



# Polk County Farm Bureau

## *...Working for You*

When you join Florida Farm Bureau you become a member of Polk County Farm Bureau—the “Voice of Agriculture”. Farm Bureau represents its members on the local state and national level. A grassroots organization that gets the job done!

### **What does Polk County Farm Bureau do for the Agriculture Industry?**

- ☑ Polk County Farm Bureau works as the ears and eyes on behalf of agriculturalist across the county. Making sure local laws and regulations created take your best interests into consideration.
  - Maintaining private property rights, driving force behind land owner friendly plan for the scenic highway
  - Keep members up to date on water use changes through SWFWMD
  - Landscape water restrictions by staying in touch with the Polk County Water Advisory Committee
  - Attends Polk County Commission meetings to address issues impacting the industry
  - Taxes, ex: the proposed Fire tax on open lands and MSTU on incorporated land
  - Protects Greenbelt and other agricultural exemptions
  - Keeps abreast on pesticide and disease breakouts affecting local industry
- ☑ Work hand in hand with local organizations to develop ways to agriculture economically viable in Polk—Polk Lands Stewardship Alliance
- ☑ Active participation on the Polk County Ag Advisory Committee
- ☑ Conducts Economic Impact Study to gather information about the size of the industry in the county
- ☑ Works in partnership with In the Field Magazine to provide an update on local issues and happenings through the monthly publication
- ☑ Political Action Committee provides a link to the county and state delegation

### **What other activities could you get involved with?**

- **PCFB Annual Meeting**—active members are eligible for 2- \$5 steak dinners. This annual event includes a year-end wrap-up, guest speaker on ag issues and/or a political forum to meet local candidates.
- **Agri-Fest**—hands on field trip for Polk County 4<sup>th</sup> graders. This event hosts more than 300 teachers and 5,500 students on an annual basis.
- **Legislative Wrap-up Breakfast**—held every June, this event provides members with a summary of the legislation that passed and failed during the session.

### **What are the additional benefits?**

Farm Bureau offers many of the products and services you use everyday such as long distance calling, insurance protection and banking. You also receive discounts on tickets to Florida theme parks such as Anheuser-Busch’s Busch Gardens, Adventure Island and Sea World as well as Universal Orlando and Six Flags (Georgia). Members are eligible for a \$500 Dodge rebate and receive \$1,000 in accidental death insurance with their membership.

**What is the cost?**

**Active Member:** Cost= \$69.00

- Full Time Farmer
- Part Time Farmer
- Farm Employee
- Agriculture related business
- Lease land for agriculture production

**Associate Member:** Cost= \$54.00

- Supporter of Agriculture
- Insurance obtained through Farm Bureau Insurance

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: (refer to above details)       Active \$69       Associate \$54

\*\*Your membership dues include a contribution to the local and state Political Action Committee (PAC). Please indicate if you chose to remove this supportive contribution from your dues payment.

County PAC— \$5.00

State PAC— \$1.00

*Send your check made payable to Polk County Farm Bureau to the following address: 1715 Hwy 17 South, Bartow, FL 33830, Attention: Membership*