

**NOBLE COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC.
PROPOSED POLICIES 2017-2018**

Noble County Proposed Local Policies 2017-2018

1. We support education and control of the drug (concerns) epidemic.
2. We urge timely response by local personnel to livestock kills, crop damage reports and forest resource damage. We encourage continual training on animal issues.
3. We encourage landowners to use caution and research before signing any long term oil and gas leases and pipelines for Marcellus and/or Utica Shale.
4. We continue to encourage the production of locally grown produce and meat and develop avenues for local farmers to market their product.
5. We support protecting our waterways and water resources and supporting good soil and water practices on a local level. Some of these practices are the use of crossing bridges for cattle with fencing along streams so as to protect stream waters and the use of grass barriers between streams and creeks and cultivated fields. Our water resources are invaluable and there is a need to protect them.
6. We continue to offer county-wide informational meetings on farmland preservation and encourage the preservation of farmland through agricultural or conservation easements.

Noble County Proposed State Policies 2017-2018

1. Line fence – water gates maintenance.
2. We encourage expansion of high speed Internet for rural areas.
3. We urge ODNR Division of Wildlife to require an antlerless deer be harvested by each hunter prior to taking an antlered for the same licensure fee, thus helping to reduce the deer herd.
4. We urge a broader “family” definition for hunting on property by landowners.
5. We urge the Secretary of State to combine more precincts. One 4 person team could easily handle most of the clusters of 3 townships.
6. We urge better control of invasive and noxious species on state owned right of ways.
7. We support the adjustments made to date in the CAUV calculation process. However, we encourage the deductions for clearing be increased to \$3,700 per acre.
8. We encourage the State of Ohio and/or Ohio Farm Bureau to work with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service for a more expedited process to obtain Black Vulture removal permits.

Noble County Proposed National Policies 2017-2018

1. We encourage re-naming the "Farm Bill", the "Food & Nutrition Bill" as it more correctly reflects the majority of the language and spending of the plan.
2. We urge that only legal U.S. residents are eligible to receive Social Security Benefits.