

2018 Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Summer Policy Conference

State Policy Statements

Estate Planning

Iowa should allow real estate to transfer, outside of probate, using a transfer on death deed with provisions to protect the property owners' interests.

Farm Ownership

Current restrictions on the ownership of agricultural land and livestock farms by limited liability companies, corporations and trusts should be maintained.

Highway Overpasses

When the Department of Transportation decides to make improvements or widen a highway, the local government should determine whether a county or city road overpass is closed or replaced.

The Department of Transportation should be responsible for costs associated with replacing overpasses impacted by their highway improvement decisions.

Interstate Highway Tolls

If Congress grants states the authority to implement new tolling, Iowa should not add tolling as an alternative revenue source to pay for interstate highways.

Iowa One Call

Accurately identifying the location of underground utilities and pipelines is essential for public safety and the protection of property. New underground water utility installations should be required to include a tracer wire or similar locator technology to improve location services.

Utility Easement/Landowner Rights

Landowners should be compensated for any new or expanded easement.

The state should not automatically grant a utility easement when there is not a recorded, written easement for the existing electric lines and poles. However, the state could allow expanded use of existing electric utility easements on the current infrastructure to provide broadband internet service to rural areas with compensation to the landowner.

The state should not expand existing electric utility easements to allow tree trimming and removal farther away from the lines than the current easement.

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.

Conservation Incentives and Crop Insurance Premiums

The federal government should incentivize working lands conservation practices through cost share and not through crop insurance.

Federal crop insurance premium prices should not be based on specific conservation practices.

Federal Crop Reports

The USDA's crop condition reports are useful to agricultural producers and should maintain their current release schedule.

Interstate Highway Tolls

Congress should not grant states the authority to allow new tolling on interstate highways.

Mis-Representation of Ag Product Advertising

We support strict labeling laws of human consumption agricultural products. All products must be labeled and named with terms that accurately depict what the product is made of. Therefore, we support the following definitions for labeling and product naming: All products labeled "meat" must be harvested from an animal. All products labeled as "milk" must come from the mammary system of a living animal. All products labeled as "egg" must come from a living animal.