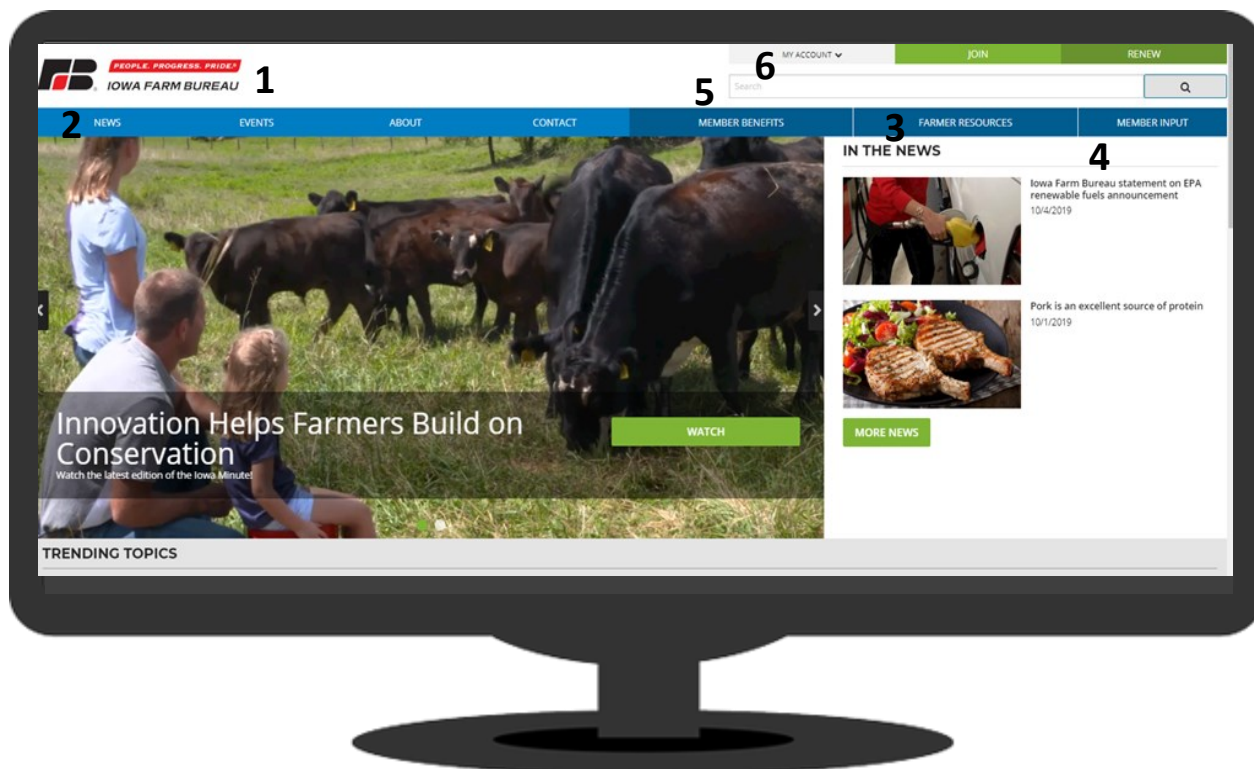


Navigate the Website

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Highlights for County Leaders



1. Click the logo to return to the Home Page from anywhere on the site.
2. Spokesman, Family Living and Exchange Ads, Iowa Minute, news releases and the Farm Fresh Blog. *(Must login as a member to access Spokesman, Family Living and Exchange Ads.)*
3. Programs related to Government & Public Policy, Markets and Farm Financials, Conservation & Natural Resources, Young Farmers and Leadership Programs. See more details on pages 16-20, 42-45. *(Must login as a member to access selected information.)*
4. Submit and prioritize issues for Policy Development (PD) process.
5. Your shortcut to finding what you need on the website.
6. Login to access Members Only content. *(See next page for details.)*

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Get Connected

Login to access Members Only information.



Members Only information such as Spokesman, Family Living and Exchange Ads, many of the sites related to Farm Bureau policy, the Policy Development process, regulations assistance, County Action, and farm management education are noted with this symbol and requires you to login.

You can Login when you when prompted.

Or you can Login when you access the website.

The very first time you login, select this to Create your Login information & password.

Enter your member number from your membership card or your Spokesman address label.

Select your correct information if more than one name appears.

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Stay Connected

Stay up to date on Farm Bureau activities and ag issues. Share or repost the information on your own social networks to help advocate for agriculture. For ideas on how to increase your effectiveness in advocating for agriculture using social media, contact Zach Bader, Online Community Manager at zbader@ifbf.org or 515-225-5464.

Like us on Facebook:



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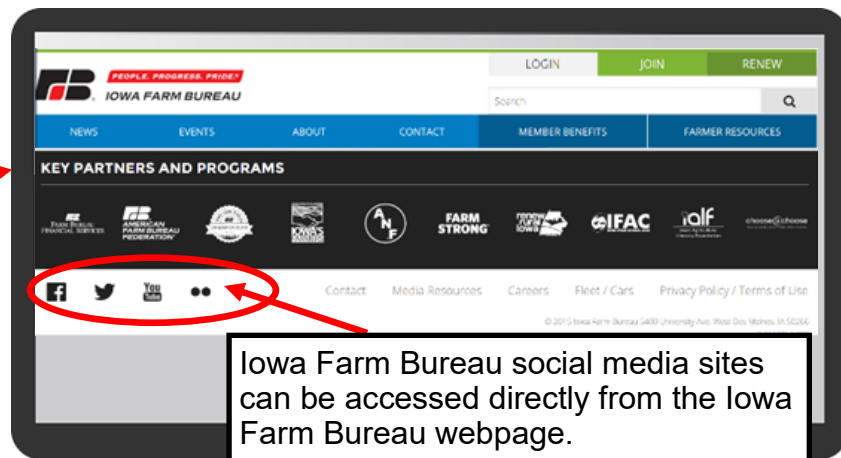
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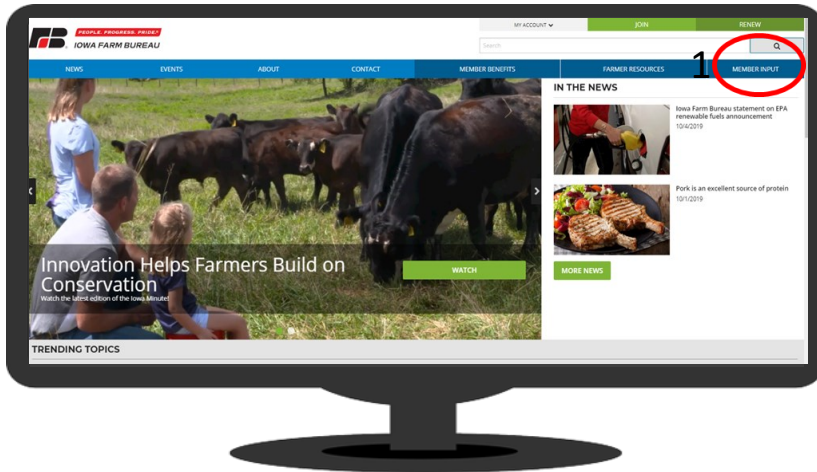
Access information from key Farm Bureau Partners and affiliated programs directly from the bottom of the website home page.



Iowa Farm Bureau social media sites can be accessed directly from the Iowa Farm Bureau webpage.

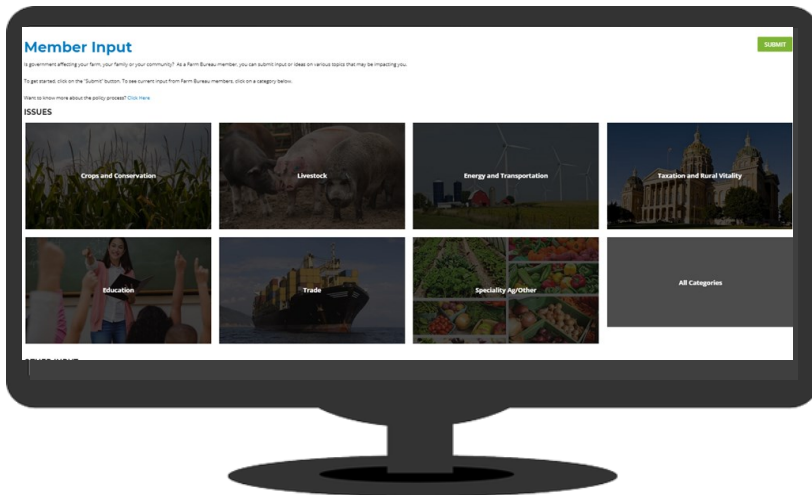
On-Line Policy Tools and Information Issue Surfacing

Member input is needed to **surface** and **prioritize** issues.



1. Start out in **Member Input** on the home page.

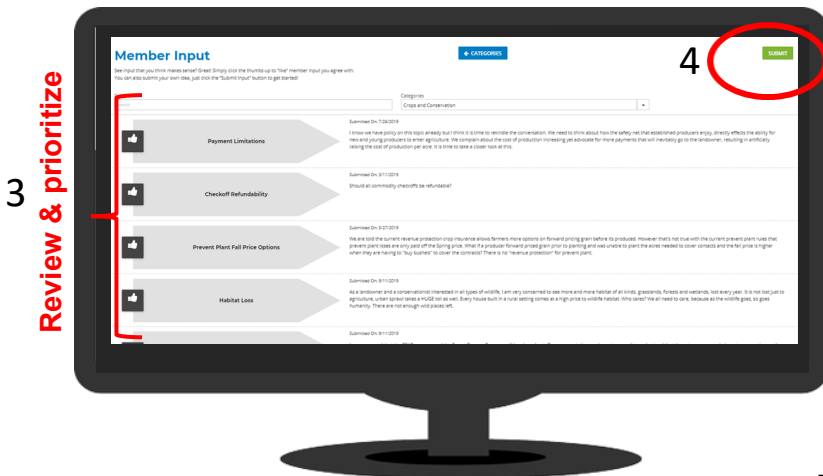
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2. To **review issues** already surfaced by members from around the state, click on one of the seven topics or All Categories.

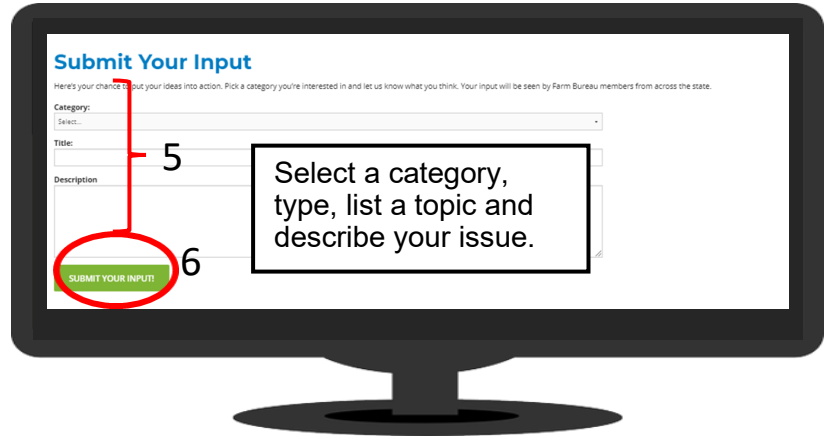
3. Click on the 'Like' button to **prioritize an issue** that you think merits further attention in the PD process. Issues prioritized by February 1 will be included in the PD process for the upcoming year.

4. If your issues is not listed, click on the green **Submit** button to submit a new issue.



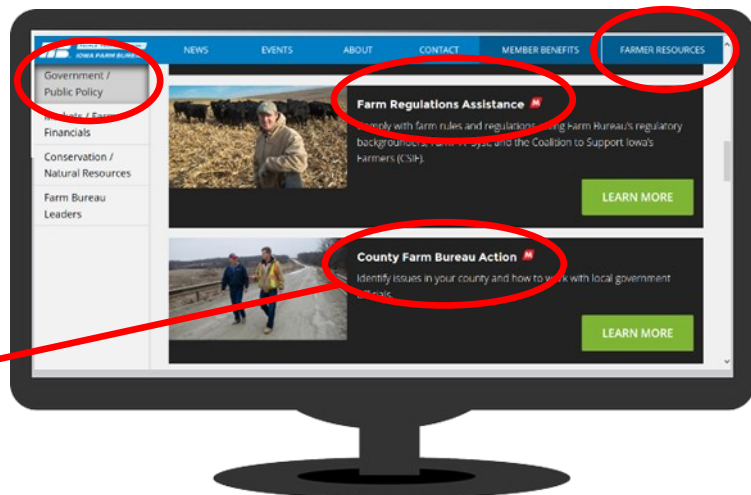
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- Follow the steps on the **Submit Your Input** screen to list and describe your issue of concern.
- Submit your Input** to share it with other Farm Bureau members. They will be able to view and prioritize the issue.



Regulations

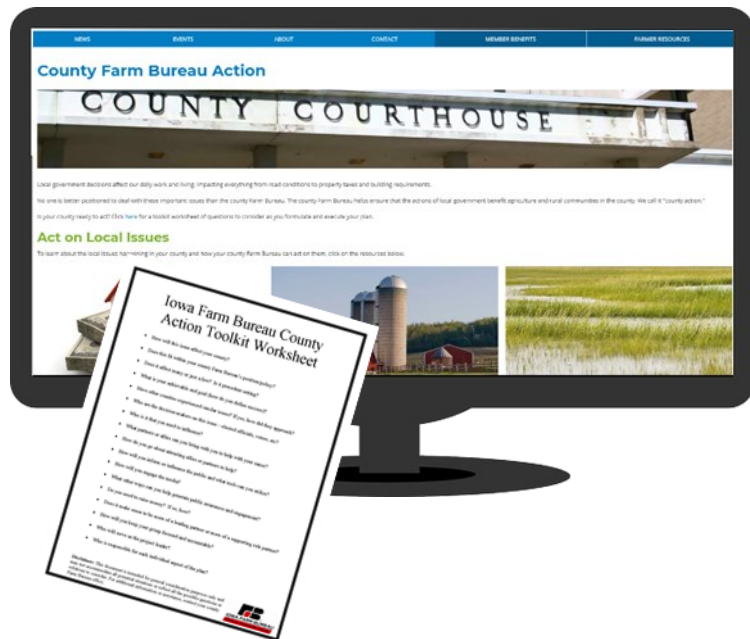
The **Farm Regulations Assistance** section includes background information to help you understand and comply with environmental rules and regulations.



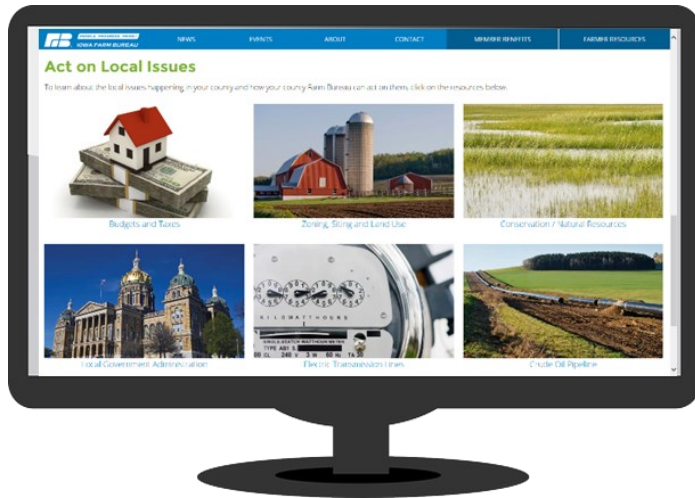
County Action

The **County Farm Bureau Action** section helps ensure that the actions of local government benefit agriculture and rural communities.

This section contains resources to help your county Farm Bureau identify issues happening in your county, **create an action plan** and access a wealth of resources to help your county Farm Bureau address those issues.

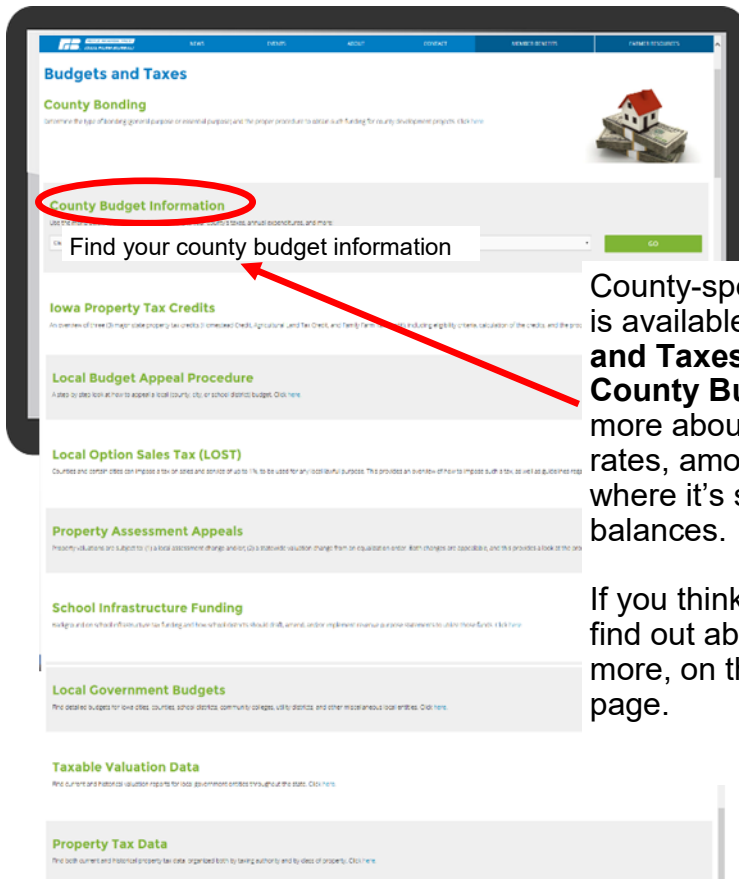


County Action (continued)



In depth, often county-specific, information is available on:

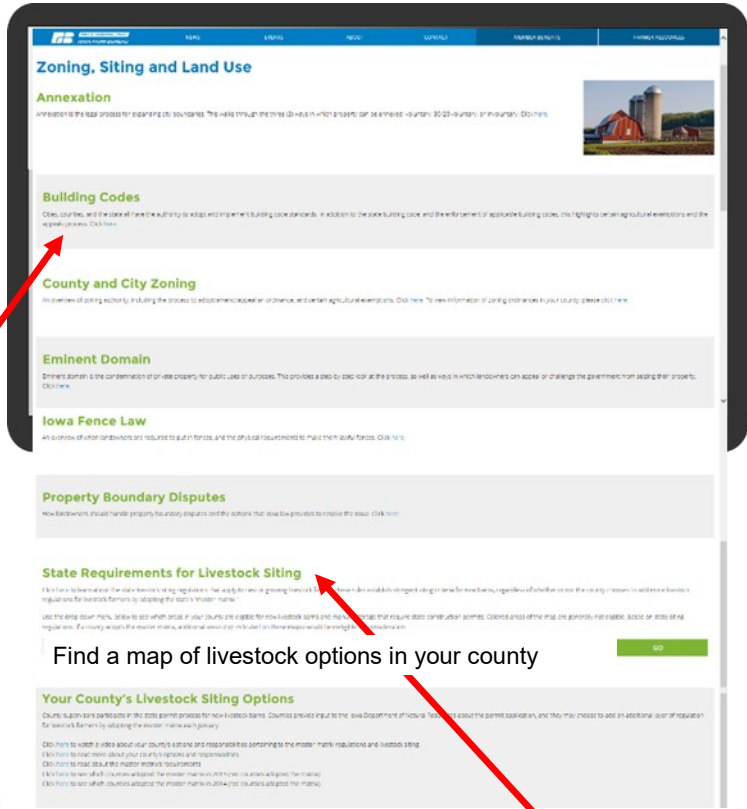
- **Budget & Taxes**
- **Zoning, Siting & Land Use**
- **Conservation & Natural Resources**
- **Local Government Administration**
- **Electric Transmission Lines**
- **Crude Oil Pipeline**



County-specific and statewide information is available on issues related to **Budget and Taxes**. Enter your county name in **County Budget Information** to find out more about your county's budget, tax rates, amount of tax dollars collected, where it's spent and ending fund balances.

If you think the numbers are out of line, find out about the appeals process, and more, on the other links available on this page.

The **Zoning, Siting and Land Use** section provides easy to interpret information on what governments and property owners can and can't do according to current laws. Examples include ag exemptions from county **Building Codes**, zoning authority and the issue of eminent domain.



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Building Codes

The Iowa legislature declared that farms should be allowed to operate relatively free from local restrictions, and has put in place a number of different farm exemptions within the Iowa Code.

AGRICULTURE EXEMPTIONS

- County building codes do not apply to the construction or use of farm houses or other farm buildings that are primarily used for agricultural purposes. IA Code 331.304(3)(b)
- County zoning ordinances do not apply to land, farm houses, farm barns, farm outbuildings, or other structures used primarily for agricultural purposes, except those required under an agricultural land preservation ordinance and/or if within the flood plains of any river or stream. IA Code 335.2
- Counties shall not adopt or enforce county legislation that would regulate conditions or activities on lands used for the production, care, feeding, or housing of animals, unless it is expressly authorized by state law. Any legislation that violates this will be void and unenforceable. This exemption includes but is not limited to the construction, operation, and management of animal feeding operations and aerobic structures, as well as the storage, handling, and application of manure or egg washwater. IA Code 331.304A(2)

CITY BUILDING CODES

Cities also have the authority to adopt building code ordinances within the city limits. Unlike a county the city can extend its authority beyond its jurisdictional limits. The farm exemption typically only applies to county ordinances. However, because the city zoning ordinance can extend its authority into the unincorporated areas, the farm exemption will also apply to the city zoning ordinance within the two mile wide unincorporated area.

WHICH CODE PREVAILS

If state regulations require higher standards than a local building code ordinance requires, then the state building code standards govern. If local (i.e. city or county) building code requirements are more stringent than state regulations require, then the local requirements govern.

However, if the local government adopted the state building code, it has no power to supersede, void, repeal, or make more restrictive any provision of the state building code, with the exception of the energy conservation requirements. Additionally, if a city or county has adopted the state building code in addition to some local requirements, no applicant should be denied a permit so long as they at least fulfill the state requirements.

Information about state **Livestock Siting** regulations and county-specific maps showing livestock siting options can also be found in this section.

