

# PROGRESS 2008

## Mahaska County Farm Bureau: Working hard to help our membership, youth and our communities

The Mahaska County Farm Bureau is a county wide organization. With a membership of just over 2,000 member, a very active board of directors and countless volunteers makes our Mahaska County Farm Bureau one of the most successful county organizations in the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. Last year at the state convention, Mahaska County Farm Bureau won eight gold stars (the most you can achieve) for our accomplishments throughout the year.

The Mahaska County Farm Bureau is a grass-roots organization. Our policy development process is year round. Each year, we surface issues that are of concern to our membership. The issues are reviewed and prioritized by district leaders and then submitted to the state resolution committee. The state resolution committee members consist of all volunteers from each district from all across Iowa. The resolution committee discusses and researches the submitted issues to develop a suggestive opinionnaire.

The County Farm Bureau can modify, condense or add to the opinionnaire to help our membership to contribute to local, state and national policy of Farm Bureau. After each county submits their results of the opinionnaire, the state delegates (one from each county) will discuss and vote on the issues to either develop new or improve Farm Bureau policy. The policy resolutions that are developed from our policy development process determine the action and direction we as a county, state and national organization takes.

The Mahaska County Farm Bureau works hard to help our membership, youth and our communities. We have informational meetings on crop insurance, crop scouting, marketing and tax planning.

We have met, sent letters, e-mails and have made phone calls to our county supervisors, state and U.S. representatives and senators to share Farm Bureau policy with them whenever an issue that concerns Farm Bureau members is being debated and voted on.

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supports our youth in our county through giving out over \$1,000 in scholarships, supporting the girls and boys high school athletic association, assisting our FFA chapters, providing agricultural materials to our teachers, supporting after-prom parties to our area high schools, and contributing to the YMCA. Mahaska County Farm Bureau awards the 4-H participant that has the best long-term record book. During the Southern Iowa Fair, we help with the 4-H and FFA BBQ and we contribute to the 4-H and FFA members by purchasing livestock at the fair's livestock auction. This year, we are also planning to have a free watermelon feed to help entice more people to come enjoy our great Southern Iowa Fair.

The Mahaska County Farm Bureau helps support the annual Town and Country Banquet. We have members serving on numerous community committees and boards, such as MCARD, William Penn advisory, fair superintendents and most county wide functions.

If you would like to become a Farm Bureau member, simply call our Oskaloosa office at (641) 673-

3478 or check out the Farm Bureau Web page or contact a board member. As a member, you are eligible for many discounts and savings. For example, free admission to the Iowa Hall of Pride, hotel discounts, Chief equipment discounts, \$750 discount toward the purchase or lease of an E-85 GM vehicle, \$500 discount toward the purchase or lease to all other qualified GM vehicle, plus many more savings.

Farm Bureau members can address their insurance and investment needs through Farm Bureau Financial Services. Farm Bureau agents offer a broad range of products and services in the areas of home, auto, life, crop and more.

The Mahaska County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held on July 10 at Nelson Pioneer Farm.

### Mahaska County Farm Bureau Executive Board of Directors:

Keith Johnson, President  
Steve Parker, Vice President  
Robert Van Wyk, Secretary  
Randy De Bruin, Treasurer

Richard Johnson, Voting Delegate

### Township directors serving on the Board are:

Duane Vos, Black Oak  
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Alan De Bruin, East Des Moines  
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Mike Jackson, Director At Large  
Bonnie Vos, Director At Large

Mahaska County Farm Bureau Regional Manager is Rick McLain and Pat McCulley is the Office Assistant.

Mahaska County Farm Bureau agents and their staff are Jeff Arkema and Jodi Current, Bob Denner, Ryan Beary and Mel Creighton, Wally Hopf and Julie Van Engelenhoven and James McNaull and Elizabeth Mc Burney.



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8:30 AM – traditional feel, mix of traditional and contemporary music  
10:45 AM – casual feel, contemporary music



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