



Advisory Councils: *Speak Out*

The 'Fun Sheet' and other updates

Last fall, the questions and responses for Farm Bureau Advisory Councils became a feature of *Buckeye Farm News* in order to make the program more visible among all members and give councils more flexibility. Advisory Councils are small groups of Farm Bureau members who meet to discuss important issues and provide input that helps guide OFBF's Policy Development process.

Since the new format debuted, OFBF has gotten positive feedback as well as some questions and concerns related to the transition. The primary concern was the discontinuation of the "Fun Sheet," a traditional Advisory Council activity that provided moments of levity during contemplative council discussions. After hearing from members, OFBF is pleased to announce that the "Fun Sheet" will be reinstated and council members will be receiving a letter and packet with more information in early February.

Another development is that OFBF's Darrell Rubel will now be overseeing the program. Rubel has been with the organization for 13 years and as director of leadership development he has the experience and a unique skill set that makes him well suited for his new role.

Honeybaked Ham Winner

This month's winner of a free ham is Hardin County #33

This Issue's Advisory Council Questions

Climate Change legislation (see article on page 1)

- 1) Does your council support agriculture's continued involvement in the greenhouse gas reduction debate?
- 2) Would your council be in favor of:
 - A) A greenhouse gas reduction program administered by U.S. EPA under the Clean Air Act?
 - B) A greenhouse gas reduction program administered by USDA under the proposed cap-and-trade legislation?
 - C) Neither, because the current science does not support the proposed greenhouse gas reductions.
- 3) As always, councils are welcome to discuss and submit responses to any other articles in *Buckeye Farm News* that are relevant to their members.

Council Responses

Responses are still coming in from our last round of advisory council questions. They'll be printed in the Feb 4. edition of *Buckeye Farm News*.

Contact

For questions or more information, e-mail speakout@ofbf.org or contact Regina Mayhugh at 614-246-8285.

Scheduling

Discussions questions are included 15 times throughout the year in *Buckeye Farm News*, so councils will have topics for monthly meetings, regardless of when they are held. Advisory Councils are free to discuss the questions in any recent edition of *Buckeye Farm News*, but here is a suggested list of publications that can be used at upcoming meetings.

Month of Council Meeting: Suggested issue of *Buckeye Farm News*:

January	Dec. 17
February	Jan. 21
March	Feb. 4 or Feb. 16
April	March 11 or March 25
May	April 15
June	May 13
July	June 10
August	July 15
September	Aug. 12
October	Sept. 9 or Sept. 23
November	Oct. 14
December	Nov. 11