



MFBF Farmer Members Head To National Farm Bureau Convention

MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS - Jan. 6, 2017 - Eleven Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) members are headed to Phoenix this week to participate in American Farm Bureau's Annual Convention and IDEAg Trade Show. These members will have the opportunity to conduct business on the trade show floor, expand their knowledge at educational workshops, vote on up-and-coming businesses trying to achieve the American dream and network with their peers.

"We are proud to have such a strong group of leaders representing the Commonwealth at this year's annual meeting," said MFBF President Ed Davidian, who farms in Northborough. "Many of those going are leaders among our organization, who will gain insights into how to keep our organization motivated and relevant, which they will bring back to their local county boards."

The convention is Farm Bureau members once-a-year opportunity to gather and learn about advancements in agriculture and discuss ways to promote the future of agriculture. Also, this meeting will give American Farm Bureau the change to recognize leaders in agriculture through their awards program.

MFBF farmers members who will be in attendance, include:

- Ed Davidian, MFBF president
- Mark Amato, MFBF treasurer
- Alex Dowse, MFBF at-large director
- Ryan MacKay, MFBF at-large director
- Katie Carlson-Hardy, Worcester County president
- Leon Ripley, Hampden County president
- Joyce Ripley, MFBF women's committee chair
- Jamie Cruz, MFBF young farmers & ranchers chair
- Heidi Cooper, MFBF young farmers & ranchers vice chair
- James Cooper, Rochdale farmer
- James Larkin, Sheffield farmer

To learn more about the convention, please visit <http://annualconvention.fb.org/>.

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The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is a non-profit organization representing nearly 6,000 family members across the Commonwealth. MFBF is an advocate for farmers, run by farmer members who develop policies through its grassroots process. Its mission is "to protect the rights, encourage the growth, and be of service to its members, in the best interest of agriculture."

For more information about the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, please visit www.mbf.net.

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