Community Farm Alliance's
Annual Meeting
2026



A Grassroots Revival

November 9, 2026
11AM to 6PM
West 6th Farm

A Special Thanks

West 6th Farms

Alfalfa's

KY Department of Agriculture's KY Proud Farm to Fork Grant

And of course...

All of Community Farm Alliance's members

Remembering Our Friend



"The growers of trees, the gardener, the man born to farming, whose hands reach into the ground and sprout, to him the soil is a divine drug. He enters into death yearly, and comes back rejoicing. He has seen the light lie down in the dung heap, and rise again in the corn."

– Wendell Berry,
"The Man Born to Farming"

Wendell Berry

August 5, 1934 – August 31, 2026

WHAT HE PLANTED, WE CARRY FORWARD.

Agenda

11:00 AM to 11:10 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks from LaToya Drake
CFA Board Chair

11:10 AM to 11:30 AM

"A Grassroots Revival"
Being A CFA Member

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

State of the Organization

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Lunch provided by Alfalfa's

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

"A Grassroots Revival"
Members Leading The Way In CFA

3:30 PM to 3:45 PM

Closing Thank You from Myrisa Christy
CFA Executive Director

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

"Happy Harvest Hour"
Live Music from Jewelweed
Cash Bar from West 6th
Place Bids On Silent Auction Items



Silent Auction

If you would like you can also place bids on the items from your phone! Scan the QR code below to bid now!

Get Involved

If you would like subscribe to our newsletters, check out upcoming events, become a member or update your membership scan the QR code below!

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Being A CFA Member



Born out of Kentucky's 1980s Farm Crisis, CFA began when tobacco & dairy farmers recognized that public policy— not just what happened on the farm— was shaping their future.



They came together to support their neighbors & realized that keeping family farms alive meant organizing to change policy.



For over 40 years CFA has believed that lasting change starts with grassroots dialogue, grows through proven solutions, & is secured through public policy.

So, what does being a CFA member mean to you?

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Members Leading The Way In CFA

CFA has always been built from the ground up. As we look toward the next chapter, we want to hear from you. What matters most? What could we accomplish together? And how do you want to be part of the work?

Let's Talk About It

Why does CFA's work matter?

Think about the headlines & issues we've identified today. What would you add? What needs our attention?

Dream big: What could we accomplish?

Imagine what CFA & its members could achieve over the next 3-5 years. What would make a meaningful difference for Kentucky farmers & communities?

How would you like to get involved?

Grassroots work takes all of us. What interests you? What skills, connections, or ideas would you like to bring to CFA?

Three Goals

Staff & Board

Get to Know the People Behind the Work

CFA is powered by people who care deeply about KY farmers, strong communities, & grassroots change.

Scan the QR code to meet our staff and board members & learn a little more about the people behind CFA.

State of the Organization

Want to take another look at what we shared today?

Scan the QR code below to view the State of the Organization presentation slides, revisit CFA's accomplishments, & see where we're headed next!

2026 Policy Priorities

CFA's policy priorities are shaped by the experiences, concerns, & policy interests of our members & supporters. These priorities will help guide the organization's advocacy, grassroots organizing, & engagement with policymakers.

Grassroots Campaigns

1. Climate Change & Sustainable Agriculture
Main Campaign:
   - Soil Conservation & Soil Health

2. Local Food for Hunger & Health
Main Campaign:
   - Funding for Healthy Local Food Access Programs

3. Farmland for Farmers
Main Campaign:
   - Heirs' Property Rights

4. Market Development & Access
Main Campaign:
   - Farm to School

Partnering Campaigns

1. Farmers' Mental & Healthcare Access
Proposed partners:
   - KY Voices for Health, New Vista, Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA), Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), & other aligned partners

Federal Campaigns

The Farm Bill & Federal Appropriations are a major priority for CFA. Working alongside farmers, members, & national partners, CFA will advocate for policies & funding that support family farms & strengthen local food systems through grassroots organizing, policy trainings, congressional engagement, & advocacy in Washington, D.C. Our work will address the Farm Bill as a whole & its wide-ranging impact on agriculture & food systems.