

# NEWSLETTER



## HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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### Message to Members

By: *Howie Feaga, President Howard County Farm Bureau*

It is with a heavy heart that I am letting you all know we lost a wonderful young lady that is going to be missed for quite some time. That young lady is Jackie Bauer. She was the daughter of Ricky and Leslie Bauer, sister of Dannielle and Andy Bauer. Please keep her family in your prayers. God Bless them all.

Things have been rather quiet with legislation issues. With the election just days away, we all need to be sure we vote. In this county as little as 6 votes can make a difference. So be prepared to vote and be assured your vote does matter.

We have had a slow start to the fall harvest, the rain just keeps coming. I get asked all the time if the winter is going to be as wet as the summer and fall have been. I wish I had an answer, all I know is we have always made it through the past winters, I'm sure we will make it through this one as well.

I hope to see all of you at the Annual Dinner coming up on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. It's always good to see all of you, have a good meal and to be able to catch up with each other. Remember to be safe during the harvest time, I know we all want to get

done before the holidays, but not being careful won't get you done faster. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving, enjoy your families and take time to reflect back on all the things that you have to be thankful for. We all have a lot more than we think. So, like I always say, "keep your plow in the ground, we're all pulling for you".

Your President, Howie Feaga



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**The Great Lisbon FARMERS**  
**FEED THE HUNGRY**  
**Christmas Parade**

*By: Crystal Pickett*

**WANTED! Your tractor**

*in the*

**Howard County Farm  
Bureau's**

*Great Lisbon*  
**FARMERS FEED**  
**THE HUNGRY**  
*Christmas*  
*Parade*

**December 8, 2018 at 12 Noon**

**Do you have the holiday spirit?**

As farmers, even though we may have a bad year, we never worry about putting food on the table.

But there are those in our community that do, right here in Howard County, one of the most affluent areas of Maryland. HCFB is proud to host this annual holiday parade, which raises much needed funds for the food banks in both Howard and Carroll Counties, as well as for

Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry and for the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department.

**We need your help!**

We need you to BE in the parade! Clean up your best tractor, hitch a wagon to it, get the kids to decorate it – and come on out! The parade is a great way to promote your farm's products or ag-tainment, or come up with a fun theme of your own. Wagons or floats may include friends, families, animals, choral groups, bands, etc.

All entries must include some manner of motorized or mechanized farm equipment, so long as they have headlights and taillights. Entries may tow wagons, trailer, floats, etc. (must have either lights or a "slow moving" reflective triangle affixed). *Please note: The Great Lisbon Parade does not discriminate against tractor color.* Tractors will parade first, followed by horses.

No advance registration required. At the corner of Route 144 and Daisy Road, tractor operators will be invited to make a generous donation of cash or check (made payable to Howard County Farm Bureau); amount of donation is at your discretion; a minimum of \$25 is recommended - and generosity is encouraged.

This is just a good thing to do for our community, and we encourage all our HCFB members to participate. For more details about entering a tractor in the parade, please visit [www.lisbonchristmasparade.com](http://www.lisbonchristmasparade.com)

If you just can't be in the parade, then we hope you will at least sponsor the parade.

To find out sponsorship options, please contact Crystal Pickett at 410-707-3678 or [CrystalBrummePickett@comcast.net](mailto:CrystalBrummePickett@comcast.net).

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## New Farm Stress Management Online Resources Available

*Source: University of Maryland Extension  
By: Laura Wormuth*



Published on: September 14, 2018

The University of Maryland Extension (UME) announces the release of a new suite of online resources devoted to assisting farm families in dealing with stress management through difficult economic times, found at <https://extension.umd.edu/FarmStressManagement>

"Farm Stress Management," released in conjunction with National Suicide Prevention week Sept. 9-15, is a set of interdisciplinary resources to help farmers navigate the numerous publications online and provide timely, science-based education and information to support prosperous farms and healthy farm families.

Farm families are feeling the stress of an inconsistent and unreliable economy — consistently declining commodity prices and increasing costs have led to lower household incomes and worsening debt issues. Farmers have been forced to parcel off their land, file for bankruptcy, and take secondary jobs off the farm to provide supplemental income to make ends meet.

Access to affordable and effective health insurance and care is one of the top concerns among farmers who are often self-employed. Providing health insurance, disability coverage, and planning for retirement and long-term future care have also proven problematic. In fact, in a USDA-funded study, 45 percent of farmers were concerned that they would have to sell some or all of their farm to address health-related costs.

The new web pages offer resources to manage farm stress through a variety of subject areas including financial management, legal aid, mediation, stress and health management, and crisis resources for families dealing with depression, substance abuse, mental health concerns.

Farms have a special role in American society and are critical to our national and local economies. With world populations expected to increase to a predicted 9 billion by 2050, farmers become even more crucial for feeding the people. Healthy farms and healthy farm families promote rural community growth, environmental stewardship and cultural legacies.

The new UME online resources can be found at <https://extension.umd.edu/FarmStressManagement>

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## Genomic Testing Helps Define Management Strategies for Farmers

*Source: University of Maryland Extension  
By: Laura Wormuth*



Holsteins at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center

**Image Credit:** Edwin Remsberg Photography

Published on: October 24, 2018

The University of Maryland Department of Animal and Avian Sciences hosted a Dairy Field Day and Tour for local farmers on Oct. 10 at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center (CMREC) to discuss results of genomic testing in the University's dairy herd.

A genetic audit of 70 CMREC heifers used biological samples from Zoetis, a global animal health company, to capture data for a host of physical and health-related characteristics, as well as parentage.

"Those traits have an impact on economics," said Victoria Baker, regional representative for Zoetis who presented on the herd results during the Field Day. "Having the right cows in those stalls can hopefully make you profitable."

Zoetis has completed genomics on over 500,000 Holstein heifers across the country and determined genetic markers for a host of traits including health and proclivity to disease, milk production, and even physical characteristics desirable in show animals, said Baker.

Breeding using genetics is not a new practice - farmers and ranchers have historically planned reproduction strategies based on those same traits, breeding their healthiest and best-producing heifers to procure productive offspring, said Baker. Identifying those traits through genomics allows farmers to make those decisions with a higher probability of success, and helps them identify animals that may have health problems in the future.

"[Genomics] help you make decisions to best manage your herd," Baker said.

The audit of the University cattle by Zoetis was performed before the animals' first lactation, and generated data to analyze milk production, breeding, fat yield, and various genetic health traits including mastitis, lameness, and respiratory problems.

While a genetic audit can assist farmers in developing management strategies for a more profitable herd, genetics are a constant that farmers are unable to change or control, said Dr. Li Ma, Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal and Avian Sciences. Developing a healthy environment is the other half of the equation, and has many factors including living conditions, climate, and nutrition.

"The environment is something that farmers can change," said Ma.

Populations of Holsteins across the U.S have shown improvement over the last 60 years, said Ma, due in part to better environmental management and improvement in genetic selection capabilities. "Genetic gains are cumulative," he said.

There is no threshold for improvement in genetic potential, said Baker, but gathering genetic data on more populations locally will provide better efficiency in breeding strategies and allow farmers to make better predictions with higher accuracy, helping them to design a strategy for economically sound management.

The Dairy Field Day was sponsored by Kathy L. Johnson, Agricultural Development Manager, Howard County Economic Development Authority; Bob Enfield, Southern States Frederick Cooperative; Paul Goeringer, Agriculture Law Educational Initiative; and David Whitlock, Select Sire Power. For more information on the CMREC herd or the genomics program at UMD, contact Rachael Slattery at [rslatt@umd.edu](mailto:rslatt@umd.edu) (link sends e-mail) or go to [extension.umd.edu](http://extension.umd.edu).

<https://extension.umd.edu/news/genomic-testing-helps-define-management-strategies-farmers>

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## **Alabama Farmers Federation Announces Hurricane Relief Fund**

*Source: American Farm Bureau Federation*



October 17, 2018

The Alabama Farmers Federation has established a relief fund to help Alabama farmers recover from Hurricane Michael's devastating effects. Tax-

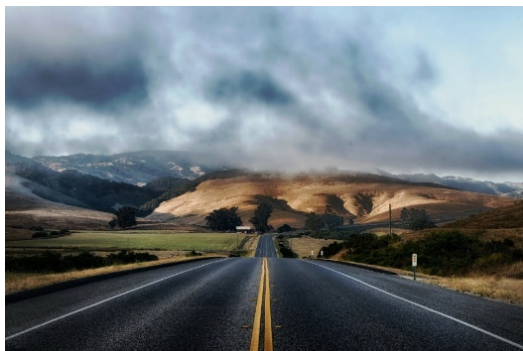
deductible donations may be made online by entering a custom amount or choosing from preset options. All funds collected through Nov. 30 will be targeted toward farmer losses not covered by a farm owner policy, crop insurance or disaster relief programs.

“Farmers in south Alabama have received an outpouring of support from neighbors and people across the country,” said Federation President Jimmy Parnell. “Many have asked where they can donate to help farmers who’ve lost their crops and barns, so we have created a special fund within the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation to accept these gifts.” Learn more and donate at <http://alabamafarmersfoundation.org/>.

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## **AFBF, State Farm Bureaus Call for More Flexible Livestock Hauling Rules**

*Source: American Farm Bureau Federation*



October 18, 2018

To better address livestock haulers’ unique needs, the American Farm Bureau Federation and several state Farm Bureaus are urging the Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to be flexible in implementing a split sleeper berth program. The groups are also asking the agency to put in place rules that encourage drivers to avoid fatigue by allowing short rests that do not count toward a driver’s end-of-day rest period.

Current rules require livestock haulers to rest for 10 consecutive hours once they reach the maximum on-duty drive time of 11 hours.

In comments to DOT and FMCSA, the Farm Bureaus explained in detail why the current hours of service framework is incompatible with livestock hauling. For one, the trailer environment has the greatest effect on animal welfare during transport. Animals that don’t get adequate airflow, a common problem when the trailer is stopped, can suffer weight loss, lameness and even death, either in transit or upon arrival at the feed yard.

“The key to safely hauling live animals, especially in times of great heat and humidity, is to stop as infrequently as possible and to keep the trailer moving to provide ventilation,” the groups wrote.

Haulers also can’t simply unload their animals for 10 consecutive hours. Even if there was a place to put the livestock, doing so would raise a whole host of biosecurity concerns. In addition, the acts of loading and unloading are reportedly more stressful than transport itself.

“Animals that are unloaded, ‘rested,’ and then reloaded will not have rested at all,” the groups warned.

To meet the needs of both drivers and animals, the Farm Bureaus support allowing livestock haulers to break up their rest period via a split sleeper berth program. However, such a program won’t work for livestock haulers if it is too rigid in practice and if the rest periods are too long.

“Weather, type and age of livestock, and other environmental factors all play a role in determining when and how haulers move their livestock, which is why flexibility is so important,” the organizations said.

Rather than a mandatory 10-hour stop, or a requirement that drivers split their 10-hour break into two five-hour periods or a six-hour period and a four-hour period, the groups recommended that drivers be permitted to stop for multiple periods of two or three hours. This way they would be able to evaluate humidity and temperature and determine if

a stop is tolerable for the animals they are hauling, which will allow them to rest to avoid traffic or other roadway hazards.

In conjunction with a split sleeper berth program, the groups are encouraging FMCSA to consider incentivizing shorter “nap breaks” for drivers, as short naps of 20-30 minutes can help improve mood, alertness and performance, according to the National Sleep Foundation. These naps should not count toward a driver’s rest time.

“The current regulatory structure encourages drivers to push through tired moments or spells of fatigue because, if they stop to rest, even for a short and refreshing nap, their on-duty clocks are still running,” the organizations said. Drivers would be incentivized to take these rests if they were allowed to go off-duty during the time they are resting, they further explained.

*AFBF submitted these comments in response to FMCSA’s advanced notice of proposed rulemaking concerning hours of service for drivers of commercial motor vehicles. More recently, AFBF and organizations representing livestock, bee and fish haulers across the country submitted a petition to the Department of Transportation requesting additional flexibility on hours of service requirements.*

<https://www.fb.org/news/afbf-state-farm-bureaus-call-for-more-flexible-livestock-hauling-rules>

## Announcements

### ❖ Annual Citrus Sale

Don’t Forget to order your fruit! The Citrus Sale Flyer is attached at the end of this Newsletter.

Please submit your order by November 8<sup>th</sup>!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Leslie Bauer  
(443) 812-1662  
Labauer5@verizon.net



### ❖ The Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade

Hosted By:



*Saturday, December 8, 2018 ~ 12:00 PM*



## Calendar of Events

\*\*\*2018-2019\*\*\*

**NOV 7 LEAD MARYLAND FOUNDATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Place TBD  
TIME 11:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**NOV 8 CITRUS ORDER DEADLINE**

Place Howard County Fairgrounds  
Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD  
\*See Attached Order Form!  
Citrus Delivery will be early December. Date TBD

**NOV 8 HCFB ANNUAL DINNER**

Place Lisbon Fire Hall  
1330 Woodbine Road Woodbine, MD 21797  
Time 7:00 p.m.

**NOV 27 PRIVATE PESTICIDE LICENSING EXAM**

Place Cecil County Administration Building  
TIME 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

**DEC 2-4 103<sup>RD</sup> MARYLAND FARM BUREAU  
ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Place Ocean City, MD  
The Clarion Resort Hotel

**DEC 8 THE GREAT LISBON FARMERS FEED  
THE HUNGRY CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Place Lisbon, MD  
TIME 12:00 P.M.

**JAN 11-16 AFBF ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Place New Orleans, LA

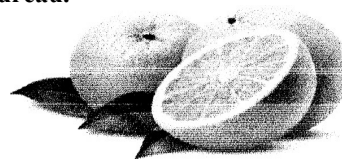
[NOTE]: Some programs require pre-registration and/or a fee. For programs sponsored by University of Maryland Extension, please contact the person indicated at least two weeks in advance of the event.

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*Wishing Everyone a*  
*Happy*  
*Thanksgiving*  
*&*  
*Merry Christmas*  
*From your Board of*  
*Directors and the*  
*Officers and Staff*  
*at Howard County*  
*Farm Bureau!*  
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# Maryland Farm Bureau

A Farmer - to Farmer Agricultural Commodity Marketing Service through Maryland Farm Bureau Service Company and Florida Farm Bureau.

\*Florida Citrus is thinner skinned than others,  
giving a more edible product.  
\*Fruit must be kept cool.



**Citrus Order Deadline: November 8 2018**

Citrus Delivery will be in early December - exact date TBD; We will contact you to confirm pick-up date at the Howard County Fairgrounds

**Please Make Check Payable To:  
Howard County Farm Bureau  
PO BOX 282  
Glenelg, MD 21737**

**Questions? Leslie Bauer  
443-812-1662  
Labauer5@verizon.net**

"FLORIDA'S BEST"	Price	Quantity	Amount
Navel Oranges (4/5 Bushel)	\$34.00		
Clementines (1/2 Bushel)	\$36.50		
Red Grapefruit (4/5 Bushel)	\$31.00		
Hamlin Juice Oranges (4/5 Bushel)	\$29.50		
Gold Pineapples (1 tray of 8)	\$27.00		
Pear Box (2/5 Bushel)	\$32.00		
Grand Slam Gift Box - 2/5 Bushel (6 Red Apples, 6 Di Anjou Pears, 3 Golden Apples, and 18-20 Navel Oranges)	\$29.50		
Citrus Trio (6 Red Grapefruit, 18-20 Oranges, 16-20 Mandarines)	\$29.50		
Peanut Gift Pack (3 can pack)	\$11.00		
Chocolate Nut Gift Pack (2 can pack)	\$12.00		
Whole Cashews (16 oz can)	\$9.50		
Mixed Nuts (16 oz can)	\$7.00		
Pecan Halves, Fresh Shelled (16 oz bag)	\$10.00		
Skinless "Southern Fried" Peanuts (16 oz can)	\$4.00		
Hone Krunch Peanuts (12 oz can)	\$4.00		

**TOTALS:**

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# The Great Lisbon FARMERS FEED THE HUNGRY Christmas Parade

Featuring Saddle Horses, Carriage Horses & Horse Power (Tractors)

Tractors at Noon



Horses to Follow



presented by  
The Howard County Farm Bureau  
**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

"Main Street" (Route 144) Lisbon, MD  
Western Howard County

**Attention Horses - Registration Now Open!**  
Limit 250 Horses; Registration Closes November 15  
(Tractors register on parade day)

[www.lisbonchristmasparade.com](http://www.lisbonchristmasparade.com) 

*The Lisbon Christmas Parade is an equal opportunity farm equipment celebration & does not discriminate based on color of tractor or breed of horse*

## After the Parade

Ham & Fried Chicken Dinner at the Fire Department  
Christmas Shopping & "Reindeer" Rides  
in the Santa Village at Days End Farm Horse Rescue

## Parade Proceeds

Howard and Carroll County Food Banks  
Farmers & Hunters Feeding The Hungry  
Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department  
*Donations of canned and dry goods appreciated.*