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ANNUAL REPORT

Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation





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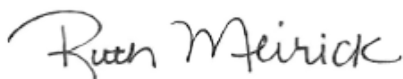
Dear Friends,

As our lives slowly “grew” back to normal, our work within the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation seemed to normalize as well. Our work continues to be committed to inspiring and educating the next generation of farmers and agriculture supporters, ensuring the progress and prosperity of Minnesota agriculture far into the future.

At the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation, we believe that the key to a vital agricultural community in the next decade — and countless decades beyond that — is helping people understand who we are, what we do, and how everyone is impacted by agriculture. By doing this, we create pathways for people to learn about the variety of careers in agriculture, develop rural health and safety learning opportunities, and engage families in conversations about how agriculture touches their lives daily.

Thank you for continuing to secure the financial stability of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation. Your generosity funds our mission and enables the Foundation to continue our work supporting young leaders, providing grants, and educating others about agriculture. We are grateful.

Sincerely,



Ruth Meirick
Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation Director



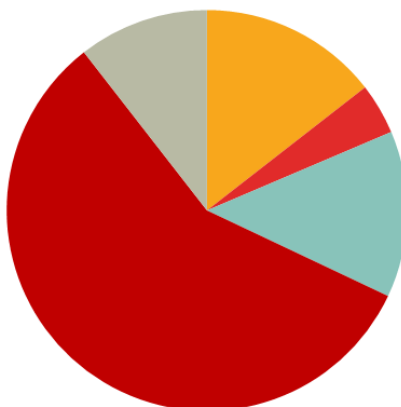
FINANCIALS

October 2021 - September 2022

Income		
	Member Contributions	\$29,069
	Corporate Contributions	\$42,636
	Foundation Programs	\$194,798
	In-Kind Donations	\$53,000
	Investment Income	(\$98,609)
Total Income		\$220,894
Expenses		
	Administration	\$110,089
	Public Image	\$9,803
	County Ag Promotion Grants	\$37,422
	Partner Outreach	\$10,650
	MFB Federation Programs	\$34,700
	Foundation Programs	\$148,500
	Youth & Leadership	\$27,212
Total Expenses		\$378,375
Net Income		(\$157,481)

PROGRAM SERVICES

- County Ag Promotion Grants
- Partner Outreach
- MFB Federation Programs
- Foundation Programs
- Youth & Leadership



BY THE NUMBERS

In 2022, the Foundation raised more than **\$400,000** for programs that support agriculture education, leadership development, and health and safety.

Hosting over 200 individuals for the inaugural Minnesota Ag Day Gala, the Foundation raised more than **\$15,000** for its programming and outreach efforts.

28 county Farm Bureaus received more than **\$2,750** from the Foundation in grant funding to assist with hunger solutions in their communities. Those counties were able to leverage their grants and raise over **\$10,000** in additional support.

With the help of Farm Bureau members, the Foundation promoted the removal of unused prescription medicines from homes by distributing over **27,000** Deterra Prescription Drug Disposal kits to families across the state.

51 county Farm Bureaus received more than **\$37,000** in agriculture promotion grant funding, supporting outreach to connect consumers to agriculture and raise awareness about its role in Minnesota.

The Foundation wrapped up a pair of two-year capital fund campaign commitments in 2022: **\$10,000** to the Robert A. Christiansen Pavilion to update the swine facility at the Minnesota State Fair and **\$5,000** to FarmAmerica near Waseca for expansion and renovation of its existing facilities.

Six undergraduate students received Foundation scholarships. Statewide, **23 organizations** received funding from the Foundation, totaling over **\$32,000**.

78 farms were recognized as Century Farms and **36 farms** were recognized as Sesquicentennial Farms in 2022. Both programs are supported by the Foundation.



EVENTS



Foundation Fun Night

The inaugural Foundation Fun Night Carnival took place during the 2021 Minnesota Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, raising over \$8,500. Attendees had a fun-filled evening playing games, participating in raffles, and bidding on items during the live auction.

LEAP Conference

During the 2022 Leadership, Education, Advocacy and Promotion (LEAP) Conference, the Foundation along with the Minnesota Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee and the Promotion & Education Committee raised over \$3,000 and collected hundreds of socks for the "Sandwich Guy" and Minneapolis Recreation Development Inc.

Additionally, over \$28,000 was raised in sponsorships.



Annual Golf Scramble

The Foundation held its annual Golf Scramble at River Oaks Golf Course in June, raising over \$13,000. Thank you to all of the sponsors, prize donors, participants and especially Farm Bureau Financial Services, who plays a special role in making this event a success each year.

Farmfest

The Foundation team and over 50 Farm Bureau volunteers sold nearly 4,200 pork chops, raising more than \$8,000 during the three-day event. In addition to the pork chop sales, the Foundation sponsored the Farm Health & Safety Tent and the Mobile Health Trailer, and hosted the Rx Abuse Leadership Team to discuss the Opioid Crisis in rural Minnesota.



Online Auction

The Foundation held its second-annual online auction in the spring, raising over \$7,000. The auction provides an opportunity for members and supporters across the state who may not be able to attend other fundraising events in person to give back to the Foundation.

2022 AG DAY GALA



The inaugural Ag Day Gala was a special night, bringing together hundreds of individuals to celebrate the diversity and contributions of agriculture in Minnesota.

Hosted on March 22 at the Green Acres Event Center in Eden Prairie, the evening honored the strong past of agriculture in the state, while looking forward to the future.

The social hour featured locally-sourced cheeses, meats and cocktail service. Afterward, attendees moved into the dining space where they were treated to a four-course dinner that included entrees putting the state's top commodities in the spotlight. Even the dessert course had a Minnesota twist.

During the program, Foundation Director Ruth Meirick brought to light how everyone in the room was connected by agriculture. Uniting strips of paper attendees signed as they registered into a long chain, she emphasized the importance of everyone in attendance continuing to work together to keep the industry strong.

The Foundation looks forward to continuing this great showcase each March on National Ag Day.



2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Paul Stark Memorial Scholarship

The Paul Stark Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to deserving freshman or sophomore students enrolled at an accredited college or vocational technical school and pursuing a degree in an agriculture, conservation or forestry-related field.



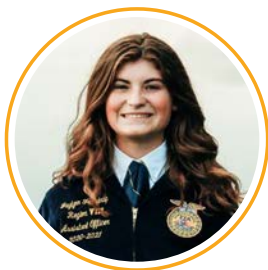
Ross Herber
Winona County



Ella Thome
Mower County

Al Christopherson Scholarship

The Al Christopherson Scholarship is awarded annually to deserving junior, senior or graduate students enrolled at an accredited college or vocational technical school and pursuing a degree in an agriculture, conservation or forestry-related field.



Jaylynn Frandrup
Dakota County



Hannah Neil
Dakota County



Adrienne Lipinski
Meeker County



Kendra Waldenberger
Houston County

SUPPORTING AGRICULTURE

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation is a proud sponsor of the following programs:

- American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture
- FarmAmerica
- Gopher Dairy Club
- Minneapolis Recreation Development Inc.
- Minnesota 4-H Dairy Showcase
- Minnesota 4-H Foundation
- Minnesota Ag in the Classroom
- Minnesota Agriculture & Rural Leadership Program (MARL)
- Minnesota Association of Agriculture Educators
- Minnesota Beef Expo
- Minnesota County Farm Bureau Ag Promotion Grants
- Minnesota County Farm Bureau Hunger Solution Grants
- Minnesota Farm Bureau LEAP Conference
- Minnesota FFA Foundation
- Minnesota Holstein Association
- Minnesota Junior Spring Classic - Block & Bridle
- Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association Purple Ribbon Auction
- Minnesota Royal
- Minnesota State Fair
- The Stockyard Ag Exhibit
- Western Minnesota Junior Suffolk Show
- Women's Agriculture Leadership Conference
- Young Leaders in Agriculture Conference



SUPPORTING COUNTY OUTREACH

Ag Promotion Grants

Foundation Ag Promotion Grants are designed to support the work of county Farm Bureaus and their local outreach efforts. In 2022, the Foundation awarded more than \$37,000 for farm safety, education, leadership and other programming hosted by counties. The grant is possible through the generosity of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation.

Each year we highlight a county Farm Bureau who supported the grant's focus with a new or unique program.

The Dakota County Farm Bureau participated in the 2021 Hastings Halloween Community Event where they handed out milk, cheese sticks, pencils and coloring books to event participants.

A few months later they took part in the Santa on the Farm Christmas light experience on the Bremer Farm near Hastings. The Dakota County Farm Bureau helped with signage that was placed throughout the grounds showcasing dairy products and farm facts.



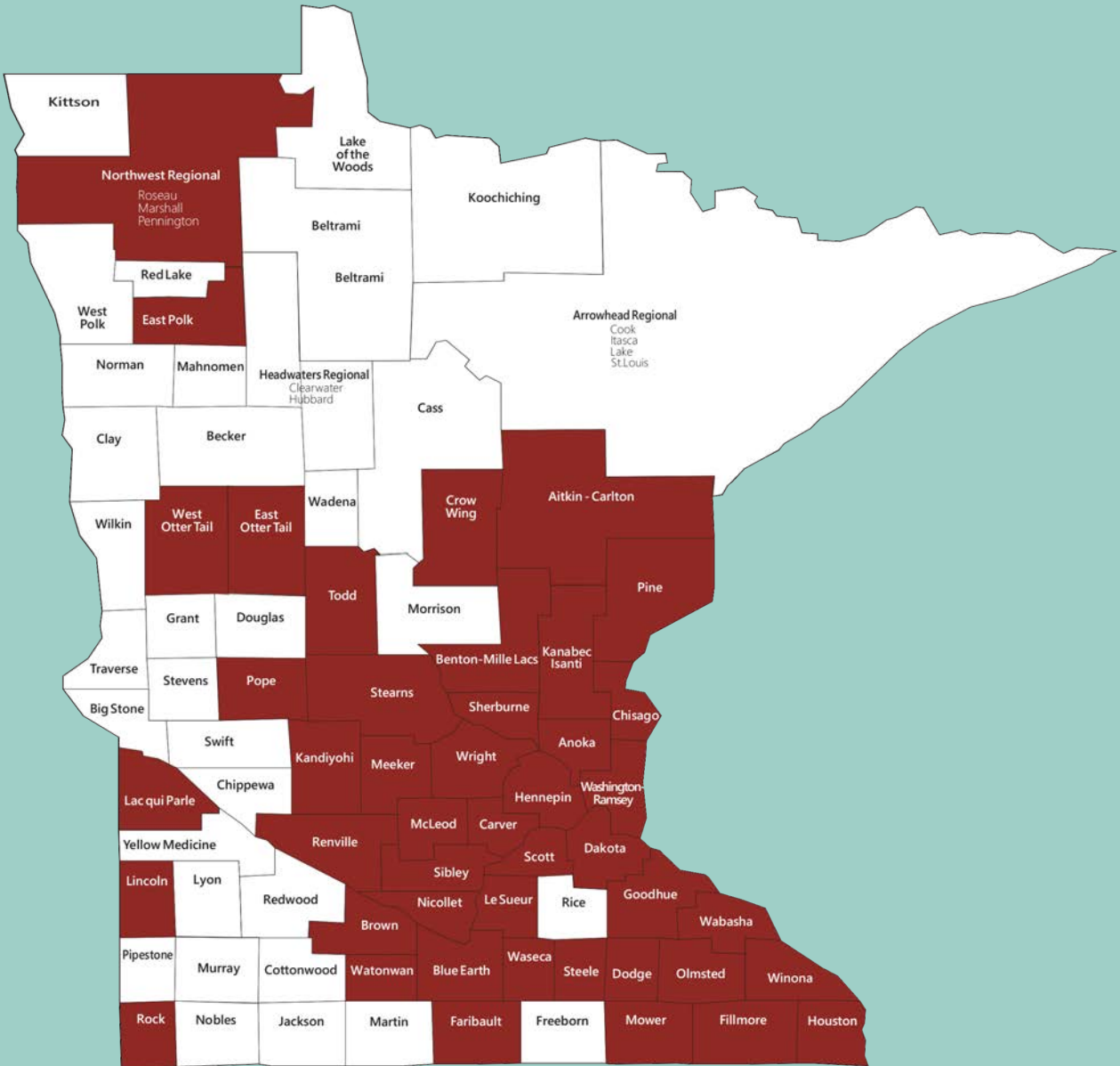
Hunger Solutions Grants

The Foundation offers a grant program supporting county Farm Bureaus in their efforts to work alongside organizations addressing food insecurity in their communities. In 2022, 28 grants were distributed, and several counties worked with local businesses to match funds, raising a total of \$10,859 in support. Counties gave back in a variety of ways, including food and monetary donations, volunteer time and packaging or serving meals.

The following counties received a grant in 2022: Anoka, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Chisago, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Jackson, Le Sueur, McLeod, Murray, Nicollet, Olmsted, Rock, Sibley, Stearns, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Winona and Yellow Medicine.

COUNTY BOARD CHALLENGE

The annual County Board Challenge recognizes county Farm Bureau Boards of Directors that donated \$10 per board member in support of the Foundation.



Thank you to the 45 counties that participated in 2022:

Aitkin-Carlton, Anoka, Benton-Mille Lacs, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chisago, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, East Otter Tail, East Polk County, Faribault, Fillmore, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Kanabec-Isanti, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln, McLeod, Meeker, Mower, Nicollet, Northwest Regional, Olmsted, Pine, Pope, Renville, Rock, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Stearns, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington-Ramsey, Watonwan, West Otter Tail, Winona and Wright.

A YEAR IN PHOTOS





THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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Patron Society

Diamond: \$5,000-\$9,999

Ag Management Solutions
AgCountry Financial
Enbridge
Farm Bureau Financial Services
Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI)

Emerald: \$2,500-\$4,999

Christensen Farms
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Ruby: \$1,000-\$2,499

Arthur Chapman
Peter Bakken
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Minnesota Beef Council
Minnesota State Fair Foundation
Mower County Farm Bureau
Rock Nobles Cattlemen
Karin and Matt Schaefer
Steven Schoenfeld
Stevens County Farm Bureau

Contributor's Society

Gold: \$500-\$999

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Hennepin County Farm Bureau
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Ruth Meirick
Minnesota Agents Association
Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Minnesota Pork Producers
Mustang Seeds
Nicollet County Farm Bureau
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Joyce Rock
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Washington Ramsey County Farm Bureau
West Central Initiative

Silver: \$250-\$499

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Linda Tank



Bronze: \$100-\$249

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Darvey Sloan
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Dennis Stelter
Pam Uhlenkamp
Danyl Vavreck
Waseca County Farm Bureau

Foundation Memorials

The following gifts were made in memoriam of family and friends that passed away last year.

Butch Bakeberg

Fran and Mary Ann Miron

Dick Boniface

Robin Kinney, Ruth Meirick, Fran and Mary Ann Miron,
Dennis and Kathryn Sabel

Richard Collins

Ruth Meirick, Fran and Mary Ann Miron

Hazel Dahlman

Fran and Mary Ann Miron, Dennis and Kathryn Sabel

Roger Dale

Joanne Dale and Family, Ruth Meirick, Dennis Stelter

Paul Dragseth

Bruce and Kim Brendan, Jodi Dragseth and Family,
Mike and Connie Gunderson, Shayne and Denise
Isane, Robin Kinney, Ruth Meirick, Bennett and Gloria
Osmonson, Chris and Mary Radatz, Chris Tiedemann

Carson Ehde

Pete Bakken

Warren Krause

Wright County Farm Bureau

Foundation Honorariums

The following gifts were made in recognition of family and friends that achieved milestones last year.

Debra Durheim

*In recognition of her retirement from the
AFBF P&E Committee*
Robin Kinney

Rep. Rod Hamilton

*In recognition of his service and retirement from the
Minnesota State Legislature*
Robin Kinney

WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you for your support to the MN 4-H Dairy Showcase. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! I am planning to put this money towards purchasing another heifer to show next year and expand my herd! Thank you again for your sponsorship and for helping me to be able to chase my dreams!

Sincerely,
Natalie C.



Thank you for sponsoring an FFA Jacket for me! I am so looking forward to wearing my own jacket to my first ever forestry convention! I've been involved in FFA for two years now and I'll finally be able to fulfill official dress with all of my own, and correct, things. I can't wait to wear my jacket!

Sincerely,
Lydia H.



Thank you for selecting me as the recipient for the Paul Stark Memorial Scholarship! I am currently a freshman at the University of Minnesota, majoring in agriculture communication and marketing! Receiving this scholarship will help me to pursue my dream: bridging the gap of knowledge between producers and consumers!

Thank you,
Ella T.



Thank you for supporting the Minnesota Beef Expo. I won the 7-8 grade showmanship contest. Winning this belt buckle was such an honor. I greatly appreciate your support and look forward to next year's Beef Expo.

Thanks!
Colton H.



I am honored to be one of the top three finalists for the MN FFA Extemporaneous Speaking contest. I am so grateful for all the support the Farm Bureau gives youth and FFA. American agriculture is truly blessed to have foundations like the Farm Bureau, and I am honored to receive an award sponsored by you. From inviting me to speak at a round table with legislators to sponsoring leadership development events, I am thankful for all you have done for me. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Allison M.



Thank you so much for sponsoring today's award for Reserve Champion Advanced Showman. This is my last year of 4-H and this was quite the way to go out. I have been working extremely hard on showmanship and was overjoyed to get the results I've been waiting for. I am very excited to go back to my county and to continue my love for dairy. Thank you for continually sponsoring the award for Minnesota 4-H Dairy show. Your support for the 4-Hers across the state and the dairy industry means more than you know!

Thanks again,
Gracie A.



Thank you very much for your support of agricultural education initiatives in Minnesota! Your encouragement allows students like myself to develop ourselves as agricultural leaders. I am currently an agricultural education major at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and am student teaching in Lake City. I have so enjoyed working with students to grow their passion for agriculture. I am able to focus on the next generation of agriculture better because of your financial support, which funds additional expenses related to licensing and certification so that I can become a high school agriculture teacher. Thank you for believing in the future of agriculture!

With gratitude,
Amelia H.

Thank you so much for selecting me as a candidate for the Al Christopherson Scholarship, I deeply appreciate it! I'm currently attending South Dakota State University for Ag Communications and love every second of it. Your support allows me to further my education.

Thank you again!
Adrienne L.

Thank you for your support of FFA and specifically for sponsoring the state champion Extemporaneous Speaking Award. This was my last year in FFA and ever since I started, this was my goal. It was incredible to see it realized and I am greatly looking forward to competing at Nationals in Indianapolis this fall. Your support and the support of the MN Farm Bureau is what makes opportunities like this possible- thank you. The topic I was given for my speech was "What is the current, largest challenge facing agriculture and what coalitions need to unite to overcome it?" Farm Bureau was part of my response. Thank you again for all you do.

Sincerely,
Haley M.

Thank you so much for supporting me and the other FFA members at Minnesota State FFA Convention. I am so honored to place second in your state competition of Farm Bureau Discussion Meet. My interest in this would not have been possible without your support. Thank you once again for supporting Minnesota FFA!

Sincerely,
Natalie B.



Thank you for sponsoring the MN Cattlewomens "Taste of Wired" branding workshop and Region 3 & 7 meeting. Having your support behind our event and organization is a tremendous encouragement. We are working diligently to fulfill our mission; to promote, support, and encourage women in the beef industry. Thank you and I hope we can count on your support in the future.

Sincerely,
Michelle Mouser, President MNCW



Thank you so much for sponsoring the MN 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. This year I worked very hard to achieve my goals of winning first place reasons individual and first place overall individual. I've been judging for six years now and can confidently say this is the most enjoyable part of my 4-H career. I've made so many friends and plenty of inside jokes as well. I hope you continue to sponsor this award and event to support kids with dreams like mine.

Thank you,
Clara T.



What is your legacy?

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation is dedicated to connecting consumers to farmers and serving rural communities through its outreach and educational programming. There are several ways to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation in support of its work:

- Endowments
- Event Sponsorships
- Gifts of Grain
- Giving Tree
- Memorials or Tributes
- Outright Gifts
- Planned or Estate Giving

For more information contact Foundation Director Ruth Meirick, ruth.meirick@fbmn.org or 651-768-2115.



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