

Morrow County Farm Bureau 2020 Adopted Policies

LOCAL	
1	We support the use of income taxes as a method to fund our local school levies.
2	We encourage land owners to consider applying for land use preservation grants, as the county now has zoning and a land use plan. We will seek to inform and educate landowners about their options.
3	We support the use and implementation of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
4	We encourage the Health Department to enforce current laws pertaining to water quality and sewer regulations.
5	We support the purchase of locally grown foods, Farmers' Markets, and the sharing of the benefits that exist in keeping our food supply close to home. Additionally, we seek to connect people with their food to help them understand where it comes from and why it is grown that way.
6	We support local law enforcement agencies in the protection of our community.
7	We encourage rural landowners to evaluate their property, facilities, infrastructure and costs prior to the acquisition of livestock, so as to ensure adequacy of animal care, land and water resources.
8	We support recycling and litter management.
9	We support having health care facilities in Morrow County.
STATE	
1	We oppose the EPA requirements that small villages put in expensive water treatment systems without the funding necessary to do so. This places an undue burden on the property owners to build and maintain such systems.
2	We encourage the state to evaluate the distribution of funds from fees and penalties generated by Ohio State Troopers as it relates to the local municipalities in which the offense was cited.
3	We support restrictions and penalties on the flying of drones over another person's property without permission.
4	We support state grant funding for solid manure storage facilities.
5	We support ODOT implementing a buggy lane on State Route 314 where there is a high traffic of Amish and non-motorized travel present.
6	We support the ban of foreign land ownership of agricultural land.
7	We support Ohio's electoral vote going to whoever wins the popular vote in Ohio.
State proposals continued....	

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8	<p>We support the use of a consulting forester and woodlot management education, so landowners can maximize the benefit of managing their woodlot. We encourage members to help protect and properly manage all woodlands in Morrow County.</p> <p>We support legislation requiring woodlands to have a forest management plan, prepared by an Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) State Service Forester or a certified professional consulting forester, filed with the County Auditor in order to qualify for CAUV. (Currently no state law exists requiring a forest management plan for CAUV eligibility).</p> <p>To ensure compliance of the forest management plan, in that landowners are following the provisions of their written plan, we support ODNR Division of Forestry conducting random compliance inspections and to recertify/reapprove forest management plans every five years. Compliance inspections should be conducted by forestry experts due to the important real property tax benefits for woodlands under the Ohio Forest Tax Law and CAUV.</p>
9	<p>We support reforming Ohio Forest Tax Law and CAUV woodlands; merging them both into one program to be under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Forestry. We support the ODNR Division of Forestry to provide enforcement, guidance and oversight to ensure consistent and proper woodland management and stewardship is occurring in Morrow County and throughout the state of Ohio.</p> <p>We support CAUV recoupment deferral from properties changing from CAUV woodland to Ohio Forest Tax Law. In the event the two programs are ever merged, we support recoupment deferral.</p>
NATIONAL	
1	We support the CRP program, with inclusion the removal of restrictions on mowing in order to control multi-flora rose, thistles and other nuisance weeds.
2	We support better control of predatory animals such as coyotes and black-headed turkey vultures.
3	We support Medicare coverage of prescription drugs and healthcare for self-employed, low income families.
4	We encourage Congress to stop passing bills without supplying the necessary money to implement the bill.
5	We encourage all states receive fair share of Federal funds for programs such as EQIP, etc.
6	We support a nationwide moratorium on construction debris and demolition landfills until proper rules and regulations are in place.
7	We believe the Farm Service Agency state committee members should be elected, not appointed.