

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB (if under 35): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for an annual membership in the \_\_\_\_\_

County Farm Bureau and Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (which is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation), whose purpose is to promote, protect and represent the economic, social and educational interests of Massachusetts' farmers, as well as encourage the protection of agricultural areas and rural interest within the state. I am interested in promoting these objectives through membership. I understand acceptance or denial and classification of my membership are determined by the County Farm Bureau. Contributions, gifts or membership dues to a County Farm Bureau, or MFBF are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible under other provisions of the IRS code. Membership dues are non-refundable and non-returnable. A service fee of \$15 may be assessed for returned checks.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*See reverse side to complete membership application\*\**

# DISCOUNTS & SERVICES



Save 5% off personal auto and 3% off SFP-10 & Country Estate Insurance. FarmFamily.com.



Up to \$2,500 off participating Caterpillar machines.



Save up to 20% ChoiceHotels.com



Save 10% on Large Animal Hospital Services 508-839-7926



Save up to 30% Grainger.com



Save up to \$500 off new, qualifying Ford vehicles.



Save up to \$3,700 on John Deere equipment. Simply visit: www.John-Deere.com/FarmBureau.



Manufacturer's incentive discount of \$300-\$500 depending on the tractor purchased.



Save \$7 off \$70 free shipping with qualifying \$50 order at Target.com.



Save 5%-25% avis.com



Provides banking services to Farm Bureau members. farmbureaubank.com



Save up to 75% at more than 56,000 pharmacies.

Visit mfbf.net to join online and for a complete list of membership benefits offered.

\*\*\*List as of Jan. 19, 2021. Subject to change.\*\*\*

# LEADERSHIP & NETWORKING

We also offer our members leadership training, social opportunities and network building. Many of these activities take place or are shaped through our committee structure.

MFBF has the following committees that you can volunteer to serve on:

- Apiary
- Equine
- Livestock
- Promotion & Education
- Resolution
- APR
- Legislative
- Membership
- Young Farmers & Ranchers



# MASSACHUSETTS FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

THE VOICE OF MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURE



## ABOUT MFBF

## YOUR VOICE ON THE HILL

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*MFBF advocates for agriculture, aquaculture and forestry interests in Washington, at the State House and in local governments.*

MFBF has a strong record of positive legislative accomplishments for family farms, **resulting in laws that keep farmers farming!**

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. Our mission is to “strengthen a diverse agricultural community by supporting and advocating for Massachusetts farm families.”

For example, we have supported family farms on issues ranging from Chapter 61a farmland taxation policy to the expansion of an investment tax credit to include a greater number of farms. In addition, we provided, and will continue to provide, all our members with technical support on the local issues and challenges facing agriculture in the Bay State.



MFBF is a grassroots organization and **all policy initiatives are set by our members.**

The process starts when a county member brings a resolution forth at the county annual meeting, which is held every fall. The resolution is then voted upon at the county level and if passed, will be forwarded to the resolutions committee who prepares and forwards the resolution to MFBF’s annual meeting.

During the statewide annual meeting, delegates vote on the resolutions that were passed by the counties. Any resolution that is adopted at the state’s annual meeting becomes one of MFBF’s policy priorities.

Any resolution with national applicability is then forwarded on to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration. **This means you can make a difference nationally.**

### Voting Members Annual Dues:

- REGULAR MEMBER: \$225**  
Members who derive income from an agricultural commodity. May vote on issues & sit on committees.
- GOLD CLUB MEMBER: \$350**  
A regular member who makes a supplemental donation in support of agriculture. May vote on issues & sit on committees.
- PLATINUM CLUB MEMBER: \$500**  
Platinum members provide financial support to Farm Bureau at the highest level. May vote on issues & sit on committees.

### Non-Voting Members Annual Dues:

- ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \$70**  
Does not receive agricultural income. Eligible for affiliated member benefits.
- BUSINESS ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE: \$225**  
A business allied to agriculture member is a company or service provider that is essential to agriculture.
  - Please check here if you would like to be listed in our directory that is distributed to members.*

### Commodities Produced:

Please indicate which commodity areas best fit the product(s) you produce:

- |                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 0 Apiary                  | 0 Aquaculture |
| 0 Equine                  | 0 Forestry    |
| 0 Fruits                  | 0 Grain/Hay   |
| 0 Horticulture            | 0 Livestock   |
| 0 Poultry                 | 0 Vegetables  |
| 0 Ag/Open Space Supporter |               |
| 0 Other _____             |               |

*\*\*See reverse side to complete membership application\*\**

## JOIN US TODAY!

**While we work for you, we can’t work without you.** MFBF is dependent on support from our members. The annual dues we collect provide us with the economic wherewithal to be a stronger advocate for Massachusetts agriculture.

