

“AgriPOWER is a leadership growth series for agricultural professionals. Growth from experiences of agricultural opportunities to broaden knowledge. Leadership development from diverse sessions to build better advocates for agriculture.”

**CHRISTINE SNOWDEN**, Licking County and Class XII Member

“In order to measure success, I believe we must first understand the goals to which that success is being compared. And as AgriPower Class XI ends, I know that each of my personal goals for this program have not only been met but were far exceeded. If you’re looking for an opportunity to increase your skills and knowledge as a leader, advocate, and agriculture professional, then I would highly encourage you to apply for the next AgriPower Class.”

**KEVIN WARD**, Wyandot County and Class XI

“One word to describe my experience in the AgriPOWER program would be: humbling. I will be forever grateful for going out on a limb and making the decision to apply for this program. It has brought about many new experiences, new friends and a ton of knowledge. I have a strong passion for agriculture and I truly believe that the lack of education about agriculture to the general public, at no fault of their own, is scary for the industry’s future. Becoming an advocate for agriculture starts with educating yourself first, and then becoming a proud influence.”

**LINDSAY SCHWINN**, AgriPOWER Class X member.

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Use your knowledge in agriculture  
**TO BE A LEADER.**



**AGRIPOWER CLASS XIII**

Ohio Farm Bureau hosts an elite program designed specifically for farmers and agribusiness professionals: AgriPOWER. This yearlong program focuses on public policy issues confronting agriculture and the food industry such as consumer relations, regulations, energy, and trade policies. It helps individuals develop the skills necessary to become effective leaders and advocates for agriculture by learning from experts in these fields. Additionally, the program is respectful of today’s busy farm and family calendar.



In 2022, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation will select 10 individuals to participate in AgriPOWER, a leadership and advocacy development program, which will consist of seven multi-day institutes (17 total days).

Topics covered during institute programs will include public policy matters facing local communities, the state of Ohio, the nation, and the world. Additionally, specific sessions will help class members develop important skills necessary to become effective leaders and advocate for agriculture. Two of the institute sessions will be held out of state (one in Washington, D.C., and the other location will be decided at a later date) to help class members gain a valuable understanding of national and global issues.

**YOU SHOULD APPLY FOR AGRIPOWER CLASS XIII IF:**

- You want to improve your understanding of current issues and develop the skills necessary to lead and become an advocate for agriculture.
- You have a passion for agriculture and see yourself in a leadership role in the future.
- You are interested in the political process and/or have thought about running for office.
- You are open to new experiences and learning
- You can commit the time necessary to participate in the program.



Never before in the history of agriculture has there been the urgency there is today for leaders and advocates for agriculture.

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT AGRIPOWER



*“If you’re looking for a program to take you to the next step in your ag career, whether you’re just getting started or are a veteran — consider AgriPOWER. You’ll be surprised how much you learn from the speakers and farmers, and also about yourself and the people around you.”*

**CHRIS KICK**, Wayne County Farm Bureau Member and AgriPower Class VII Member



Individuals may nominate themselves or have their nomination sponsored by their respective county Farm Bureau, other agricultural organization, or employer. If you are nominating yourself, you must be a Farm Bureau member (contact your county Farm Bureau for membership information). Applications should be completed and returned to Ohio Farm Bureau postmarked by April 22, 2022. Ohio Farm Bureau will review the applications and select the 2022-2023 class. All applicants will be notified of their acceptance status after May 9, 2022. The first institute for all accepted applicants to attend will convene in Columbus on July 8-9. Applications can be obtained at the county Farm Bureau office or online at [ofbf.org/get-involved/agripower](http://ofbf.org/get-involved/agripower).

### 2022-2023 TUITION

The tuition is \$4,500 per person, plus each individual is responsible for a \$400 participation deposit. Tuition includes lodging, meals, breaks, group travel and all course materials. Ohio Farm Bureau currently plans to offer two scholarships. The contribution of those who receive scholarships will be their time, energy and commitment to make the program a success as well as a volunteer commitment after completion of the program. All participants, county Farm Bureaus and other agricultural organizations and businesses are invited to make a financial contribution to strengthen the program. Other organizations are invited to sponsor a participant, or in some cases, an individual and his/her employer may cooperate to cover the program’s tuition. Travel to and from the Ohio sessions, meals during the commuting trips and any incidental personal purchases are the responsibility of each individual participant. The \$400 deposit will be returned to the participant at graduation if the participant attends every session in its entirety. \$50 per Ohio session or \$100 for the out-of-state sessions will be deducted from the reimbursement for each part of any institute the participant misses. Participants may seek scholarship support locally for any or all of the \$400 participation deposit.

### CLASS XIII SCHEDULE 2022-2023 SESSION OUTLINE

#### SESSION 1 JULY 8-9

##### Columbus

Program orientation and getting to know Farm Bureau. Personal strengths finder assessment, evolving leadership development, and public speaking training.

#### SESSION 2 AUGUST 11-13

##### Northern Ohio

Power and role of the media, spokesperson training, changing nature of communications, social media, and Ohio water quality issues.

#### SESSION 3 SEPTEMBER 13-15

##### Washington D.C.

Power of organizations, Farm Bureau’s process, national and international issues, trade, demographics, and federal government basics.

#### SESSION 4 NOVEMBER 17-18

##### Columbus

Up close look at state and local government, working with elected officials, and politics and etiquette.

#### SESSION 5 DEC 16-17

##### Southern Ohio

Dive into issues and topics facing Ohio Agriculture today and in the future.

#### SESSION 6 FEBRUARY 16-19

##### Out of State Ag Tour

Explore current issues in food, agriculture, and the environment in another state. Gain a first-hand perspective of agricultural facilities, businesses and Farm Bureau’s role in another state. Explore ways for Farm Bureaus to work together.

#### SESSION 7 MARCH 17-18

##### Columbus

Service opportunities to get engaged in agricultural organizations, local organizations, and Ohio Farm Bureau. Review business structures and transitions. AgriPOWER graduation.

*Date and locations of sessions are tentative and subject to change.*



*“The contacts made throughout our AgriPOWER journey are second to none. We meet with politicians at the local, state and national level. We were able to meet and network with the leaders from the various ag groups throughout the state. The contacts that were made within the Ohio Farm Bureau are invaluable, but nothing will beat the relationships that were formed with the other members of AgriPOWER.”*

**BENNETT MUSSELMAN**, Pickaway County Farm Bureau Member and AgriPOWER Class VIII