Vice-President:** Lori Laing – Luoma – At Large
- **Third Member:** Andrea Boughton – District 7
- Morgan Luoma – Young Farmer Representative
- Kris Shrontz – Promotion & Education Representative
- Jim Tuinier – District 1
- John Sackrider – District 2
- Travis Piepkow – District 3
- Martha Bunde – District 4
- Rebecca Davis – District 6
- Patrick Butler – District 9
- Dan Lincoln – At Large
- Cameron Hiscock – At Large
- Amanda Koch – At Large

Board members are elected each year at our county annual meeting in September. Contact our county office to learn more about serving on our board.

Membership by the Numbers

- We represent **829** farming families.
- **86** volunteers assisted with programming throughout the year.
- **49** Young Farmer (18–35-year-old) members belong to the organization.

2024 Priorities

- **Growing our Young Farmer (18-35-year-old) program** by recruiting 10 new young farmers to attend programs and get involved within the county farm bureau.
- **Advocating on behalf of agriculture with legislators:** Each year, we host an ice cream social event where we invite state and local legislators to meet and discuss policy with our members.
- **Combatting childhood hunger:** In total last year, we raised \$1,944 to assist community members at the Southern Michigan Food Bank which in total supplied about 10,692 meals!

President's Report

For the 2025 year, the Calhoun County Farm Bureau would like to expand our footprint within the farming community and with our regular members while trying to teach people from non-agricultural backgrounds what our industry is about. The advice I would give to anyone who would like to become a member or would like to get involved with Farm Bureau is to get involved. That way you know the issues that are arising in the county, state, or federal government and that you will know information on those issues that are coming up in those branches of government and have the backing of a well-known and trusted organization behind you when these issues arise.

Cameron Reichow, Calhoun County Farm Bureau President

Our Impact



+10,000

Number of community members impacted by events/programs.



9

Number of elected officials reached through local events.



143

Number of FARM Crates donated to local classrooms.



\$1,944

Dollars donated to local hunger relief efforts (county dollars matched by the Agent Charitable Fund)



\$2,000

Dollars provided in scholarships to local students.



\$14,230

Dollars provided to sponsor local organizations or community events.

"Farm Bureau is so supportive; we truly appreciate you!"

Lori Sunie, South Michigan Food Bank

"On behalf of Olivet FFA, we would like to thank Calhoun County Farm Bureau for once again donating to Olivet FFA's Ag Literacy Day. We had 800 elementary students in attendance."

Doug Pennington, Olivet FFA

Reasons to Connect

- Partner on an event or project benefitting farmers.
- Discuss a local issue impacting agriculture/farmers.
- Express interest in attending a local or statewide Farm Bureau meeting or event.

Recognition of Support

Calhoun County Farm Bureau would like to recognize and thank the various volunteers who have served on committees, donated their time, and supported events and initiatives throughout the year. A special thank you to the members who have made this year a great year for events such as the Ice Cream Social for Farm Bureau Supported Candidates, the Golf Outing in which all funds raised are donated to the FFA organizations in Calhoun County, and the Ag Transportation & Safety Seminar.

Become a Member

Interested in being a Farm Bureau member? Contact the Calhoun County Farm Bureau office to learn more about the benefits of membership or, scan the QR code:

(269) 986-2999 | CalhounCounty@ctyfb.com

Visit the county's website and Facebook page to stay up to date on events and activities:

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