



AgriPOWER

2026-2027

Ohio agriculture's leadership development program
for rising leaders in every sector.





Applications Due August 1, 2026

Class XVII takes place
Dec. 2026 - Dec. 2027.

Join other agribusiness professionals and producers for seven seminars - five in Ohio, one out-of-state agriculture tour and one in Washington, D.C.

Now accepting applications for
AgriPOWER Class XVII

“ Participating in AgriPOWER has truly transformed my perspective on leadership. The program provided me with invaluable opportunities to meet and network with like-minded agricultural professionals. AgriPOWER is more than just a program; it’s a platform that showcases the diverse facets of agriculture that we rarely get to see in Ohio. This experience has broadened my understanding and appreciation of the agricultural industry and OFBF. ”

Jon Brookbank, Farm Credit Mid-America

About AgriPOWER

AgriPOWER educates, empowers, and connects Ohio agriculture's rising leaders in every sector. Through a twelve-month, cohort-based program, class members will be able to:

- Leverage strengths to maximize individual influence in leadership opportunities
- Communicate effectively with stakeholders, consumers, and policymakers
- Explain current issues in food, agriculture, and the environment
- Outline the legislative process at the state and federal levels
- Create strong personal networks within and beyond Ohio agriculture



Through personal development workshops, issues expert speakers, industry tours, and a class project, AgriPOWER Class XVII will be equipped to positively impact their industry and community.

2026-2027 AgriPOWER Program Dates

Seminar 1: December 3-4 | Columbus, Ohio

Seminar 2: January 14-15 | Ohio

Seminar 3: February 18-19 | Ohio

Seminar 4: March 23-24 | Ohio

Seminar 5: June 23-27 | Out of State

Seminar 6: September 7-9 | Washington, D.C.

Seminar 7: November 11-12 | Ohio

Graduation: December 6 | OFBF Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio

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Program Component Preview

- Leadership development sessions.
- Communication and stage presence trainings.
- Networking and etiquette workshops.
- **Advocacy** training.
- Speakers and tours of **Ohio's top commodities** and diverse sectors to **understand current opportunities** and challenges:
 - Soybeans
 - Corn
 - Poultry
 - Dairy
 - Pork
 - Food manufacturing and distribution
 - ...and more!
- Panel discussion with township trustees and county commissioners.
- Tours of Ohio Statehouse and Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Speakers to **address issues affecting rural communities**, such as pressures on land use and rural health care access.
- Washington, D.C. experience with **focus on federal issues and congressional visits.**
- Multi day tour of agriculture in another region of the United States.

Application Timeline

- **August 1:** Applications due
- **August 15:** Applicants notified if selected for an interview
- **August 28:** Applicant finalists participate in a virtual interview
- **September 15:** Class offers made
- **October 1:** Class members sign a commitment form to participate in Class XVII

Tuition: \$4,900

The value of the AgriPOWER program is more than \$12,000, but class members are only responsible for a tuition payment of \$4,900. (Additional financial support available on a competitive basis.)

Due to the generous support of Ohio Farm Bureau and industry partners to underwrite the cost of this program, each participant is expected to actively participate in every session of the program.





“AgriPOWER is a powerful platform that helped launch me into the next phase of growth in my professional development. It gave me the leadership tools and network to be a better leader both for my business and my community.”

Matt Vodraska, Bent Ladder Cider and Wine



“I came into the program with limited Farm Bureau experiences or farm policy knowledge. Through this process, I learned about how my local, as well as the state and national, farm bureau organizations assist with problems across the states. I had no idea the amount of similarities I would also share with the diverse group of peers in the class. I learned so much more from them to help in my personal journey. I’m so thankful I applied to be part of this elite group!”

Cristen Cramer, Legacy Farmers Cooperative



“AgriPOWER gave me the confidence to apply for a township trustee position when it came open and then run for the position a year later. It has given me connections with government officials at all levels and created a lasting professional and friendship network that spans all of Ohio and a variety of professions. I still cite one of our visits to Syngenta when discussing GMO’s with people. Honestly, AgriPOWER is one of the best programs I have ever done!”

Christen Clemson, Maplewood Local School District



“AgriPOWER gives agricultural professionals the opportunity to work beside other leaders to be a strong advocate for agriculture. I gained a deeper knowledge of Ohio agriculture, public policy, and the work that the Ohio Farm Bureau does. In addition to developing lifelong relationships, AgriPOWER provides hands-on experiences to network with multiple agricultural groups across the state and country.”

Cora Willeke, Ag Credit, ACA





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