

2019 Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Summer Policy Conference

State Policy Statements

Deer Hunting

Iowa should pursue a smaller overall deer population as the goal for its management plan to balance the public's demand for hunting and viewing opportunities with agricultural interests, highway safety and habitat limitations.

Foreign Land Ownership

The prohibition against agricultural land ownership by non-resident foreigners should be continued. Enforcement methods should be improved, and foreign ownership records should be made more transparent.

Minor Farm Driver's Permit

A driver's permit, similar to a minor school license, should be available to minors under the age of 16 for farm work. The permit should allow them to independently drive an insured passenger vehicle for farm purposes after meeting state requirements.

Renewable Energy

Siting and setback rules for wind and solar farms should be determined by the state.

Wind and solar farms should be taxed similarly according to structure and output.

Veterinarian Incentives

Programs and incentives should be structured to maintain the future availability of private practice food animal veterinarians in Iowa.

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.

Broadband

Rural connectivity in underserved areas should be accurately identified and prioritized and current or future resources should be focused in those areas.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight savings time should exist in its current form and should not be changed.

Regulatory Reform

Regulations that affect farmers should only be adopted after having appropriate public notice and comment.

Wetlands

USDA should improve transparency and due process in wetland determinations and appeals.

Farmer/landowner input should be required and documented to improve transparency and clarity before finalizing guidance on wetland definitions, determinations, appeal procedures, and the use of technology.