

Ohio Farm Bureau

**2025 BOARD
OF TRUSTEES**



Mission

Working together for Ohio farmers to advance agriculture and strengthen our communities.

Vision

A strong Ohio farm and food community.

Value Proposition

Membership provides you with a competitive advantage as you can achieve the best farm future for your family.

No matter what kind of farming you do, your future is impacted by evolving markets, consumer trends, new technologies and our elected officials through the policies they enact. Farm Bureau advocates for you with lawmakers, influences ag policy and gives you a competitive advantage through access to top-level business solutions to grow your bottom line.

Farm Bureau feeds your need for new ideas in more ways than you may know. As a member, you have access to a collaborative organization keeping pace with your current and future needs. Farm Bureau gives you a seat at the table with policymakers, other business owners, industry experts and influencers.

Membership provides you with valuable information, programs and services to strengthen your competitive advantage to ensure your family has its best farm future.

SHAPING POLICY

Farm Bureau provides you a seat at the table to advance agriculture and create a favorable environment for your farm business.

- We are the leading advocate for your farm business and all of agriculture at the local, state, and national levels.
- We work together with farmers to address the top priority issues and set policy agendas. We provide legal advocacy and work with regulators to make sure they understand how their decisions impact our most important industry.
- Members are directly responsible for setting the policy agenda through our grassroots process. Issues like CAUV implementation, fair taxation, conservation, water quality, property rights, rural broadband and farmland preservation remain central to our legislative agenda.
- Farm Bureau offers access to legal information and resources to understand issues impacting your farm business. Members can access experts who focus on oil/gas, wind and solar leases. We provide referrals to attorneys experienced in agriculture. And our Ohio Landowner Toolkit contains essential information to help answer questions unique to you as farmland owner.

LEVERAGING TRENDS

Farm Bureau helps you gather information on trends and issues so you are ready for what's next.

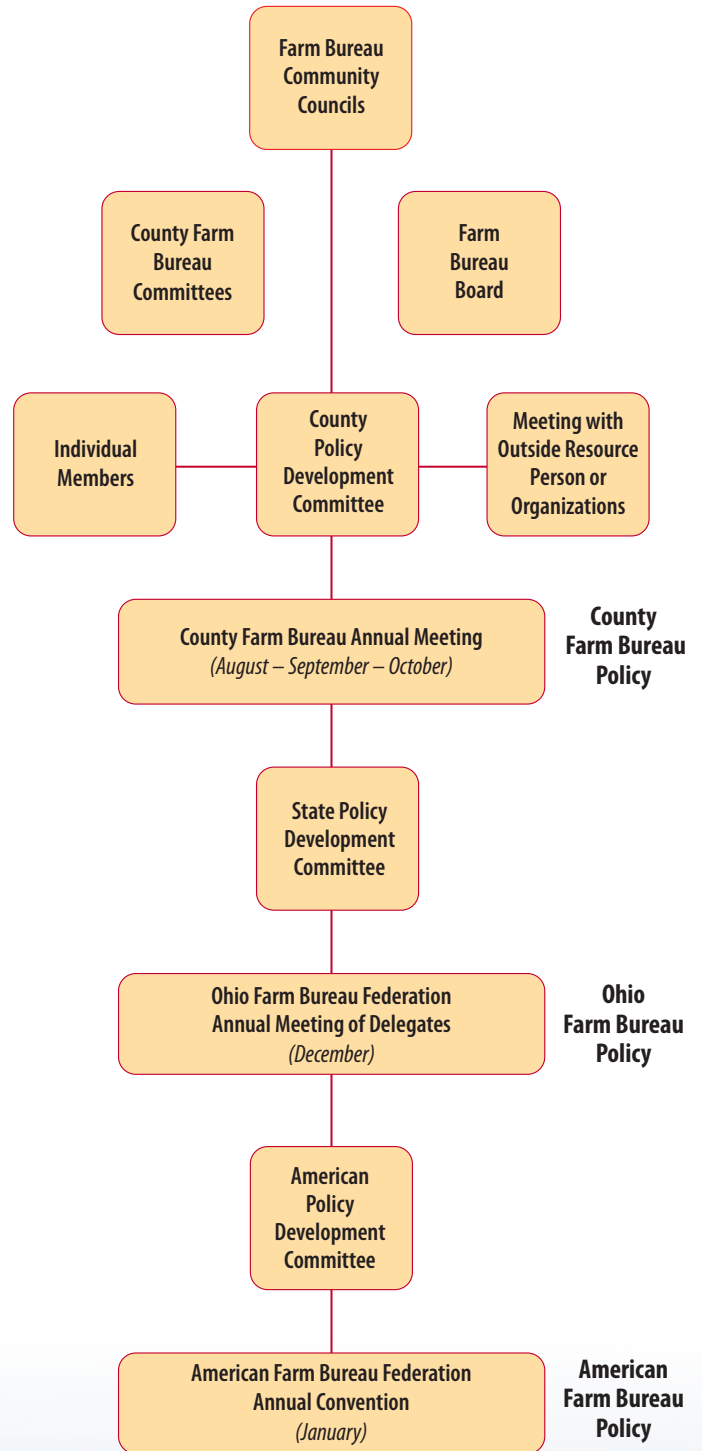
- Nationwide's Ag Insight Center provides information to drive your business success.
- American Farm Bureau's Market Intel provides economic analysis, market and policy insights.
- Ag Intelligence Service reports provide insights, information and resources.
- Members receive Our Ohio magazine six times a year plus various digital communications and podcasts.



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Farm Bureau helps you collaborate with the best and build relationships to keep you ready for the next innovation or issue.

- Connecting business-minded, future-driven farmers to share insights, ideas and innovations to continuously evolve and grow your bottom line.
- Engaging with industry influencers through events such as Ag Day at the Capitol, Washington D.C. legislative trips and AgriPOWER leadership institute.
- Our Young Ag Professionals program provides leadership development and professional growth opportunities for our members 18-35 years old. Washington, D.C. Experience gives members a seat at the table with policymakers.
- The Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation is committed to inspire and educate the next generation of farmers, ensuring the progress and prosperity of Ohio's agriculture far into the future. We create pathways for young people to learn about the variety and viability of careers in agriculture. Through scholarships, programming and grants, the foundation builds a growing workforce of up-and-coming farmers who are passionate and prepared to grow Ohio's agricultural communities.



Farm Bureau Policy

Ohio Farm Bureau is directed by its members, at all levels of the organization. Through an annual policy development process, members define the positions the organization takes on issues affecting farmers and rural residents. The grassroots process leads to the creation of policy positions that guide legislative and regulatory action by the organization on important issues.

How is Farm Bureau Policy Developed?

The flow chart at right shows how Farm Bureau policy begins at the local level and eventually becomes approved county, Ohio and American Farm Bureau policy.



Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

2025 Board of Trustees

As of December 13, 2024

James (Bill) Patterson, President (District 4)

Bill Patterson of Chesterland was elected president of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in April 2021. He joined the board as District 4 trustee in 2011 representing Farm Bureau members in Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake and Trumbull counties. Patterson farms with his family, raising apples, strawberries and peaches. They also have a farm market and a wholesale cider operation. Patterson received his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Ohio State University.



Cy Prettyman, First Vice President (District 7)

Cy Prettyman of New Bloomington was elected First vice president of Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in April 2021. He has served as District 7 trustee for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation since 2012, representing members from Crawford, Marion, Morrow and Richland counties. Prettyman farms with his family, raising corn, soybeans, and has a direct-to-consumer beef enterprise. In addition, he has an over 30-year agricultural career serving members in Ohio's cooperative system. He has a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from Ohio State University and has been active with local and state Pork Producers Councils and Ohio Cattlemen's Association.



Adele Flynn, Treasurer (District 3)

Adele Flynn of Wellington was elected Treasurer in April 2024. She has served as District 3 trustee representing members from Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron and Lorain counties since September 2018. She and her husband, Eric, have three children and farm full time. They run a cow-calf operation, raising freezer beef, show calves and breeding stock. The Flynns are also co-owners of Gordon Farms, producing cash grains, along with Adele's father and uncle. Adele is a 4-H advisor, serves on the Centerra Co-op board of directors and is chairwoman of the board for the Center for Food Innovation at Oberlin.



Nate Like, District 1

Nate Like of Hamler was elected District 1 trustee for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in May 2024. He represents Farm Bureau members in Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams counties. Like and his wife, Ashley, own and operate Buckeye Meats and Processing, a federally inspected processing plant. On his farm, he has a small herd of brood cows and grows corn and soybeans with his father-in-law. He also raises calves for local youth involved in 4-H and uses his expertise as a judge at livestock shows across the country. A graduate of Wilmington College with a degree in agricultural business, Like is a member of Henry County Farm Bureau, most recently serving as president. He also is a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 262.



Bill Myers, District 2

Bill Myers of Oregon was elected District 2 trustee in December 2021. He represents the interests of Farm Bureau members from Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wood counties. He and his wife, Saletta, have two children. Myers farms with his brother, Bob, and his son and daughter. The farm produces corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. Myers is a 25-year member of Lucas County Farm Bureau and has served as president, annual meeting delegate and public policy chairman. He also participated in AgriPOWER Class I. He is president of the Lake Erie Waterkeeper Association and a member of CedarCreek Church in Perrysburg.



Craig Pohlman, District 5

Craig Pohlman of Venedocia was elected as District 5 trustee for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in December 2019. He represents Farm Bureau members in Allen, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert counties. Pohlman and his wife, Sheila, raise corn, soybeans and grain sorghum. He is a 17-year Van Wert County Farm Bureau member. An Ohio State University graduate with a degree in agriculture economics, Pohlman is an independent seed salesman and is active with the Van Wert Soil and Water Conservation District.



John Bolte, District 6

John Bolte of Tiffin was elected to the board in December 2022. He represents the interests of members from Hancock, Hardin, Seneca and Wyandot counties.

Bolte and his wife, Sarah, operate Bolte Farms, a small grain farm and pumpkin operation, which also includes an 1860s bank barn, Arlington Acres Ohio, that is used as a wedding venue. He is the head trader for Seneca Trading, LLC, and is a graduate of Ohio Farm Bureau's AgriPOWER leadership development program. He has a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and applied economics from Ohio State University.



Mike Bensman, District 10

Mike Bensman of Sidney was elected District 10 trustee for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in December 2014 and represents members from Auglaize, Logan, Mercer and Shelby counties. He and his wife, Martha, have a grain crop farm plus farm in partnership with his three brothers, Dave, Greg and Dale. For 41 years he has worked at Koenig Equipment Inc. in Botkins, presently serving as manager of equipment delivery. Bensman was Soil Conservation Cooperator of the Year in 1990 and is a member of the American Soybean Association and National Corn Growers Association.



Matt Vodraska, District 8

Matt Vodraska of Doylestown was elected District 8 trustee for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in December 2023. He represents members in Ashland, Medina, Summit and Wayne counties. Vodraska farms with his brother on a diversified specialty fruit operation where they produce estate wines and ciders on the family farm south of Wadsworth. He served as president of the Wayne County Farm Bureau and has helped to shape public policy at the county and state levels. He was Ohio Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer in 2019. He was named Ohio Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer in 2019 and was a member of the inaugural AgriPOWER class in 2009. He also has been active with the Ohio Grape Association, Midwest Apple Improvement Association and Ohio Produce Growers & Marketers Association.



Katherine Harrison, District 11

Katherine Harrison of Canal Winchester was elected District 11 trustee in 2011, representing members in Delaware, Franklin, Madison and Union counties. She is the owner of Harrison Farm, where she raises goats, sheep and chickens. Harrison Farm provides agritourism opportunities for visitors from the metropolitan area, offers educational internships for students, and is a farm incubator for young agriculturalists. Harrison is a graduate of AgriPOWER Class II and served as a McCloy Fellow in 2011. She holds a bachelor's degree in history and world religions from the University of Richmond.



Danielle Burch, District 9

Danielle Burch of Salem was elected District 9 trustee in May 2021 and represents members in Columbiana, Mahoning, Portage and Stark counties. Burch and her husband, Andrew, have three children and operate a 250-acre freezer beef and pork operation in Salem, where she is a member of the Winona Fire Department Auxiliary and Hanoverton Church of Christ. She has served as president of Columbiana County Farm Bureau, was a member of the OFBF Young Ag Professionals State Committee, served on the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Policy Development Committee and Code Committee and is also a graduate of American Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Communications Boot Camp. Burch received her bachelor's degree in political science and history at the University of Mount Union in Alliance and master's degree in education at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.



Paul Davidson, District 12

Paul Davidson of Newark was elected District 12 trustee in December 2024, representing members in Coshocton, Holmes, Knox and Licking counties.

Davidson is a 52-year member of Licking County Farm Bureau and served as its president. He also previously served on the Ohio Farm Bureau board from 2011 to 2018. An Ohio State University graduate with a degree in agricultural economics and rural sociology, Davidson produces hay and is a project manager for a local excavating company. He is currently the president of the Utica FFA Alumni Association, a 4-H advisor, member of FFA Alumni and currently serves as a trustee on the Licking Land Trust.



Mackenzie Deetz, District 13

Mackenzie Deetz of Sugarcreek was elected to the board of trustees in December 2022. She represents the interests of Farm Bureau members from Carroll, Harrison, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties. Deetz is a 6th generation dairy farmer, working alongside her father and two brothers in the Ragersville Valley, where they milk 1,700 Holsteins. Deetz attended Ohio State University and has previously worked in the health care and education fields. She volunteers as a host farmer for the Dairy Excellence Foundation and American Dairy Association Mideast, teaching children about agriculture and the dairy industry.



Matt Aultman, District 14

Matt Aultman was elected District 14 trustee for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in December 2020 and represents the interests of Farm Bureau members in Champaign, Clark, Darke and Miami counties. He and his wife, Morgan, and their children raise row crops, hay, produce, mums, cut flowers, Nigerian Dwarf goats, chickens, and show rabbits. He is a feed nutritionist at Treaty Mills, LLC and also helps his grandfather and father with their daily farm operations. Aultman attended Edison State Community College to study business and machine engineering. He serves as a Darke County commissioner and sits on many boards, including the Coalition for a Healthy Darke County, Wayne HealthCare Foundation, Darke County Economic Development, Darke County Visitors Bureau and the American Red Cross.



Michael Videkovich, District 15

Michael Videkovich of Ashville was elected to the Ohio Farm Bureau board of trustees in 2013, representing members in Fairfield, Hocking, Pickaway and Ross counties. He and his wife, Kim, farm with her parents raising corn, soybeans, wheat, forage crops and beef cattle. A 19-year Pickaway County Farm Bureau member, he has served as its president and vice president, on its public policy committee and as a board member. He also has served on Ohio Farm Bureau's public policy and code committees, is a graduate of Farm Bureau's AgriPOWER leadership development program and is a member of the American Farm Bureau's Grassroots Outreach team.



Vince Untied, District 16

Vince Untied of Frazeytsburg was elected District 16 trustee in December 2024 representing members in Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum and Perry counties. Untied operates a cow/calf seedstock and show cattle operation and is currently the CAUV director for the CAUV & Agriculture Districts Program in Licking County. He is a graduate of West Virginia University, earning a degree in wildlife and fisheries management. He has been involved with the county Farm Bureau, most recently serving as the organization's vice president. He is also a graduate of Ohio Farm Bureau's AgriPOWER leadership program, Class IX.



Al Miller, District 17

Al Miller of Marietta was elected District 17 trustee in 2008 and represents members in Belmont, Monroe, Noble and Washington counties. He and his wife, Jean, own a commercial cow-calf farm where they also produce hay. Miller is a township trustee, a delegate for United Producers, Inc. and he serves on the Washington County Planning Commission. He has been involved with county farmland preservation efforts.



Lane Osswald, District 18

Lane Osswald of Eldorado was elected District 18 trustee in 2011. He represents members from Butler, Hamilton, Montgomery and Preble counties. Osswald and his wife, Bambi, have four children and farm with his parents and two brothers, growing corn, soybeans, wheat, cover crops, vegetables and providing custom farming services. The Ohio State graduate owns and operates Growing Acres Farm and sells Stine seed. In addition, Osswald is a member of Ware's Chapel United Methodist Church, the Preble County Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation board of directors.



Nicol Reiterman, District 19

Nicol Reiterman of Washington Court House was elected to board of trustees in December 2022. She represents the interests of Farm Bureau members from Clinton, Fayette, Greene and Warren counties. Reiterman and her husband, Mike, farm 1,300 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and malting barley. In addition, they own and operate Reiterman Seed Farms, and Nicol serves as co-manager of the family run feed store, Reiterman Feed and Supply. A member of Fayette County Farm Bureau for more than 30 years, she has served as the county Farm Bureau's president, membership chair, and currently is chair of the Public Policy Committee.



Nathan Brown, District 20

Nathan Brown of Hillsboro was elected in May 2017 as District 20 trustee, representing members in Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland counties. A first-generation farmer, he and his wife, Jennifer, grow corn and soybeans and operate a cow-calf herd. He is a township trustee and is a member of Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers, Ohio Soybean Association, Ohio Cattlemen's Association, Ohio No-Till Council and Ohio Township Trustees Association.



Greg Williams, District 21

Greg Williams of Lucasville was elected District 21 trustee in December 2024, representing Farm Bureau members in Jackson-Vinton, Pike and Scioto counties. Williams feeds out bulls in partnership with a local dairy as he builds a direct-to-consumer market for high-quality beef. He has served Scioto County Farm Bureau as its vice president and also served on the Ohio Farm Bureau Young Agricultural Professionals State Committee. He is a graduate of Shawnee State University, receiving a degree in secondary education and is a school psychologist for South Central Ohio Educational Service Center.



Gary Truance, District 22

Gary Truance of Vinton was elected District 22 trustee in December 2024, representing Farm Bureau members in Athens–Meigs, Gallia and Lawrence counties.

Truance and his family have a custom feedlot and feed cattle for themselves from a row crop operation of corn, soybeans and hay. He has served as Gallia County Farm Bureau president and as vice president of the county Farm Bureau for eight years. He also has been a member of the Gallia County Soil & Water board for the last 10 years.



Rose Hartschuh, Northwest Regional Trustee

Rose Hartschuh of Sycamore was elected northwest regional trustee in December 2018 and represents members from 24 counties. She and her husband, Greg, were the American Farm Bureau 2018 Excellence In Agriculture award winners. They farm with Greg’s parents, operating a dairy and raising grain crops, alfalfa and cover crops. In addition, they raise a flock of 150 black-faced club lamb and commercial ewes. She is a 4-H advisor and past supervisor of the Soil and Water Conservation District. She is a graduate of Ohio State University with a degree in ag education.



Hannah DiVenencenzo, Northeast Regional Trustee

Hannah DiVenencenzo of Grafton was elected Northeast Regional Trustee in December 2024, representing Farm Bureau members from 20 northeast Ohio counties.

She is the owner of Healthy Harvest Organics, where she operates a small family farm focused on regenerative agriculture. Off the farm, she is a program developer at Lorain County Community College.

She has been a member of the Lorain County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees. She also served on the Ohio Farm Bureau Young Ag Professionals State Committee.



Steve Berk, Southwest Regional Trustee

Steve Berk of Brookville was elected southwest regional trustee for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in December 2022. He represents the interests of members in 20 southwest Ohio counties. Berk, along with his wife, Cynthia, breed high-end replacement heifers for the Angus industry and manage a cow-calf operation of 15 brood cows. He also is the manager of Dull Homestead Farms in Brookville. Berk is a graduate of Ohio State University with a degree in agriculture and previously served 33 years with the USDA Farm Service Agency.



Greg Wells, Southeast Regional Trustee

Greg Wells of Chillicothe was elected to the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation board in December 2023. He represents Farm Bureau members in 24 southeastern Ohio counties. Wells works with his dad and brother to raise a registered Angus beef herd and they have a row crop operation. Wells is past vice president of Ross County Farm Bureau and has been active with Ohio Farm Bureau advocacy efforts. With a professional engineer’s license, Wells has focused on civil and conservation engineering work for 21 years. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University’s Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering.



Adam Sharp, Executive Vice President

Adam Sharp has served as executive vice president since 2016. In his role, he serves as the chief executive of the statewide organization and leads efforts to advance its mission: Working together for Ohio farmers to advance agriculture and strengthen our communities.



Sharp has more than 25 years of experience developing and implementing farm policy at the state and national levels and has held several key positions at the Ohio Farm Bureau since 2004. Most recently, he served as vice president of public policy.

Prior to joining the Ohio Farm Bureau staff, Sharp held various management and government relations roles with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as a White House political appointee, and with the American Farm Bureau Federation. He also served as a teaching assistant for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University and as a radio producer for Agri-Broadcasting Network (ABN).

Sharp is a graduate of Ohio State University where he studied agricultural communications and international economic and social development.



Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation

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Scholarships: The foundation annually awards scholarships to students pursuing degrees, certification, and training within agriculture and its related fields.

Innovative programs: Ohio Farm Bureau's comprehensive agricultural literacy and ExploreAg programs are fully funded through the foundation's generous support.

Ag Literacy: A renewed focus on statewide ag literacy efforts was made possible by the establishment of the Patterson Family Ag Literacy Fund in 2023 which provides programmatic support in perpetuity for the Ohio Farm Bureau's agricultural literacy initiatives. Concerted efforts are being made to equip county volunteers with the skills and resources necessary to effectively conduct ag literacy experiences for youth in their local communities. Resources will also be compiled to aid with on-farm tour programs and to empower educators statewide.

ExploreAg is Ohio Farm Bureau's signature ag literacy and workforce development program, offering immersion programs for high-school students to learn about the variety and viability of careers within agriculture. Annually, ExploreAg engages with youth from across the state through multiple weeklong, three-day, and one-day camp experiences, all at no cost to the student.

Grants: The foundation awards grants to county Farm Bureaus and nonprofit organizations to support innovative programs that enhance agricultural literacy in an effort to introduce young people to careers in agriculture.

The Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation is governed by a 16-member board of directors. The board is composed of Ohio Farm Bureau members, federation trustees, organizational leaders, and many industry professionals.

Mission

*Inspiring innovation
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