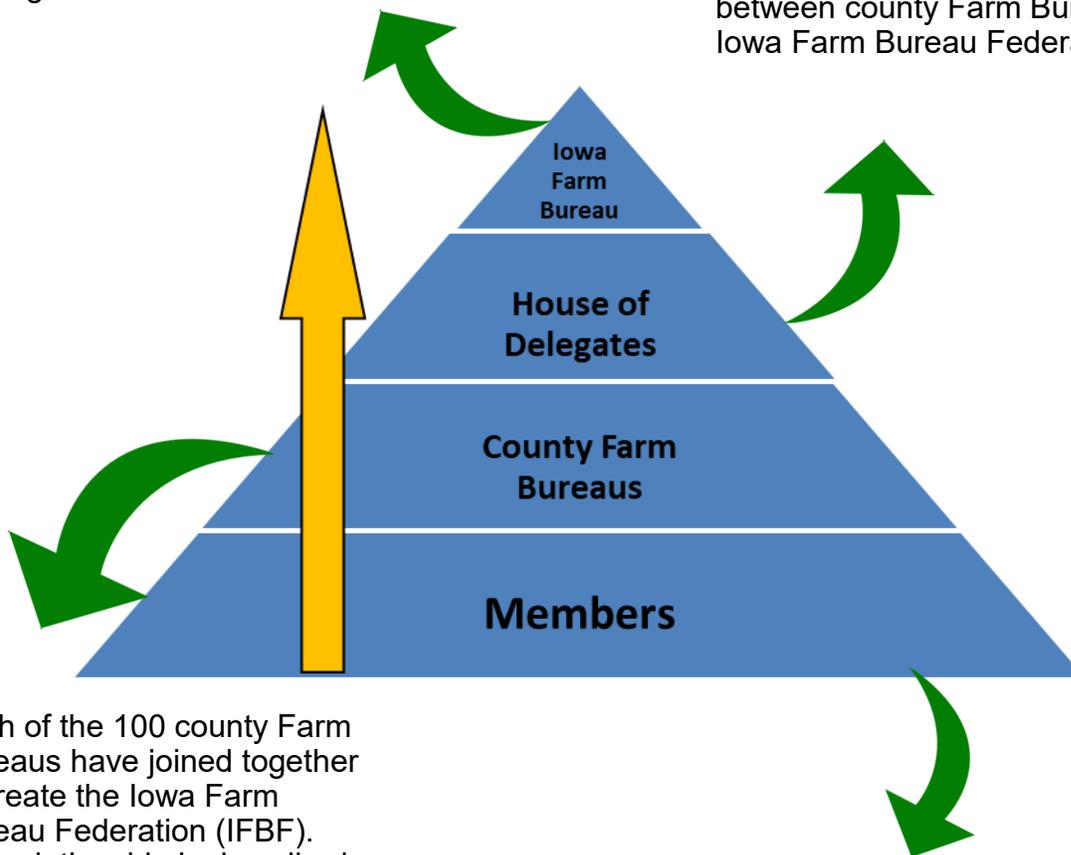


# County / State Relationship

The Internal Study Committee is elected by the voting delegates as their liaison with the state board of directors. This group makes recommendations to the delegate body concerning changes in the articles or policy changes dealing with internal affairs. The IFBF board of directors hires the executive director, who then hires the IFBF staff to support the county Farm Bureau members and programs.

The voting delegate is the county's official representative to the Iowa Farm Bureau. The voting delegates elect a director to represent their district on the IFBF board of directors. The House of Delegates elects the IFBF president and vice president. The House of Delegates is the link between county Farm Bureaus and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.



Each of the 100 county Farm Bureaus have joined together to create the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF). The relationship is described in a document called the *Uniform Cooperative Agreement between IFBF and the County Farm Bureau*.

Individual families join their county Farm Bureau. All Farm Bureau members are eligible to vote on policy and elect their county directors and officers at the county annual meeting. The voting delegate is elected by farmer members—those actively engaged in agriculture.

# **Agreements**

*The County Farm Bureau has a number of articles, contracts and agreements with the Iowa Farm Bureau. Complete copies of these documents are available in the county office or by calling Mary Foley Balvanz at 515-225-5463.*

## ***County Articles of Incorporation***

Establishes the organization; describes its powers and purposes; and establishes the board as the governing body.

## ***County Bylaws***

Defines board positions and officers, qualifications for removal from office; sets county dues; defines membership eligibility; employees; and meetings.

## ***Uniform Cooperative Agreement between IFBF and the County Farm Bureau***

County recognize jurisdiction of IFBF on state matters and, through AFBF, on national matters; county and IFBF cooperate on all state and national matters; county must give approval on all local business services; both agree to support declarations of policy by the delegate body; agree on membership promotion and dues payment; both must keep adequate records; and agree to provide members with the official publication of the IFBF (i.e. Spokesman).

## ***County Office Lease***

Allows county Farm Bureau to lease space to the Farm Bureau Insurance Agency.

## ***County Service Agreement***

County Farm Bureau agrees to provide services to the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies.

## ***Non-Proselyting Agreement***

County agrees not to solicit or encourage membership from outside the county.