



**NORTHWEST MICHIGAN  
COUNTY FARM BUREAU®**

# 2026 IMPACT REPORT

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## What We Do

Northwest Michigan County Farm Bureau is a grassroots member organization focused on responsible agricultural education and communication, creation of policies in support of local farmers, and promotion of all aspects of agriculture.

## Who We Are

We are the largest general farming organization in the county. Northwest Michigan County Farm Bureau members are volunteers who have a passion for agriculture. We are farmers, landowners, veterinarians, ag educators, ag industry professionals and more!

Our local programming is directed by our volunteer board of directors:

- **President:** Nate Wilson
- **Vice-President:** David Dreves
- **Third Member:** Jeff Aprill
- VACANT – Young Farmer Chair
- Greg Dreves – Promotion & Education Chair
- Tasha Deeds - NEW
- Casey Noonan
- Stephen Bott
- Jeff Dreves

*Board members are elected each year at our county annual meeting in August. Contact our county office to learn more about serving on our board by phone (231) 775-4430 or email [NorthwestCounty@ctyfb.com](mailto:NorthwestCounty@ctyfb.com).*

## Membership by the Numbers

- We represent **612** farming families.
- **69** members participated in programming throughout the year.
- **33** Young Farmer (18–35-year-old) members belong to the organization.
- We hosted **3** County Farm Bureau Events throughout the year.

## 2026 Priorities

- Engaging with our members through membership events.
- Communicating with our members and beyond about agricultural issues and upcoming events.
- Advocating on behalf of agriculture with legislators by hosting a legislative breakfast and participating in MFB Core Programs.
- Combatting childhood hunger with our agents through grants and Harvest for All donations.

## President's Report

The Northwest Michigan County Farm Bureau had a lot of things to celebrate in the year 2025.

On August 20, 2025 we hosted our County Annual at Bay View Weddings at Gallagher Farms with members, agents, scholarship recipients, and local representatives. Throughout the year we continued to reach out to our community by supporting local 4-H clubs for the Northwestern and Kalkaska Fairs

through buying animals at the auction and then donating the meat to local food pantries. We even teamed up with Kalkaska Farm Bureau Insurance agent Chrissie Feike and Managing Partner, Jim Camp, to provide a \$5,000 donation to Crossroads Farm in Kalkaska for their Sunday kids program.

In 2025 we sent 6 members to the Lansing Legislative Seminar and 2 more to the Washington Legislative Seminar. Northwest Michigan County Farm Bureau is always looking for membership involvement through attending Core Programs or volunteering at events. Please don't hesitate to talk to board members about getting plugged in.

In 2026 The Northwest Michigan County Farm Bureau is excited to continue the growth of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Grawn as well as our 3<sup>rd</sup> year sponsoring Ag Night with the Pit Spitters on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also be holding a Legislative Breakfast this fall with your local representatives – details will be coming soon.

Thank you to the board members, county administrative manager, and regional manager for their continued support and involvement for another successful year!

Nathan Wilson, 2025 President

## Our Impact



**11,470**

Pounds of food donated to local hunger relief efforts.



**\$11,273**

Dollars provided to sponsor local organizations or community events.



**4,560**

Number of community members impacted by events/programs.



**\$7,000**

Dollars provided in scholarships to local students.

## Reasons to Connect

- Partner on a project impacting childhood hunger.
- Partner on an event or project benefitting farmers.
- Discuss a local issue impacting agriculture/farmers.
- Express interest in attending a local board meeting and/or events.
- Seek insight or expertise on agricultural issues.

## Become a Member

Interested in being a Farm Bureau member? Contact the Northwest Michigan County Farm Bureau office to learn more about the benefits of membership.

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