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---QUICK AND ECONOMICAL STRATEGIES FOR MARKETING YOUR RETAIL FARM --- The Urban Farm podcast released an interview session regarding marketing the direct market, urban farm and Farm Bureau. Even if you don't have a direct-market or retail farm, it's worth the listen regarding Farm Bureau and much more. Greg Peterson was gracious enough to ask about Farm Bureau and **why this grassroots organization is important.**

To listen in, link options below ... (It's a 40-minute interview so you may want to listen on a walk or run)

- **Urban Farm U:** this link includes the **Show-Notes** and links for *the Farm Bureau* interview: [Marketing Your Retail Farm](#)

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---FARM BUREAU CALLS ON EPA TO UP THE ADVANCED BIOFUELS REQUIREMENT FOR 2018 ---The American Farm Bureau Federation is giving the Environmental Protection Agency a thumbs-up for its proposal to keep the 2018 conventional biofuels level at 15 billion gallons, as called for in the Renewable Fuel Standard. At the same time, the organization warned that EPA's plan to reduce the level of required advanced biofuels in the nation's fuel supply will undermine the goals set by Congress to create a more robust renewable fuels industry and greater energy independence.

“Renewable fuels have been a tremendous success story for the country and for the rural economy. The Renewable Fuel Standard has reduced our country’s dependence on foreign crude oil, reduced air pollution, increased farm incomes and provided good-paying jobs in rural America,” Dale Moore, AFBF executive director of public policy, noted in comments to the agency.

- [FBNews article](#)

---TEXAS AGRICULTURE DEVASTATED BY HURRICANE HARVEY ---As the Texas Farm Bureau and many other groups begin to coordinate relief efforts, farmers and ranchers in parts of Texas are still faced with prolonged rainfall and flooding from Hurricane Harvey. The hurricane is one of the largest-ever to make landfall in the United States and is projected to be one of the costliest natural disasters ever.

“We know this is going to be a significant agricultural disaster. We were involved in a relief effort when the wildfires hit earlier this year. This is going to dwarf that in every respect and it’s going to be a long time before we really realize the scope of it. We know that a lot of farmers were counting on this cotton crop to be the one that keeps them in business. We don’t know if every farmer can survive this. Prices are low and cost are high, and they were counting on significantly improved yields this year,” Gene Hall, director of the Texas Farm Bureau’s communications, said in [Newsline](#).

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