From Your County Farmers Federation President

It has been an honor to serve as your organization’s president this past year. I’ve enjoyed working with the board on issues that are important to the Cullman County Farmers Federation. Our objective has always been to promote agriculture and the rural way of life in our county while educating the public on the importance of farming.

As a member, you enjoy access to a variety of great benefits. These include savings at major retail stores, hotel accommodations, select local merchants in Cullman County and excellent rates on home, auto and life insurance along with excellent customer service.

We continue to be a major sponsor for many youth programs through 4-H and FFA. We especially are proud of our scholarship program, which provides thousands of dollars every year to well-deserving students across Cullman County.

Most importantly, I want to thank you for your membership and continued support of the Cullman County Farmers Federation. On behalf of the board of directors, I also want to thank you for allowing us to serve you in the past. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely,
Steve Lake

Cullman County farmers tend almost 230,000 acres of land on over 2,450 farms. The county ranks first in the state in three commodities — broilers, cattle and dairy. It ranks second in vegetable and melon production.

Scholarships

Congratulations to the following students who each earned scholarships from the Cullman County Farmers Federation!

Auburn University ($2,500)
- Trent Allred
- Seth Donaldson
- Julie Glover
- Payden Smith

Wallace State Community College ($1,000)
- Olivia Benefield
- Garrett Boland
- Luke Tucker
- Rusty Yancy

Farm Stars

Numerous Cullman County farmers were featured in the new Farming Feeds Alabama TV commercials including Caylee Eubanks, granddaughter of poultry farmers Billy and Terri Gilley (cover photo); the Calverts; and Ben Haynes.

Visit FarmingFeedsAlabama.com to view the videos.

Left: Produce farmers Jeremy and James Calvert.
Right: Row crop farmer Ben Haynes.

County Ag Facts

Total Land Area: 472,595 acres
Farmland: 229,245 acres
Timberland: 232,292 acres
Number of Farms: 2,465

Top Commodities
- No. 1 - Poultry & Egg
- No. 2 - Forestry
- No. 3 - Cattle

Cullman County Women’s Leadership Committee

The purpose of the Cullman County Women’s Leadership Committee is to provide women with the opportunity to actively participate in creating and executing policies of the Alabama Farmers Federation.

The committee acts as a liaison between the Cullman County Farmers Federation board and other Federation members in the county to help implement the organization’s policies and programs.

At the group’s monthly meetings, members have learned about farm and food safety, women’s health, quilting and decorating. The group also hosted state legislators for a special meeting and discussion this year.

2017 Contributions
- Promoted Ag in the Classroom activities at local schools
- Assisted with educational events at North Alabama Agriplex
- Sponsored local and state cooking and sewing contests for adults and grades 7-12
- Promoted agriculture at events including Farm Y’All, Farm-City and the Cullman County Fair
- Collected pop tabs to benefit Alabama’s Ronald McDonald houses
- Participated with charities including Pilot Light House and Food Link Program/Cullman Caring For Kids

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September 2017
Membership in the Cullman County Farmers Federation has its perks, and saving money is one of them! Present your Alabama Farmers Federation membership card at participating businesses to receive these discounts. Find a full list of local and national benefits at AlfaFarmers.org/perks or in the Members Perks app.

Bonnie Jean’s Boutique
$10 Off $100 Purchase

Borden Family Pharmacy
15% Off Any Regular Priced Gift Shop Item

Doug Doggett Jewelers
15% Off $150 Purchase (Some Exclusions)

Dye Services (HVAC)
15% Discount

Friendly Nail & Spa
15% Off All Services

Guthrie’s Auto Service
$5 Off Oil Change

Hanceville Exxon
Free Medium Fountain Drink with $10 Fuel Purchase

Holly Pond Tire & Lube
$25 Off Any New Set of 4 Tires

Holly Pond Animal Clinic
10% Off Office Visit

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Jade Nails & VIP Spa
10% Off All Services $15 & Up

Kernel Kullman
10% Off Orders over $10

Lady D’s Beauty Salon
10% Off Hair Products

Luna’s BBQ
One Free Drink with Purchase of Regular BBQ Plate

Salon Generations
10% Off All Professional Products

Sarah Norris at J. Drake Salon (Sarah Norris Only)
15% Off Any Color Service

Stewart Auto Supply
5% Discount

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Note: Participating businesses and/or discounts are subject to change without notice.

Cullman County Young Farmers

Cullman County Young Farmers (CCYF) promotes better understanding of agribusiness and farm programs for young farmers in Alabama.

Through CCYF, we focus on getting younger generations of farmers involved with leadership opportunities through the Alabama Farmers Federation Young Farmers programs. As our industry becomes more diversified, we need more young farmers to become involved and learn how they can step up to replace the older generation of farmers.

For more information, contact CCYF Chairman Cody Rasco at (256) 636-1301.

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David Bice

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Billy Gilley

Ben Haynes

Darrel Haynes

Greg Hodges

Greg Holmes

Adam Hudson

Billy Meeks

Lee Michelfelder

Kenneth Neal

Dennis Reid

Farm-City

Congratulations to the Cullman County Farm-City Committee on winning Overall Best Farm-City Committee for the fifth year in a row!

Longtime volunteer and former chairman Doris Patterson also was named Volunteer of the Year during the annual Farm-City Luncheon April 6 in Birmingham.

Cullman County’s Doris Patterson with Alabama Farm-City Chairman Jeff Helms