



The 2014 Iowa primaries for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House will be held on June 3 to determine candidates for several key Congressional races. Farm Bureau members are urged to take the time to learn about the candidates and to vote in the primaries. To aid that process, the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation provided questionnaires to all of the candidates for the Congressional offices. The candidates' responses are tallied below.

### Farm Bureau questions to candidates

- Budget**  
1. In order to shrink the federal deficit, should spending on government services and entitlements be reduced?  
2. Do you support a Constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget?
- Farm Bill**  
3. Do you believe the federal government should provide farmers with a safety net that manages revenue risk and catastrophic disaster?  
4. Would you support voluntary conservation programs that help farmers improve soil and water quality?
- International Trade**  
5. Should U.S. trade agreements be subject to social reforms, labor conditions or environmental standards in the country with which the agreement is being negotiated?
- 6. Would you vote in favor of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), also known as "fast-track," which allows Congress to consider, without amendment, a trade agreement that the Administration negotiates?
- Clean Water Act**  
7. Should the Clean Water Act be expanded to include waters other than navigable streams and flowing waterways?  
8. Should Congress give the EPA additional jurisdiction for watersheds that are impacted by multiple states, such as the Chesapeake Bay, Mississippi River and Missouri River watersheds?
- Estate Taxes**  
9. Would you support increasing the exemption and reducing the estate tax rate?  
10. Would you support permanent repeal of estate taxes?
- Tax Provisions**  
11. Would you support the expired Section 179 small business expensing that allows for immediate business expensing of up to \$500,000?  
12. Would you support the expired bonus depreciation that allows for an additional 50 percent bonus depreciation for the purchase of new capital assets, including agricultural equipment?
- Biotechnology Labeling**  
13. Do you support the use of biotechnology in food products and oppose efforts to require mandatory labeling for foods simply because they contain ingredients derived from biotechnology?
- Energy**  
14. Would you support the tax credits that expired in 2014 for cellulosic ethanol, biodiesel and alternative fuel refueling infrastructure?
- 15. Would you support the Production Tax Credit for wind energy, which expired in 2014?
- 16. Do you support the Renewable Fuels Standard and oppose the proposed reduction in the renewable fuel usage required in the United States liquid fuel supply?
- Antibiotics**  
17. Should subtherapeutic use (low-level, disease prevention use) of antibiotics on livestock farms be allowed to continue?
- Animal Care**  
18. Should government determine the best farm practices and methods for raising livestock?

#### Candidates for U.S. House District 1

QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IFBF policy	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Swati Dandekar (D)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Anesa Kajtazovic (D) *																		
Pat Murphy (D) *																		
Dave O'Brien (D)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	@	@	@	N	Y	Y	@	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Monica Vernon (D) *																		
Rod Blum (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Gail Boliver (R)	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Steve Rathje (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

#### Candidates for U.S. House District 2

QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IFBF policy	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Dave Loeb sack (D)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	@	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Mark Lofgren (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Matthew Waldren (R)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	@	N	N	N	@	N

#### Candidates for U.S. House District 3

QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IFBF policy	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Staci Appel (D)	@	@	@	Y	@	@	@	@	@	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Robert Cramer (R)	Y	Y	NA	NA	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	NA	Y	Y	N
Joe Grandanette (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Matt Schultz (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Monte Shaw (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
David Young (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Brad Zaun (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y	N

#### Candidates for U.S. House District 4

QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IFBF policy	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Jim Mowrer (D)	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Steve King (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

#### Candidates for U.S. Senate

QUESTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IFBF policy	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Bruce Braley (D)	@	@	Y	Y	Y	@	@	@	@	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	@
Sam Clovis (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Joni Ernst (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Mark Jacobs (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Scott Schaben (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Matt Whitaker (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N

\* Candidate did not return the IFBF questionnaire NA= no answer

@ Candidate did not answer yes or no, but offered extended answer which can be found at <http://www.iowafarmbureau.com/articles/118308/decision-2014>

Copies of all returned questionnaires can also be found at <http://www.iowafarmbureau.com/articles/118308/decision-2014>