



# Advisory Councils: *Speak Out*

## We're listening

Over the years, advisory councils have tackled a lot of questions and issues. Whether it's CAUV, line fence laws, multiflora rose or mining, councils have provided input and the basis for a large part of OFBF's activities.

In advisory councils, members discuss the topic questions and give their feedback. OFBF asks about an issue and you have an opportunity to respond.

Now we want to know what questions we *should* be asking. What policy issues are being overlooked that advisory councils feel need to be discussed?

That's the focus of this council guide. We want you to give us a question that you think all advisory councils should consider.

The next issue of *Buckeye Farm News* will be in February. Between now and the end of January, we want your council to respond to this question:

“What is the most pressing question or issue that needs to be

discussed by and for Ohio farmers?”

We'll read your submissions and choose the top questions that you suggest and share them in the February *Buckeye Farm News* for everyone to discuss.

You tell us what issues are important to you. Is it a statewide issue? Is it a local issue that has an impact for everyone in your community, county, region, state or country?

Why February? In March and April, many local Farm Bureaus are developing policy ideas for local, state and national issues. This comes at a perfect time for you to talk about the issues that are facing you and agriculture and is something that Farm Bureau members can work on together.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to raise your questions and issues about agriculture and begin the process of turning ideas into action. This is grassroots at its finest. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

### Discussion Question:

What is the most pressing question or issue that needs to be discussed by and for Ohio farmers?

