

THE GREEN GARDEN GAZETTE

“The Voice of Caroline County Agriculture”

January 2026

This past year of farming in Caroline County has been yet another adventure. While some had weather challenges again in 2025, others experienced much better crop growing conditions than the previous year. It seems the most pressing concern is the financial pinch between low commodity prices and high input costs. In any event, Farm Bureau at all levels is working hard to support its members and the entire agriculture industry.

Caroline County Farm Bureau (CCFB) has been active this past year and looks to continue with a lot of activity into 2026. Solar siting has continued to be a major topic that CCFB is actively engaged in to minimize the effect on both agriculture and all residents in the county.

CCFB held a resolutions meeting again this past summer and produced a slate of county and state resolutions. In October we sponsored Ag Awareness day at the 4H park to expose students to the field of agriculture. This was an educational event organized by our University of Maryland extension agent Travis Ford where 330 8th graders from the county attended. They were taught many aspects of agriculture including growing crops and animals, technology in ag and environmental topics. We sent a delegation to the MFB convention last December where one of our resolutions was adopted into state policy. We held our annual legislative dinner in early January where the CCFB board met with our commissioners, state legislators and a representative from Congressman Andy Harris' office. We had an excellent discussion where we communicated our priorities for them to focus on. We are fortunate that all our legislators support and defend us at the national, state and county level.

We are happy to announce that our Annual Banquet will be held on Friday, February 27, 6pm, at the Preston Fire Department. We will have a silent and live auction to raise funds for CCFB scholarships. If you or your business want to donate an item for the auction, contact John at 410-310-4255. All of the funds raised by the silent and live auctions go to the scholarship fund.

We are again offering \$1,000 scholarships to students whose parents are CCFB members. The \$500 Harry F Moreland III memorial scholarship is also available to students majoring in an ag related field in college. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors, CCFB board secretary Joan Cesarini, or any board member.

Please see the back side of this newsletter to RSVP to the banquet. Thompson's seafood will be catering and tickets are \$45. If you, your farm or your business wants to sponsor the banquet for \$150, you will receive 2 tickets and will be recognized verbally as a sponsor.

Thank you,
John Saathoff, CCFB President

2026 Caroline County Farm Bureau Banquet

When: Feb 27, 2026 doors open at 6pm, dinner served at 6:30
Where: Preston Fire Department
Who: Any Farm Bureau Member, family friends, guests
What: Thompson's Seafood Catering, silent auction, live auction, great company
Cost: \$45/person, kids 6 and under eat free; \$150 sponsorships

RSVP: Please RSVP by Feb 13, 2026

Questions: Contact CCFB - ccfbi@aol.com or John- saathoff.inc@plantpioneer.com
410-310-4255

Register:

- Detach form and send to: CCFB, 915 Sunday Dr, Denton, MD 21629
Or
- Sign up and pay online - <https://shorturl.at/eD5xe> or QR code
- Please note at checkout there is an Optional Zeffy Contribution - you can zero that out by selecting "other".



RSVP 2025 Caroline County Farm Bureau Banquet

Name: _____

Number of tickets: _____ x \$45.00 per ticket

Number of kids under 6 : _____ (free)

Name to be announced if you or your business are sponsoring for \$150:

Total enclosed: _____

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