

National Policy Proposals for AFBF Consideration

These statements will be considered further during the AFBF policy development process. They are not final Farm Bureau policy and do not guide any Farm Bureau policy implementation efforts unless adopted in final form at the AFBF annual meeting in January.

Cattle Markets

We support timely delivery dates in regard to terminal market cattle. Specifically, cattle shall be delivered no later than the end of the business week following the cattle trade. At the end of the period, any and all expenses including feed, yardage, and death loss shall be incurred by the terminal purchaser unless otherwise negotiated.

Commercial Driver's License

Commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, aged 18 and older, should be allowed to drive a commercial truck over state lines.

Fake Meat

Synthetic protein, also known as fake meat, research should not be eligible for USDA research funds.

Farm Bill

Subsidized crop insurance and Risk Management Assurance (RMA) are the top priority in the upcoming Farm Bill. Additional key priorities are trade and market development, agricultural research, and conservation.

Any additional Title 1 Farm Bill programs (ARC/PLC/DMC) should be based off revenue.

Any incentives for climate smart agricultural practices (reduces greenhouse gasses or sequesters carbon) should be through the private market, not the federal government.

Crop insurance premiums should not be impacted by nonvoluntary specific on-farm conservation practices.

Foreign Animal Disease

There should be a federal ban on the practice of feeding excess processed food to swine.

Input Prices

In an effort to reduce the cost of ag inputs, we support increased domestic input production and streamlining regulatory approval.

We support research and development into alternative agricultural inputs.

Pesticide

There must be clear guidelines for how the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determines if data is credible, verifiable, timely, and science-based.

When impacts on species are considered during the pesticide registration and review process, agencies must be required to use credible and verifiable science, and base their assessments on realistic pesticide usage and application rates.

Pipelines

Industrial carbon capture and sequestration pipelines should not qualify for any additional tax credits or government-subsidized carbon credits.

Tile Drainage Setback Restrictions

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) should not be allowed to prohibit installation of drainage tile in areas outside of designated wetlands.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS/drones)

Testing requirements for farm operators of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS/Drones) should be minimized when the UAS is used on a farm operated by the farmer.

Testing requirements for commercial operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS/drones) should be regulated by the FAA.