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*Forging a partnership between farmers and consumers.  
•Working together for Ohio's farmers•*

## **Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Seeking Nominations for Issue Advisory Teams**

Ohio Farm Bureau's Issue Advisory Teams provide Farm Bureau members the opportunity to engage with peers on a specific interest or issue. Team members may review, research, discuss, draft and recommend new policies, programming and/or activities addressing this interest area. They actively share their work with their county Farm Bureau president and board of trustees. Their input could be used by county Farm Bureaus to initiate programs at local, multi-county and state levels.

### **Team Focus Areas**

*Advocacy and Economic Value* – Identify and share the economic value of public policy initiatives that are important to farmers, the food sector, rural residents and other strategic partners. .

*Farm Policy and Business Sustainability* – Business sustainability, taxes, risk management, succession planning, investment strategies (business and family), farm policy, property rights, rural and economic development.

*Food Chain and Consumer* – Farm to fork issues involving restaurants, grocers, retailers, transportation, agribusiness, distributors, processors, importers, food safety/handling labeling, technology, economics, community perceptions of food, farming, agriculture and public trust

*Industry Engagement* - Measure and explore the value of group membership; strategize on surfacing/soliciting group candidates and provide input on group member content for organization events and activities.

*Labor, Transportation and Energy* – Workforce needs, infrastructure, development, rules and regulations.

*Environment* – Air quality, soil & water conservation, nutrient management, natural resources.

*Workforce Development and Education* – Agricultural education in the classroom, consumer outreach, OSU-CFAES and OSUE, Jobs Ohio and work with chambers of commerce and independent business.

*Livestock, Food and Nutrition* – Food safety and availability, consumer trust, nutrition, animal health, plant health.

*Health Care and Safety* – Insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, program affordability and availability, rural healthcare, hospitals, accident prevention, workers compensation and quality of life issues.

### **Team Membership**

County Farm Bureau Volunteers identified/surfaced by county Farm Bureau leadership and/or the program's self-nomination process.

Industry and Community Stakeholders with special insight, knowledge, skill and expertise that compliment specific team efforts.

### **Terms of Service**

Each team member will be invited to serve a one year term, with the voluntary option to continue service for two additional one year terms.

## **Member Responsibilities**

Attend and Participate in the Advisory Team Meetings – Team members will be asked to identify and explore important issues relating to the team and bring them to the attention of the chairperson and team facilitators for discussion and research. Each team will hold a minimum of three meetings per year:

- An organizational teleconference to set the team agenda and discussion topics for a full team session, held in conjunction with the OFBF Trends and Issues Conference.
- Participation in the OFBF Trends and Issues Conference.
- A follow-up session or teleconference to discuss final ideas and OFBF policy development recommendations.

Support Member Advocacy and Policy Development – Provide an additional member voice in the OFBF Policy Development process and program development:

- Review current OFBF policy, as well as develop changes, updates and recommendations to the Ohio Farm Bureau Policy Development Committee related to the specific team focus.
- Recommend programs and activities relating to the team focus to Farm Bureau leadership and staff at state, regional and county levels.

Foster Communication, Diversity and Inclusion - Suggest ways to involve Farm Bureau members with industry and community stakeholders to enhance relationships, as well as implement organization policies, initiatives and action programs:

- Meet with the county Farm Bureau president, county board of trustees and Public Policy Action Team leader to provide updates following Advisory Team meetings.
- Participate in county Farm Bureau policy development and annual meeting proceedings.
- Suggest ways to involve members and community stakeholders to implement policies adopted at the county and Ohio Farm Bureau Annual Meetings.

## **Trends and Issues Conference - 2017**

Our theme of exploring water use/development issues continues with a visit to southwestern Ohio and the greater Cincinnati area. Conference participants will explore transportation infrastructure and logistics concerning the Port of Cincinnati. Potential resource speakers include representatives from the Port of Cincinnati, US Army Corps of Engineers, as well as transportation companies focusing on agricultural commodities, farm inputs, goods and services.

A potential program tour incorporating a riverboat cruise through an Ohio River lock and around Port of Cincinnati facilities is being considered.

## **Nomination Application and Deadline**

Please see the attached form to begin your self-nomination process. Additional information and application materials are available by contacting your county Farm Bureau office, or contacting Dale Arnold at [darnold@ofbf.org](mailto:darnold@ofbf.org), 614.246.8294.

**The deadline for nominations to OFBF is December 15, 2016.**

# OHIO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

## Application for New Issue Advisory Teams - 2017



When Completed, Return to: **Jennifer Baldwin**  
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**PLEASE COMPLETE  
 ENTIRE APPLICATION  
 TO BE CONSIDERED  
 FOR A TEAM**  
**APPLICATION DUE:  
 December 15, 2016**

Today's Date		County of Membership		Membership Class <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Associate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Suffix	Preferred Name
Street Address			Date of Birth	Spouse Name	
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Numbers Home: (    )		
E-Mail (Required for all Team Conference Communication)			Work: (    )		
Does your cell phone accept text messages? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Cell: (    )		

The issue advisory teams are listed and described below. Please rank your first and/or second choice of teams in the space provided. If you only wish to be considered for one team only put a one and no second ranking in the space provided.

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- ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ON BACK -

