



Advisory Councils: *Speak Out*

Your guide for July meetings

Advisory Council Discussion Questions

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1 Many council members made a specific choice to be a farmer or involved in agriculture. The reason you chose agriculture as a way of life for you and your family was not simply to make money (you could have done that in other careers) or only because your parents or grandparents were farmers (people choose professions different from their family businesses all the time). This article has real statements from real farmers explaining the core reason why they farm. It's your turn to share your "why":

- Why do you farm (if you are retired, why did you farm)?
- If you are not a farmer, why do you do what you do?

2 The cooperative movement, which led to the creation of farmer and member-owned cooperatives such as Landmark, Nationwide Insurance and others was the result of Farm Bureau members not just identifying a problem, but actively looking for opportunities to work together to help all farmers not just survive, but thrive. Looking toward the future, what new ways do you see for Ohio Farm Bureau members to cooperate so agriculture can continue to thrive in Ohio?

3 Consider Lincoln's famous quote, "People have within their own hands the tools and the power to fashion their own social and economic destinies, if they will only organize themselves to use them." How do you apply that quote to the Ohio Farm Bureau of today?