



How Your Idea Becomes a Farm Bureau Policy

As a Farm Bureau member, you have extraordinary influence... the voice to be heard... the ability to govern... the capacity to impact agriculture. Your influence comes from the Grassroots Policy Development process and support found at your county Farm Bureau, New York Farm Bureau, and the American Farm Bureau Federation. You benefit from your own policy! After all, it starts with you!

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1. You have an idea about how to improve agriculture.

- Tell your county President or board member.
- Talk with fellow members at a county meeting.
- Submit to county Policy Development Committee.

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2. Your county considers your idea.

- County Policy Development Committee considers idea and makes a recommendation.
- Provide background information to the committee to help them make an informed recommendation.

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3. Attend your County Annual Meeting to support your idea.

- County approves your policy resolution at county annual meeting in the fall.
- Local resolutions become county Farm Bureau policy and state and national recommendations are submitted to the NYFB Resolutions Committee.

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4. NYFB Resolutions Committee considers your idea.

- Resolutions Committee reviews your policy recommendations in November.
- The committee either supports, modifies, rejects, or requests additional information on your policy proposal.
- Once your idea is accepted, it is prepared for the NYFB Annual Meeting.

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5. State Annual Meeting: Farmers throughout New York vote on your policy idea and if approved, it becomes state policy.

- A majority vote at the NYFB State Annual Meeting in December turns your idea into actual NYFB policy.

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6. Your NYFB policy could turn into American Farm Bureau Federation policy.

- If they have national significance, NYFB policy recommendations are submitted for the AFBF resolutions process for consideration by delegates to the AFBF Annual Meeting in January.
- Another majority vote turns your NYFB policy into AFBF policy.

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7. You benefit from your own policy! After all, it started with you!

- The New York Farm Bureau staff and lobbyists work to turn your idea into a law, regulation, or statement that supports you and your fellow farmer!

For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau President, Field Advisor, or call 1-800-342-4143.