



# Washington Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

November 13th - 14th  
Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, WA

## Monday

- Ag tours! *12:45-5:30 Swede Hill Distilling, Tieton Cider Works, SS Steiner, Inc.*

**Must RSVP - only 55 spots available. Cost is \$25 per attendee**

## Tuesday:

10 am kick-off

- Opening ceremony
- General session
- Business session: By-law amendment discussion
- Fun night: Video horse racing

## Wednesday:

All-day breakout sessions

- Medicare coverage
  - YFR discussion meet
  - AFBF advocacy training
  - Ag Industry Financial Outlook
  - Q&A panel with keynote speakers
  - Farm Bureau committee meetings
- Adopt policy/officer elections  
- Annual banquet & live auction

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## Some of this year's speakers, presenters & entertainers

Dr. Andre Wright



André-Denis Wright is Dean of the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University (WSU).

Brian Hodges



Brian Hodges is a Senior Attorney at Pacific Legal Foundation's office in Bellevue, Washington.

Caroline Lobdell



Caroline has extensive experience with complex litigation cases and contested case hearings and currently serves as the Executive Director and Clinical Law Professor for the Western Resources Legal Center.

Fun Night - Night at the Races



Experience the excitement of a day or night at the track with video horse races. With photo finishes, instant replays, official results, and payouts according to the live odds.

Matt Rush



Matt Rush is an inspirational speaker and farm boy. For years, Matt has entertained, lectured and lead groups through thousands of leadership workshops and keynote addresses. He is passionate about inspiring people from all walks of life to do more, be more and have more than they ever thought possible. With that you have a genuine recipe for a life changing moments. Matt will speak at our annual banquet Wednesday night.

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## Hotel Reservations

Please make your hotel room reservations at the Holiday Inn. The room rates are \$112 single/double plus taxes per room, per night. Remember to mention you are in the **"Washington Farm Bureau"** room block. Cutoff date is **October 17, 2018** for reservations at the Holiday Inn, 509-494-7000.



Dear friends,

It's that time of year again to register for WFB's Annual Meeting. This year will be one of our biggest and best events ever!

Farm Bureau was created for two key reasons. First with a field-services role designed to help farmers improve their operations (We like to think of it as a focus on helping members do it better, faster, and cheaper). The other reason was to provide a focused political voice. This public policy voice is directly governed by our policy book. The policy book is the work of each of you throughout the year as expressed through your county policy development committee and participation in the WFB policy development process, which culminates in floor discussion and ultimately adoption of the coming year's policy book at our Annual Meeting.

We received overwhelming positive feedback about last year's process. We will continue with our streamlined schedule that was put in place at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting last November. We will only review policies that have come through the policy development committee at their regular meetings in June and October. Floor action will still be possible, but remember the rules require a 2/3 vote to bring up new or complex policy changes. Additionally, we will discuss a motion for a dues increase for Voting and Business members. Make sure you are in attendance so your voice is heard on all of these important issues.

Day two of the convention will then focus on a host of interactive breakout sessions divided into three tracks. This year's breakout sessions include trainings from American Farm Bureau staff, current legal cases affecting agriculture, and how to navigate the mysteries of Medicaid.

Don't miss your opportunity be part of WFB's most important event of the year. Let your voice be heard and register today to participate in the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

We'll see you there!

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**Mike LaPlant**  
President

Handwritten signature of Aaron Golladay in black ink.

**Aaron Golladay**  
1st Vice President  
of Legislative Affairs

Handwritten signature of Brad Haberman in black ink.

**Brad Haberman**  
2nd Vice President  
of Public Policy

Handwritten signature of John Stuhlmiller in black ink.

**John Stuhlmiller**  
C.E.O.