

Marion County Farm Bureau Proposed Policies for 2019

LOCAL

County Roads - We support working with the county engineer to ensure the continued movement of agricultural products throughout the county. We also support protecting, maintaining, and minimizing damage to all roads and right of ways for the safety of all residents using roadways.

Medical Marijuana - We support township and county zoning authority for regulating growth and distribution of medical marijuana as they see fit.

Farmland Preservation - We support the Marion County Commissioners and Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District as local sponsors in the Ohio Department of Agriculture Clean Ohio Agriculture Easement Purchase Program. The program's goal is to preserve Ohio's most productive and viable blocks of farmland for future generations.

Water Quality - We support the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District and OSU Extension's efforts to address water quality concerns by supporting local government funding appropriations. By encouraging member farmers to complete fertilizer certification and participating in best management practices we can conserve, protect and enhance soil, water and land resources in

STATE

Water Quality - We support Ohio's efforts to protect water quality. Efforts include the issue of nutrients, such as phosphorus from farmland, entering our waterways. We support the research to verify the volume of nutrients entering waterways, how this is happening and to identify those practices that keep nutrients on the fields.

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Farm Bill - We support Congress passing the Farm Bill on time.