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TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWSLETTER—JULY 2012



GREETINGS FROM YOUR TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT

I hope with the mild winter and spring we've experienced that everyone has been able to get their field work done in a timely manner and that you are having a safe and productive season. Thank you to all who attended our Annual Social that was held in March. It was a big success. The food, the fellowship, the information shared by fellow farmers, guests, and speakers were all greatly appreciated.

The Talbot County Farm Tour, which was organized and arranged by Shannon Dill, hosted about twenty people on visits to farms. Thank you to Dr. Steven Harris, Phil Foster, Wally Knox, P. T. Swann, and Billy Shortall for allowing us to visit your farms on the tour. This was an excellent way to showcase farming and all that goes into making farm production possible.

Please mark your calendar for July 11, 12, 13 and 14 for the Talbot County Fair held at the Talbot Ag and Education Center. Come out and help support our 4-H and FFA members, and all those interested in farming, crafts, and hobbies. Enjoy the wonderful food and fun that will be offered to all.

Also mark your calendars for Sunday, July 22 for our Annual Picnic to be held at the Talbot Ag Center at 5:00 p.m., during which the Miss Talbot County Farm Bureau Contest will occur. Please bring a covered dish to share. Fried chicken, corn on the cob, and maybe steamed crabs along with drinks and rolls will be provided.

On July 23, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Talbot Community Center a public meeting will be held by the Maryland Department of Agriculture pertaining to the NEW Nutrient Management Regulations that will go into effect July 1, 2016. We all need to be aware of the changes to the regulations and prepare comments about any concerns related to these changes. Please attend and be heard.

Hope to see you all at our TCFB Annual Picnic on Sunday, July, 22 at 5:00 p.m.

- *Eddie Boyle*
Talbot County Farm Bureau President



Talbot County Fair
July 11—14, 2012

Annual Picnic
July 22, 2012
5 PM at the Talbot Ag &
Education Center

Nutrient Management
Public Meeting

July 23, 2012
7 PM—9 PM
Talbot Community Center
Come listen & be heard!

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www.mdfarmbureau.com

TALBOT COUNTY FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Summer is here according to the calendar but I think we've already had some summer weather and temperatures. The traditional seasonal weather has not seemed to have paid attention to the calendar this year, has it?

The Vespers Service on Sunday, May 5, 2012 at the Ag Center was well attended by approximately 35 people. Rev. Kevin Graudin from Immanuel Lutheran Church gave the evening message. The Youth Choir entertained us with their singing. They were wonderful. The choir's leaders are Linda Brown and Amanda Clougherty. Thank you to all who brought refreshments.

The Women's Committee served lunch during the County Farm Tour on Saturday, June 9. We always hope for a nice turn out of our County Council members.

The ladies will be serving dinner the first night of the Talbot County Fair on Wed. July 11. Proceeds go to the Talbot Ag Center. The meal will be Pork BBQ prepared by Hank Spies, IV. The Fair runs July 11 - 14. Go visit your county fair, have dinner, meet some friends and see what the 4-H and FFA members have been doing with their time.

It is almost time for the Annual Talbot County Farm Bureau Picnic. The date for the picnic is Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ag Center. Please bring a large covered dish. Drinks, chicken, corn on the cob and those delicious hard crabs will be provided. The Miss Talbot County Farm Bureau Contest will be held at the picnic.

We have two (possibly three) young ladies that are interested in the Miss Talbot County Farm Bureau contest. There was an orientation for these young ladies on June 19, but if you know of someone who would like to run please get in touch with Beverly Altvater or Debbie Dudrow. The state contest is August, 23 and 24, 2012 at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium.

Also, the MFB Women's Leadership Committee is selling cotton blankets with Maryland Farm Bureau women's Leadership Committee across the top. It is a map of our state with each county's main commodities pictured. It is white and navy blue and sells for \$30.00 each. We will have a few at the picnic for sale. They are quite nice blankets so get one to keep in your car or to display in your home.

As always, if you would like to come to our meetings or help the Women's Committee in any way, please get in touch with any member.

- Beverly Altvater

TALBOT COUNTY FARM TOUR 2012

On Saturday June 9, 2012 Talbot County Farm Bureau along with Talbot County Soil Conservation and University of Maryland Extension hosted the 7th Annual County Agriculture Tour. This tour began as a way to showcase agriculture technologies, conservation and practices as well as



Lew Smith (left) describes how the planter works to Talbot County Farm Bureau President Eddie Boyle and Talbot County Council member Laura Price.

educate County government and officials. There were over 15 people on the farm tour this year which traveled to Trappe.

We visited Dr. Steve Harris (small beef operation), Phil Foster (wheat harvest), Wally Knox (wetland restorations), PT Swann (poultry operation), Billy Shortall (grain operation) and finished with the Women's Committee lunch. There is no better way to learn about equipment, crops, BMPs or animal production than going to the farm and talking to the farmer. A special thank you to the hosts of the tour as well as Talbot County Government for their continued support and attendance.



Dr. Steve Harris (Right) describes his beef operation as Talbot County Soil Conservation District manager Craig Zinter looks on.



The tour featured Phil Foster of Phil Foster & Sons using a draper head to combine wheat just off of Tarbutton Mill Road.



Billy Shortall pointing out some key features of his Kinze no-till planter to Talbot County member Andy Hollis and Talbot County Farm Bureau Vice-President Jerry O'Mara.

WHO OWNS AND OPERATES AMERICA'S FARMS?

There is widespread belief that agriculture has been taken over by large corporate operations. The disdain that many in our country have for big corporations carries over to the agriculture sector. This adds more animus, more sting, more exasperation and provides more reason for people to criticize agriculture. All this points to the incredible lack of awareness, and/or lack of knowledge on the part of the American public.

Here are the facts!

According to Mr. Keith Good, President of Farm Policy Inc., **98% of U.S. farms are family operations**. He also states that even the largest farms are predominantly family run. Mr. Good obtained this information from the Economic Research Service, USDA, a highly credible research Agency. Another fact is that the huge majority of corporate farms are owned and managed by single families who chose to incorporate because tax laws make it more advantageous. The bottom line is that the downright remarkable majority of farms in Talbot County, in Maryland and in the United States are family operations.



IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL WEBSITES

Talbot County Farm Bureau — www.talbotcountyfarmbureau.com

Maryland Farm Bureau — www.mdfarmbureau.com

American Farm Bureau — www.fb.org (and) www.fbacres.com

Talbot, Caroline & Dorchester Ag Info — www.eastershoreagriculture.com

Talbot Agriculture & Education Center — www.talbotcountyfair.org/agcenter

Talbot Soil Conservation District — www.talbotscd.com



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11TH ANNUAL MARYLAND FARM BUREAU YOUNG FARMERS PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE...

AUGUST 19TH FROM 1-4 PM

To be held at the Baltimore County Ag Center

Hot dogs, hamburgers and rolls will be provided...

Please bring a side or dessert to share!

For more information, contact Laura at
laurarmdfb@verizon.net or 410-374-2324



Please R.S.V.P. by August 11th to Laura so that we know how many hot dogs and hamburgers to prepare!

We are looking forward to an afternoon full of good food, good friends, and good conversation about Maryland Agriculture!

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE 2012 TALBOT COUNTY FAIR

Wednesday July 11, 2012—FREE ADMISSION!

4:00 pm Midway Opens, Exhibit Area and Barnyard Open
5:00 pm Amusement Rides Open - BRACELET NIGHT 5-10pm
5:00 - 7:00 pm **Pork Dinner**, Talbot Agriculture & Education Center

Thursday July 12, 2012

4:00 pm Midway Opens
5:00 pm Amusement Rides Open - BRACELET NIGHT 5-10pm
5:00 - 8:00 pm **BBQ Chicken Dinner**, Talbot Agriculture & Education Center

Friday July 13, 2012

CHICK-FIL-A Night (starting at 4pm all cars will receive a coupon for a free sandwich)

4:00 pm Midway Opens
5:00 pm Amusement Rides Open - BRACELET NIGHT 5-10pm
5:00 - 8:00 pm **Beef BBQ Dinner**, Talbot County Young Farmers, Talbot Ag. & Ed. Center
7:00 - 10:00 pm Entertainment - Music and Line Dancing Steve Moody

Saturday July 14, 2012

11:00 am Midway Opens
Noon Amusement Rides - BRACELET 12-6pm
6 pm Crab Cake & Chicken Dinner, Trappe Lions, Talbot Ag. & Ed. Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.TALBOTCOUNTYFAIR.ORG

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PROJECTS, YOUNG FARM-
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NUAL SOCIAL, ANNUAL
PICNIC, APPLICANTS FOR
MISS TALBOT COUNTY
AGRICULTURE, APPLI-
CANTS FOR FARM BU-
REAU SCHOLARSHIPS
(COUNTY AND STATE)
AND HELP WITH OTHER
COMMITTEES AND PRO-
JECTS, ETC.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY 11-14** Talbot County Fair at the Talbot Agricultural & Education Center, Easton
- JULY 22** TCFB Annual Picnic and Miss Talbot County Agriculture Contest
- JULY 23** Public Meeting on Proposed Nutrient Management Regulations—Come and be heard!
7-9 PM at the Talbot Community Center
- AUG 24 – SEP 3** Maryland State Fair



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Pahlman and Renee Pearson

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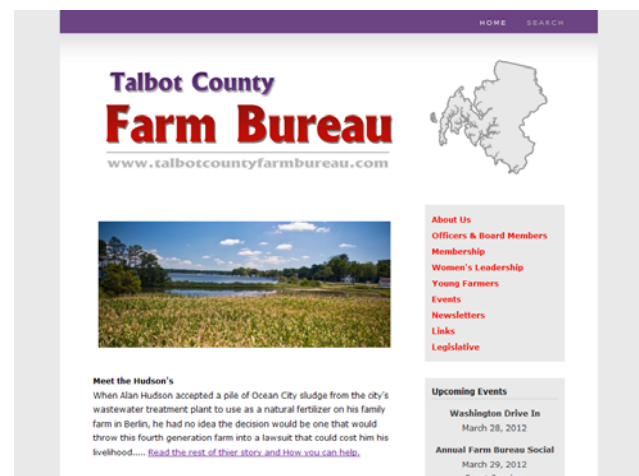
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Important Information Regarding the Proposed Nutrient Management Regulations

For a summary of the new regulations visit
<http://www.mda.state.md.us/article.php?i=38954>

For complete information about the new regulations visit
<http://www.mda.maryland.gov/pdf/proposednmregs2.pdf>

List of dates for public hearings throughout Maryland
<http://www.mda.state.md.us/article.php?i=39099>