



AFBF Foundation Recognizes Massachusetts Farm Bureau's Continued Contributions

MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS - Dec. 16, 2016 - The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture announced this week that Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) has won the Apex Award and the Scholar Award. These awards show MFBF's commitment and contributions to the Foundation, which works to rebuild the bonds of trust between American consumers and producer growers through agricultural literacy.

The Foundation defines agricultural literacy as understanding the relationship between agriculture and the environment, food, fiber and energy, animals, lifestyle, the economy and technology. The organization works towards making the public more agriculturally literate by providing educational materials, resources and opportunities to tell the story of agriculture.



"The Foundation plays an important role in our work," said MFBF President Ed Davidian, who farms in Northborough. "With more and more people disconnected from farming, we have to work harder than ever to reconnect the American population with their food. The resources provided by the Foundation are one stepping stone we can use to achieve this."

To earn the Apex Award, MFBF donated 10 percent more to the Foundation than it did in the previous year. To earn the Scholar Award, MFBF contributed more to the Foundation than other similarly-sized state Farm Bureaus. All contributions were made through activities such as silent auctions, donations from individual members and donations from county and state Farm Bureaus.

"It is the hard work of our members that made it possible for MFBF to receive these honors," Davidian said. "I want to congratulate them on earning these prestigious awards and encourage them to keep up the good work!"

The awards will be presented in January during American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting that is set to be held in Phoenix. Davidian will accept them on behalf of MFBF.

To learn more about the Foundation, please visit www.agfoundation.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.mfbf.net.

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