



Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation
Supports
Massachusetts Agricultural Commissions

Policy

It is the policy of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) to recognize Massachusetts' Agricultural Commissions (AgComs) as providing valuable service to agriculture and their communities, to support their formation and to foster their development. MFBF also encourages Farm Bureau members to be active on their local town AgComs.

MFBF is a non-profit organization of 6500 farmers and farm-related individuals within the Commonwealth. It is the only organization solely dedicated to representing the grass-roots interests and directives of its members in educating all levels of government and the public on the farm community's policies and positions. We take the lead in seeking out initiatives, activities, and ventures to enhance the profitability of producer members and ensure the viability of agriculture in the Commonwealth.

Support

Membership in Farm Bureau provides AgComs access to legal and policy information, technical support, and the opportunity to contact the Ashland office and network. Through the Farm Bureau federation process, members gain representation at the local, state and national levels and impact the law-making process to benefit farmers and the welfare of our nation.

Membership

MFBF offers a complimentary membership for EVERY AgCom in the state. The membership is administered by one of our 11 county boards. As a member the AgCom will receive Farm Bureau's *News & Views* monthly publication, the opportunity to attend educational workshops and participate in county activities, and to develop leadership skills. Members have opportunities to meet with their legislators and regulators at county hosted legislative events and at the State House.

AgCom Members are recognized as Associate members entitled to be recognized for debate and information, but not to vote or hold office. (Individual farmer members are voting members.)

Technical Assistance on such issues as:

- Private Property Rights
- Agricultural Exemptions
- Labor Issues
- Insurance for Community Agricultural Events
- Animal Health & Welfare
- Best Management Practices
- Food Safety
- Youth Programs
- Forestry Resources
- Outdoor Wood Boilers
- Wind Turbines
- Trespass, Vandalism & Destruction of Farm Property
- Beavers, Geese & Deer
- Equine, Dairy & Apiary
- Agricultural Impact Statements
- Zoning
- Marketing & Farm Signage
- Taxes, Assessments and Fees
- Chapter 61 Land Tax Valuation
- Agricultural Preservation Restriction
- Buy Local Programs
- Pest Management
- Definitions
- Process compliance
- Speaking Points on Local Issues
- Letters of Support for grant applications
- Regulatory Assistance
- Education
- Intervention

And much more!

Learn more about the
Massachusetts
Farm Bureau Federation

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*Our Mission:
To protect the rights, encourage
the growth, and be of service to
our members, in the best interest
of agriculture.*

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AgCom MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby make application for a one year membership in the _____ County Farm Bureau and Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (which is a member of American Farm Bureau Federation), whose purpose is to promote, protect, and represent the economic, social, and educational interests of Massachusetts' farmers, as well as encourage the protection of agricultural areas and rural interests within the state. I am interested in promoting these objectives through membership. I understand acceptance or denial and classification of my membership are determined by the County Farm Bureau.

I am applying for a **COMPLIMENTARY ONE YEAR AgCom MEMBERSHIP**. I am an appointed Agricultural Commission member in the municipality of:

Town/City _____

County _____

Name _____

Title _____

Email _____

Address _____

Town/City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____



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