



## June 2018 Young Farmer & Ranchers Happenings

### Upcoming Events - June 2018

Please consider joining us and bringing a friend to the tour of Hunt's Farm that we have planned in June 2018. All young farmers are welcome to attend and may bring their children too! We are kid friendly!

#### June 28, 2018 - Tour of Hunt Dairy Farm & Summer Outing

Hunt's Farm has been family owned since 1879. Now three generations work on the farm. Learn how they have weathered the challenges of the dairy industry and what new, innovative technologies they are introducing on their farm. .

#### *Location:*

702 South Main Street  
Orange, Massachusetts 01364

#### *Time:*

12 noon - 3 p.m.

Learn more about the dairy, here: <https://www.facebook.com/HuntsDairyFarm/>.



### Thank You To Everyone Who Helped With Livestock On The Common On June 6



For the sixth year in a row, Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation's (MFBF's) Young

Farmer and Rancher (YF&R) committee hosted Livestock on the Common. Thank you to everyone who came out, spoke with legislators and the public and served ice cream. It was a great event!

## Harvest For All Update

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!



Please reach out to Heidi Cooper, YF&R Chair, at [cooper.heidi.jo@gmail.com](mailto:cooper.heidi.jo@gmail.com) if this is something you are interested in participating in.

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](mailto:katelyn@mfbf.net). She will let you know when applications become available for next year's 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.

### July

July 19 - Tour of Tougas Farm at 2 pm

### August

Aug. 5 - MA Ag Club Tour of Valley (\$50) - if you would like to attend this, please email Katelyn Parsons, our staff coordinator, at [katelyn@mfbf.net](mailto:katelyn@mfbf.net) to reserve your spot.

Late August - Tour of Bristol County Farms. More details to follow.

### 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 LaFleur's in Plymouth County

November

Nov. 29 & 30 - MFBF Annual Meeting in Framingham

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