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Legislative Farm Tour held

The Polk County and Story County Farm Bureaus invited the legislators, county supervisors from Polk & Story Counties, and board members to attend a farm field day on Friday, August 7th.

The purpose of the field day is to offer them the opportunity to see first-hand how we grow our crops, raise our livestock and implement conservation practices. It gave us the opportunity to interact with them and hear their questions about what we are doing on our farms. The quality of our water has been in question recently. All Iowans play a role in keeping our water clean and protecting our soil; to put it simply, we would like to show them how we are doing our part.

We started our day out with breakfast at 7:45 a.m. at the Polk County Farm Bureau office with a greeting from Bill Northey, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture. At 8:15 a.m. we boarded the chartered bus to go to the Kenny Lund farm in Polk City to see farm conservation practices such as grass buffer strips and terraces which help reduce nutrient movement and erosion.

We then traveled to the Bill Couser farm near Nevada in Story County to visit his cattle, corn and soybean farm. We learned how corn plants use nitrogen and why farmers use it to improve yields. We also learned about the Couser family's use of cover crops to hold nitrogen in the soil. On our way to our next stop we saw Lincolnway Energy and Dupont - Iowa Cellulosic Ethanol Plant near Nevada.



(front row: lt. to rt.: Hannah Bates, Squaw Creek-Prairie Rivers; Roger Spahr, PCFB, Candice Engler, PCFB, Derrick Black, SCFB, Brad Moeckly, PCFB, Cris Friedrichson, PCFB, Paul Miller with NRC'S. Back row: lt. to rt: Robert Stewart, PCFB, Steve Van Oort, Polk County Supervisor; John Landon, Representative District 37; Bryce Lund, Zach Nunn, Representative District 19; Joe Riding, EPA board with the State of Iowa; David Deyoe, Representative District 10; Kenny Lund, Steve Lee, PCFB), Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture; Carol Miller, PCFB, Charles Schneider, Senator District 22; and Steve Johnson.)

2016 Polk County FB board members elected

The following members of the Polk County Farm Bureau were unanimously elected to serve on the board of directors for the 2015-2016 year: Brad Moeckly, president; Cris Friedrichson, vice president; Roger Spahr, treasurer; Gary Beattie, secretary; Area Directors for a two year term were elected - Mike Ugulini, South area; Todd Volz, Northeast area; and Brent Curry, Area Director V.



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The board is an integral part of the organization as it manages and conducts the business of the county Farm Bureau. The board provides leadership for the organization through loyalty, initiative, participation and influence. We would like to thank all of the officers and directors for their commitment that they have made to the organization.

Exchange ads a great PCFB member benefit

Free exchange ads in the Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman are one of the most popular member benefits. This benefit has guidelines that must be followed, however. Ads are for the use of Farm Bureau members only in the county where their membership is held. Members are limited to two ads per week with no more than 25 words per ad. Prohibited are ads for real estate, commercial businesses, help wanted, hand guns and vehicles that were purchased for resale.

Call in ads to the Polk County Farm Bureau office at 515-964-5354 or email them to polk.county@ifbf.org. Deadline for ads is noon on Tuesdays for the following week's issue.

Iowa Beef Industry Council names new executive director

The Iowa Beef Industry Council board of directors announced the selection of a new executive director at its August board meeting.

Chris Freland, of Prairie City, will lead the Iowa beef checkoff organization effective Oct. 1. She replaces Nancy Degner, who is retiring on Sept. 30 after 40 years at the Iowa Beef Industry Council, the last 12 as executive director.

Freland comes to the beef council from the Midwest Dairy Association, Ankeny, where she served as associate director of the Iowa State Dairy Association and industry relations manager for the Midwest Dairy Association. Freland is experienced in commodity boards and promotion efforts funded by livestock producers. Her background also gives her an understanding of the separation of funds for policy and checkoff activities.

"Iowa is home to a robust and growing livestock industry. It is with great enthusiasm I will be serving as an agricultural advocate and executive leader for the beef farmers in Iowa. It continues to be an exciting time to be involved in agriculture with the many opportunities that lie ahead," said Freland.



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Roger Brummett, chair of the Iowa Beef Industry Council said, "Chris Freland brings to Iowa's beef industry and the Iowa Beef Industry Council a strong understanding about how the beef checkoff works, its benefits to Iowa beef producers and unique professional and educational experiences. We are excited about Chris coming to work for the Iowa Beef Industry Council and look forward to her leadership to accomplish our core strategies and strategic initiatives in marketing Iowa beef." Freland is a graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in kinesiology and health. She also has a nursing degree and experience in the health care community. Freland has been an advocate for agriculture her entire life, having owned and operated a dairy farm. Freland has three children, two of whom are in college.

Moeckly attends President Conference

(lt to rt: Jeff Westrum, Boone County Farm Bureau, Brad Moeckly, Polk County Farm Bureau, Nick & Katie Hermanson, Story County Farm Bureau)



Polk County Farm Bureau President Brad Moeckly attended the County President's Conference on Friday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Aug. 22nd at the Hilton Garden Inn - Jordan Creek in West Des Moines. This was an exciting start to his year as 2015-2016 county president. The conference began on Friday evening with an informal welcome reception. This is a great way to meet your fellow county presidents, exchange ideas and get to know more county leaders, staff and state board members.

Agriculture has never had a better story to tell, and never had a greater need to do so, even in our own backyards. County Farm Bureaus will play a critical role in connecting with consumers. Therefore, our theme this year is "Tools to Lead and Influence". To lay the groundwork, Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey got us started on Saturday morning.

Some of the best information on what works when talking about agriculture comes from the Center for Food Integrity. Charlie Arnot shared the best ways to reach consumers. We wanted to make sure your county activities give you the most bang for your buck.

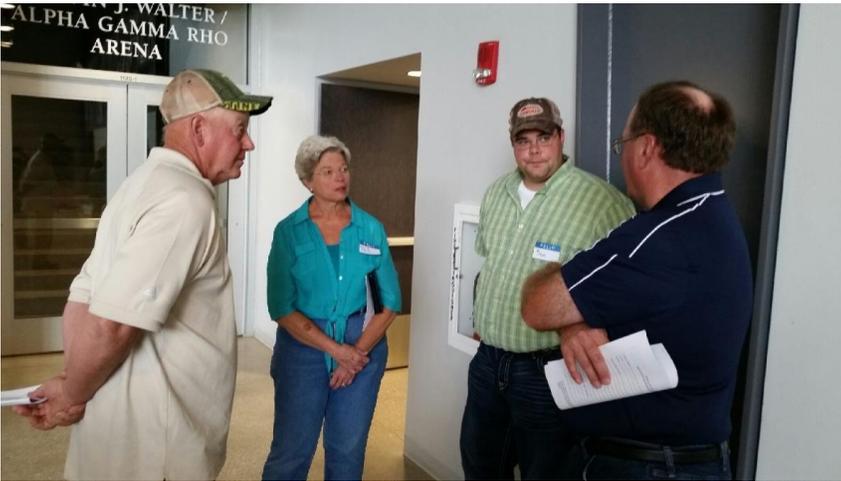


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Breakout sessions will be very specific and give you lots of ideas and resources to consider using in your county. We'll wrap up the day with methods to bring those ideas home to your entire board, and share the new County PR Tool Kit to support your work throughout the year. Participating in this training will build your skills so Story County Farm Bureau can be an even more positive influence for agriculture.

Polk County Farm Bureau board members attend Pre-Summer Policy Conference District Meeting



(lt. to rt: Bob Taylor, Dallas County Farm Bureau, Carol Miller, Polk County Farm Bureau, Ben Hollingshead, Boone County Farm Bureau and Perry Parker, Greene County Farm Bureau)

The District 5 Pre-Summer Policy Conference District Meeting was held at the Hanson Learning Center on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames on Thursday, August 27 starting at 5:30 p.m. for a tour of the facility. A meal was provided at 6:30

p.m. by Hickory Park Catering. The policy meeting followed the supper.

Polk County Farm Bureau members attending were: Carol Miller, Area II Director, Brad Moeckly, President, Cris Friedrichson, Vice President, and Steve Lee, Voting Delegate attended as well as 40 other county Farm Bureau members.

Surface important issues now

Polk County Farm Bureau members have the opportunity to voice/share their ideas on laws and regulations that sometimes don't make sense and ideas that can be improved upon. Members may provide input until Nov. 27 about issues which are important to them or those which members have provided. Members are encouraged to log in to the Iowa Farm Bureau website to see issues that have been submitted. Click on the check mark to vote your interest on as many issues as you want.

Instructions to reach the issues: sign on to the Iowa farm bureau website; click on and follow Farmer Resources; Government/Public Policy; Policy Development & issue Surfacing; Learn More; Surface or prioritize an issue; click on issues to support (or) add an issue - submit issue.



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This is the beginning of the 2016 police development process. Thank you for joining in.

Polaris savings for Polk County FB members

Another great benefit Polk County Farm Bureau members can receive is savings of \$200 on a full size Sportsman ATVs and ACE vehicles, \$300 on all full-size ranger, and Brutus utility and sport vehicles and \$300 on all GEM electric vehicles. The member discount can be combined with all other Polaris discounts, promotions, rebates or offers.

To qualify for the incentive, a minimum of 30 days of membership is required. The member must present a Members Verification Certificate from www.fbverify.com/polaris (this can be reached through the Iowa Farm Bureau website, also). Polaris requires you present this certificate to the dealer prior to the delivery to qualify for the savings.

Visit www.iowafarmbureau.com or www.polaris.com for more information on this benefit.

Discounted Iowa Hawkeye football tickets available to Polk County Farm Bureau members

Again this year, in recognition of the Iowa Farm Bureau's sponsorship of the intercollegiate athletics program at the University of Iowa and ongoing support of the America Needs Farmers initiative, the University of Iowa Athletics Department is providing staff and the membership of the Iowa Farm Bureau the opportunity to purchase tickets to one or more home games of the 2015 Iowa football team - including the annual ANF Game Day night game against Pittsburgh - at special prices.

There is no limit to the number of tickets that may be purchased; we do ask that you limit your order to members of your immediate family.

The list of games and the ticket prices are noted below.

* Sept. 19 (7 p.m.) vs. Pittsburgh - ANF Game Day presented by the Iowa Farm Bureau and the UI's annual "Black and Gold Spirit Game."

Regular ticket prices: \$65

Iowa Farm Bureau ticket prices: \$45

* Sept. 26 (TBA) vs. North Texas

Regular ticket prices: \$60 and \$25 for boys and girls 18 years old and younger

Iowa Farm Bureau ticket prices: \$40 and \$25

* Oct. 10 (11 a.m.) vs. Illinois - Homecoming

Regular ticket prices: \$65

Iowa Farm Bureau ticket prices: \$45

* Oct. 31 (TBA) vs. Maryland



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Regular ticket prices: \$65 and \$25 for boys and girls 18 years old and younger

Iowa Farm Bureau ticket prices: \$45 and \$25

* Nov. 14 (7 p.m.) vs. Minnesota - The annual battle for "Floyd of Rosedale" and the UI's annual "Blackout" game

Regular ticket prices: \$65

Iowa Farm Bureau ticket prices: \$45

* Nov. 21 (TBA) vs. Purdue - Senior Day and the UI's annual "Fan Appreciation Game"

Regular ticket prices: \$65 and \$25 for boys and girls 18 years old and younger

Iowa Farm Bureau ticket prices: \$45 and \$25

To place your ticket order, please follow these step-by-step instructions:

1. Visit this link to go to the Iowa Farm Bureau group ticket window:

<https://www.groupticketwindow.com/groupticket/college/iowa/group>.

2. Your username is: IowaFarmBureau2015; password: IFBGoHawks (both are case sensitive).

3. There will be all seven games to choose from; click on a game you would like to order tickets for.

4. Enter the number of tickets you want to purchase.

5. Please select the "print at home" option under the delivery method.

6. Then you will insert the necessary information: (credit card, email, etc.); complete the prompts to finalize your order.

If you have any questions or have any issues when purchasing tickets, please contact Rachael Bedell of the UI Athletics Department at 319-384-4299 or email her at rachael-bedell@hawkeyesports.com.