

No Farmers, No Food

This is the slogan that the RI Farm Bureau has been using for a number of years. We have distributed *thousands* of bumper stickers with this motto, we see them ourselves as we drive around the state. It is a variation of another popular bumper sticker that says No Farms No Food. But what good is a farm without a farmer? The slogan says it all! If we don't have farmers, we will not have food and all we need food to survive. It is important to keep farmers in business, and you can help!

Get Fresh and Buy Local! Whenever possible, buy your produce, meat and other food products from local farmers at farm stands and farmer's markets. Every purchase you make at a farmers market or farm stand keeps your dollars local, and it goes right to the farmer selling you their product! When else do you have the ability to speak to the person that grew your food? Take the time to find out about what else they grow or raise, and why they chose farming. And remember, **Thank A Farmer Three Times A Day!**

Why RI Farm Bureau? No organization works harder to keep our state's farmers in business than the RI Farm Bureau. You can help save the farms of RI by joining the RI Farm Bureau. We help farmers and property owners by protecting the right to farm and championing landowner rights.

Farmer and author, Wendell Berry says it best, **Eating is an Agricultural Act**. Did you know **you don't need to be a farmer to join the RI Farm Bureau?** Do you like to eat? Are you curious about agriculture? **Farming matters to everyone.** Become a member of RI Farm Bureau and help us save Rhode Island Farms.

We gladly accept **Associate members** and **Friend of Farmer members**. Associate members may be businesses that operate alongside of us, individuals who only farm part-time, individual members of a larger family with just one voting membership for the farm, or simply those who wish to support RIFB to a greater extent. Friend of Farmer members are typically non-farmers

who realize the importance of agriculture in our society, not just for the crops produced but also for the contribution our farms make to the beauty and well-being of our state. Have you ever driven by a housing development and had the urge to stop and take a photo or two? Probably not, but I imagine you've felt that way when you have passed by a farm. Help us to preserve our farms for future generations to enjoy. As my father always said, "They don't make more land". Once it has houses or businesses on it, farmland is nearly impossible to reclaim. Let's make sure the ability to farm in Ri is maintained for generations to come. Don't let farming simply be a part of Rhode Island's history.

Our two non-voting RIFB membership levels allow you to take advantage of all the discounts offered to our members. Go to our Front Page and Click **Join RI Farm Bureau** and start saving \$\$\$ while you help us help Rhode Island farms. Want to know more about RI Farm Bureau? Click on the **About Us** button on our Front Page.