

Together

WITH farmers



Whether it's local produce bound for the farmers market or grain exported to faraway lands, Farm Bureau understands the importance of policies that impact how our food is produced. Together with farmers, we work to ensure America's food system is safe, affordable and abundant.

THE FARM BUREAU NETWORK

Farm Bureau is an organization with a broad reach, helping make decisions about policies impacting food production from small-town America to the international stage. Farm Bureau's grassroots structure means its members influence policy at every level; from the local planning commission to forums with state, national and international leaders.



Farm Bureau member Terry McClure testifies before the U.S. House Agriculture subcommittee.

WORK TOGETHER WITH FARMERS TO SHAPE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC POLICY

Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development process provides every member a say in the organization's policy positions. Attending local meetings, sitting on advisory teams or even serving as a member of the OFBF State Policy Development Committee are just some of the opportunities available to be part of setting OFBF's policy positions.



ADVOCACY TO IMPROVE FOOD PRODUCTION

- ✓ Farm Bureau works regularly with its partners in the business community to ensure Ohio laws allow private enterprise to thrive. Working to **reform Ohio's tax code**, providing a **sustainable unemployment compensation** program and **reforming our state's workers' compensation** laws are just a few of the issues where Farm Bureau leverages these key partnerships to add the perspective of the food production sector.
- ✓ Farm Bureau support was crucial to passing legislation to **avert the formation of a patchwork of 50 state food labeling requirements**. Instead, a new national standard was established to provide food processors options for how to present information on GMO products to consumers.
- ✓ The federal **Food Safety Modernization Act** will mean tremendous changes for the food supply chain. Farm Bureau helped shape the legislation to ensure the first overhaul of food safety laws since the 1930s was workable for the farm and food community. Farm Bureau will be a leader in **providing its members with compliance resources to foster understanding** of the new law's complex requirements.
- ✓ Surveys show consumers hold both food processors and farmers accountable for the integrity of the food they consume. Farm Bureau is the best forum to connect producers and processors in order to respond to consumer needs.



Rebecca Singer, CEO of the Center for Innovative Food Technology, speaks to an audience at the Farm and Food Institute hosted by Ohio Farm Bureau. The event was designed to bring farmers and food processors together to discuss supply chain strategies.