

# Woodbine Farms Inc. to receive clean water award

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**WINCHESTER** — Woodbine Farms Inc. in Frederick County is one of 10 farms that will receive the Virginia Grand Basin Clean Water Farm Awards for 2025, Gov. Glenn Youngkin has announced.

The award recognizes agricultural operations across the state for their leadership in soil and water conservation. Each year farms are nominated by their respective soil and water conservation districts for this award, and winning farms are selected to represent each of the commonwealth's major river basins.

Woodbine Farms Inc. is the representative for the Shenandoah River and was nominated by the Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District. It is a cattle and crop operation spanning over 1,500 acres in Frederick, Warren, and Shenandoah counties. The operation also includes a farm market, which is run by the Brumback family who have been tending to this century farm since the late 1800s.

For about 25 years, those running Woodbine have been looking to address conservation across all facets of their business in multiple differing ways. These differing conservation efforts including an integrated pest management plan, implementing cover crops in their rotation of row crops, using no-till prac-



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tices when possible, and excluding their cattle from close to 6,000 feet of Crooked Run with an 8-acre buffer, according to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

Youngkin congratulated all of the winning farms that are able to operate while also focusing on conserving the commonwealth for the next generation of farmers.

“Virginia's farmers are environmental stewards whose innovation and hard work sustain both our economy and natural resources,” said Youngkin in a media release. “The Grand Basin Clean Water Farm Award winners exemplify how agriculture and conservation go hand-in-hand. Their leadership ensures that Virginia's lands and waters remain healthy for generations to come.”

To learn more about the awards, visit the DCR website.

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