

Take Action

"How does Missouri Farm Bureau take action?"

Missouri Farm Bureau takes action in many different ways. By being involved with other organizations throughout the state and country, Missouri Farm Bureau finds ways to help out their members and the world they live in. Education, policy development, food security, and preserving the rural ways of life are just a few of the ways that Missouri Farm Bureau takes action.

How can you make an impact alongside Missouri Farm Bureau:

• Historical Highlights

• Check out the Historical Highlights Document in this module to learn more about things that Missouri Farm Bureau has done throughout the years.

• Missouri Farmers Care

- O Missouri Farm Bureau is a member of Missouri Farmers Care, a group that united different groups of Missouri agriculture.
- One of Missouri Farmers Care's biggest events is The Drive to Feed Kids, a food drive and meal packing event that takes place during the Missouri State Fair.
- o http://mofarmerscare.com/drive/

Legislation

- Missouri Farm Bureau represents their members on the national and state levels. With the members having a part in the grassroots policy development process, members are able to have their voices heard through state and national policy as well as regulatory affairs,
- State Issues: https://mofb.org/state-issues/
- National Issues: https://mofb.org/national-issues/
- o Regulatory Affairs: https://mofb.org/regulatory-issues/

• Commodity and Market Outlooks

 With Missouri Farm Bureau members being involved in various agricultural commodities, it is important to MOFB to have access to outlooks on the market and reports on what is happening in the industry.

• Education

- Education is very important to Missouri Farm Bureau. Educating the next generation of agriculture is important to the success of not only Farm Bureau, but the entire world. Missouri Farm Bureau supports several programs to help out teachers and students throughout the state succeed.
- o Agriculture in the Classroom
 - This online resource is full of different activities and tools for teachers to use in their classrooms
 - https://mofb.org/education/
- o Agriculture in the Classroom Mini-Grants
 - The Missouri Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture offers competitive minigrants that allow teachers to purchase materials and fund activities to share the message of agriculture in the K-12 classroom. These grants come in different sizes and categories.
 - https://mofb.org/scholarships-and-grants/mini-grant-program/

• Various Programs:

- Farm Bureau members advocate for many different causes. Because of that, there are a variety of different programs that have been put in place to help members with whatever may be affecting them
- o Buy Direct from Missouri Meat Producers
 - With COVID-19 causing difficulties in the meat industry, Missouri Farm Bureau created this program to connect meat producers and consumers.
 - https://mofb.org/missouri-meat-producers/
- o Flood Ready
 - Many areas in Missouri are affected every year by flooding. By helping people become more educated on flooding and the impact it can have, as well as helping farmers find resources, Missouri Farm Bureau helps to lessen the burden floods can cause.
 - https://mofb.org/floodready/
- o <u>Missouri Agritourism</u>
 - Missouri has many agritourism locations with different things to do for everyone.
 Missouri Farm Bureau tries to highlight different businesses to help both the businesses and the consumers.
 - https://mofb.org/missouri-agritourism/