

How Farm Bureau Works for You

Recap of 2008 Efforts on Your Behalf

During 2008, Farm Bureau worked hard for you, and your membership strengthens the organization as you partner with us. We actively represented agriculture and participated in programs, events and the community in these areas.

Representation

- Supported Ag Element as stand-alone element
- Attended Planning Commission on the Ag Tourism Events Programs
- Attended sub-committee meetings on Ag Tourism and Events Ordinance
- Held two meetings on Smart Growth and its impact to agriculture
- Testified at Board of Supervisors on Smart Growth, The Growth Management Ordinance and the County Wide Rural Plans Proposal
- Participated in Strategic Growth Workshops and the BOS Strategic Planning Sessions
- Participated in an update meeting of the Irrigated Ag Waiver Program
- Testified at Planning Commission on the Commercial Linkage Fee
- Testified at Ag Committee Hearing on Prop 2
- Participated in Transfer Development Credits Committee Revisions
- Participated in NRCS, USDA and equip Annual Review
- Supported Statewide Eminent Domain Reform
- Supported AgJobs, the federal immigration reform bill
- Defended the Williamson Act in state budget discussion
- Monitored and published new diesel rules that will impact agriculture.

Programs and Events

- Toured a group of Irish farmers around SLO County
- Attended the Region I & II Farm Bureau Managers' meetings

- Helped fund and actively participate in an Irrigation and Nutrient Management workshop in Morro Bay
- Participated in the Ag Education Committee's Great AgVenture
- Participated in the Great Pumpkin Contest
- Supported Cal Poly Agriculture programs
- Supported Young Farmers & Ranchers, 4H and FFA in the county
- Provided scholarships to graduating seniors who choose agriculture studies through Farm Bureau Women, Foundation for Agriculture Awareness and Heritage Foundation, and Young Farmers & Ranchers programs.

Community Involvement

- Hosted CDFA Agriculture Vision Session
- Guest speaker on KVEC King Harris program regarding Ag Tourism
- Guest speaker on Andy Carlisle talk show on agriculture issues
- Attended Ag Liaison monthly meetings
- Attended SLO County Council of Governments
- Attended monthly meetings on the County Regional Water Resources Advisory Committee
- Sit on county's Proposed Vector Control Program Committee
- Promoted local participation in the Farm Team political action committee
- Sit on the Economic Vitality Corporation Board
- Sit on SLO County Visitors & Conference Bureau Board
- Responded to media inquiries regarding agriculture
- Supported Hunger Awareness Week
- Sit on Central Coast Ag Network Board

Benefits of Membership

The participation listed to the left is only a portion of what Farm Bureau does for you, but you see that our commitment is strong and our ongoing efforts are for your benefit. That's why we ask you to support our organization.

By being involved with the community countywide, Farm Bureau is able to provide information to the public and to its members by

- Publishing the monthly *Farmer & Rancher Magazine*,
- Sending "Notes" to Farm Bureau Voting Members,
- Answering press queries about agriculture
- Providing media training for our leaders
- Educating our members and the public through workshops.

We also provide Farm Labor posters, Pesticide Training Workshops and CPR and First-Aid Workshops. Strength in numbers and dedication keep agriculture viable throughout the county and at state and national levels.

Join us. Call 543-3654 for your membership application today.

Additional Benefits

Insurance Programs

- Health Net Health Plans
- Allied Insurance
- State Fund Workers Compensation

Discounts

- Grainger Industrial Supply
- Dodge vehicles
- Farm Bureau Bank Financial Services (credit card)
- LensCrafters (prescriptions and eye-care program)
- Choice Hotels International
- Avis, Budget and Hertz rentals
- Kelly-Moore paints

For a complete list of membership benefits, log on to www.slofarmbureau.org and go to Links/CFBF/Member Services/Benefits Guide.