



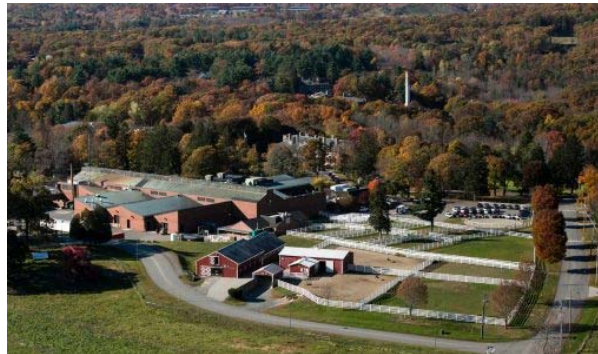
August 2018 Young Farmer & Ranchers Happenings

Upcoming Events - August 2018

Please consider joining us and bringing a friend to the following events that we have planned in August 2018. All young farmers are welcome to attend and may bring their children too! We are kid friendly!

Aug. 16, 2018 at 1 p.m. - Tour of the Farm at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in Grafton

Make plans to join Massachusetts Young Farmers and Ranchers committee and Connecticut Young Farmers and Ranchers committee for a tour of the farm at Cummings School of Vet Medicine at Tufts University in Grafton. During this tour, you will hear from the livestock production manager.



Location:
200 Westboro Rd
North Grafton, MA 01536-1828

Come up to the farm on Nickerson lane. You will see a sign that says "sheep instructional barn, Poultry barn, and farm machinery shop and can meet the group there.

Time:
1 - 3 p.m.

To learn more about the school, please visit: <http://vet.tufts.edu/>.



Aug. 19, 2018 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. - Harvest For All Food Drive at Barstow's Longview Farm in Hadley

Barstow's Longview Farm in Hadley, MA, has agreed to host us on Aug. 19 from 9 am until 4 pm for a drive. All food donations and proceeds will go The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. **In addition to donations, volunteer help would be appreciated.** Please reach out to Heidi Cooper, YF&R Chair, at cooper.heidi.jo@gmail.com if you would be able to help man a table at this event. Any and all help is appreciated!

172 Hockanum Rd

Location:

Hadley, MA 01035

Time:

9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

To learn more about this, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/barstowfooddrive>.

Aug. 21, 2018 at 1 p.m. - Tour of Darrin Mendes' Farming Operation in Bristol County

Darrin owns and operates Tupelo Hill Farm in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and manages Triple S Farm in Westport, Massachusetts. YF&R members who attend this tour will get an overview of these operations and learn from Darrin's nearly 40 years experience in raising livestock.

Location:

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291State Road
Westport, MA 02790

Time:

1 - 3 p.m.

For more information on Tupelo Hill Farm, please visit: <http://tupelohillfarm.weebly.com/>. For more information on Triple S Farm, please visit: <https://guide.farmfreshri.org/food/farm.php?farm=995>.



Harvest For All Food Drive

The Harvest for All campaign is a partnership between Farm Bureau and Feeding America which provides food to help those in need. Each year, every state Farm Bureau YF&R committee is challenged to donate more time, money and food to fight hunger.



This year, MFBF's YF&R is going to host a drive where every young farmer goes to a local farm stand for one day and collects food to be donated to a local food pantry. Just like Stop and Shop does, the young farmers will have a box outside of the farm stand. They will ask



customers before entering the farm stand to purchase one additional item to donate to a food shelter. At

the end of the day, the young farmer will arrange for the food to be donated to a local, pre-arranged food pantry for donation. We're excited to do this as it benefits the farm with a little extra money coming in for purchases as well as, most importantly, the local food pantry with fresh food being made available to them. If you know a farm that would like to participate in this program with us, please let us know by emailing our chair, Heidi Cooper at cooper.heidi.jo@gmail.com.

Other Donations

If your farm already donates product to local food pantries, please be sure to fill out this donation form: <http://www.farmbureau.co/harvest-for-all-donations/> so we can track your contribution as part of our total.

American Farm Bureau Competitive Events

If you are interested in participating in any of the below competitions, please email Katelyn at katelyn@mfbf.net. She will let you know when applications become available for these competition.



American Farm Bureau Federation's Achievement Award

The Achievement Award recognizes Young Farmers & Ranchers who have excelled in their farm or ranch and have honed their leadership abilities to superiority. Participants are involved in production agriculture

with a majority of their income subject to normal production risks. Judges evaluate competitor's excellence in management, growth and scope of their enterprise and self-initiative that have been displayed throughout the farm or ranch.

American Farm Bureau Federation's Excellence in Agriculture Award

The Excellence in Agriculture Award spotlights young Farm Bureau members who are agricultural enthusiasts but have not earned a majority of their income from an owned production agriculture enterprise in the past three years. Competitors are evaluated on their understanding of agricultural issues, leadership experiences and achievement, and their ability to communicate their agricultural story.

American Farm Bureau Federation's Discussion Meet Competition

The American Farm Bureau Federation Discussion Meet competitive event simulates a committee meeting where discussion and active participation are expected from each participant. This competition is evaluated on an exchange of ideas and information on a pre-determined topic. Participants build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool

knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems.

To view the questions for this year's Discussion Meet, please visit:
<http://www.farmbureau.co/yfr-discussion-meet/>.

Future Events and Meetings



Below is a list of tentative future tours and meeting dates for our group. If you have any questions, please feel free to respond back to this email.

August

Aug. 16 at 1 pm - Tour of Cummings School of Vet Medicine Farm at Tufts University in Grafton
Aug. 19 - Harvest for All Food Drive at Barstow's Farm in Hadley
Aug. 21 at 3 pm - Tour of Darrin Mendes' farm in Dartmouth

September

Sept. 6 at 4 pm - Tour of Sauchuk Farm in Plympton
Sept. 23 - Booth at Norfolk Aggie
Sept. 29 - Tour of Ioka Valley Farm in Hancock

October

Tour of Howden Farm in Sheffield
Tour of Mayflower Cranberries in Plympton

November

Nov. 29 & 30 - MFBF Annual Meeting in Framingham

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