



## What Does Massachusetts Aquaculture Association (MAA) do for you?

Since 1986 MAA has been privileged to serve Massachusetts aquatic farmers, related support businesses and organizations by working on the collective interests of these groups. MAA promotes aquaculture in Massachusetts through ongoing interaction with existing and prospective members with a goal of speaking with “one voice” to strengthen support for aquaculture businesses in Massachusetts.

Your membership to Massachusetts Aquaculture Association supports:

- ✓ Joint membership for MAA Grower and Corporate members to the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) at a significantly discounted rate and receiving all the benefits associated with such membership. (see reverse “Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Member Benefits & Services”).
- ✓ Representation of your interests at the local, state and national level by MAA’s collecting and conveying accurate information and status of aquaculture in the Commonwealth.
- ✓ Education opportunities to the public and governmental officials as to the needs, benefits, uses, and importance of your aquaculture business with a goal of enhancing employment and business development opportunities associated with aquaculture in Massachusetts.
- ✓ Advocacy at local, state and federal levels for policy, regulatory and statutory development that benefits aquaculture in Massachusetts. In short, MAA works to have a “seat at the table” to represent the interests of Massachusetts aquaculture and the MAA membership.
- ✓ Communication of updates and news relevant to Massachusetts aquaculture including alerts and announcements that are important to Massachusetts aquatic growers through a dedicated web page, social media channels and email communication directly to members.
- ✓ Contribution to a network of industry, government, and researchers by promoting the research interests of Massachusetts aquaculture, seeking and supporting research funding and where beneficial participating in relevant research efforts.
- ✓ Participation in important events that create greater visibility of aquaculture and your business such as annual attendance to Agriculture Day and Seafood Day at the Statehouse which puts the interests and products generated by growers front and center and also provides direct connections to law and policy makers in order to insure the interests of Massachusetts aquaculture are recognized.
- ✓ A forum for the exchange of information between MAA members as well as a connecting point for those outside of Massachusetts aquaculture who seek Massachusetts aquaculture products and industry expertise.

MAA’s work is driven by its membership and governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees who oversee the work that is done to support the mission and objectives of the Association. Join us today!

For More Information about MAA see [www.MAAquaculture.org](http://www.MAAquaculture.org) or email MAA Consulting Coordinator Scott Soares at [Scott@BostonBayConsulting.com](mailto:Scott@BostonBayConsulting.com)

## **Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Member Benefits & Services**

MFBF members may participate through county Farm Bureau offices to guide the organization's initiatives that impact the law-making process to benefit farmers and the welfare of our nation.

MFBF members gain representation at local, state, and national levels. Farm Bureau's Member Services Director provides our members assistance for all programs and serves as liaison between county and state organizations.

MFBF members may recommend policies to state committee through Commodity Advisory Committees and work to solve problems relating to various commodities grown in Massachusetts.

MFBF members are eligible for a benefit programs including affordable insurance as well as discount programs on many products and services including equipment, machine, car rental (Alamo, Avis, Budget) and hotel (Wyndham Resorts, Choice Hotels), loan services, propane discounts and prescription discounts.

In addition to the few listed below, please see <https://www.farmbureau.co/member-benefits/> for more details on the breadth of benefits and services.

**American National:** Save 5% off personal auto and 3% off SFP-10 &Country Estate Insurance. Your American National Insurance Agent can offer a full line of insurance services. Your knowledgeable sales agent can help arrange the program that best meets your farm needs as well as provide information on auto, homeowners, life, property insurance, and workman's compensation. Visit the American National website at [americannational.com](http://americannational.com) or call 978.686.0170

**UNA RX Card:** As a Farm Bureau® member, you and your family have access to a **FREE** Prescription Drug Card program. Save up to 75% at more than 68,000 national and regional pharmacies. The program can be used to supplement most health insurance plans including Health Savings Accounts (HSA) and High Deductible Plans. It can also be used as a Medicare Part D supplement by providing discounts on non-covered drugs. To learn more visit:<http://www.unarxcard.com/global/partner-resources/farm-bureau/farm-bureau-discount-rx-card.php>

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