

**WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU INC.
PROPOSED POLICIES 2016-2017**

Washington County Proposed Local Policies 2016-2017

1. We support the Enhanced 9-1-1 levy, so as not to jeopardize county agricultural funded programs.
2. We support Oil & Gas exploration efforts and urge landowners to research and be better/more educated about easements and right-a-way language.
3. We support our local farmers markets and encourage buying locally.
4. We encourage landowners to become educated in the wealth of information available in the County Auditor's office, especially in regards to CAUV (current agricultural use value).
5. We support all agricultural education efforts, of all ages, within our county; including but not limited to Agricultural Education and Extension programs.
6. We support the exploration and possible development of a river terminal facility in the county to enhance imports/exports of agricultural goods and products.
7. We support the county board of health to follow the directives of the local advisory council in dealing with sewer, septic and related issues.
8. We urge continual education of county landowners to the detriment of noxious and encroaching weeds such as Poison Hemlock, Mares Tail, etc., (but not limited to these).

Washington County Proposed State Policies 2016-2017

1. We urge continued financial support of Extension, SWCD and our Agricultural Education programs.
2. We support keeping the majority of oil and gas revenues within the county that it is collected in.
3. We oppose any increase in the Severance Tax in Ohio until it is proven to be needed, as an early implementation could deter development, jobs and exploration.
4. We encourage more aggressive policies in dealing with wildlife challenges; and support compensation to farmers for damages caused by wildlife, and hunting seasons adjusted to control damages.
5. We oppose additional and over burdening regulations that are deterring growth of jobs/industries and causing closures/downsizings.

Washington County Proposed National Policies 2016-2017

1. We continue to oppose regulations and mandates that are overburdening, costly and job deterrents, resulting in the closing of our industries, eliminating jobs and resulting in higher costs to consumers.
2. We encourage a farm policy package that supports product pricing which could enable farm wages to rise.
3. We urge Congress to enforce current immigration laws, including border control.
4. We oppose Waters of the U.S. and support an enforced limitation of EPA powers and requiring mandates to be based on sound science.