



Indiana Farm Bureau®

Advocating for Agriculture

POCKET **GUIDE**

**TO GRASSROOTS POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY.**

Indiana Farm Bureau's (INFB) policy development starts locally, with county-level discussions on key agricultural issues. Members have numerous opportunities at both county and state levels to influence the organization's policy priorities.

INFB Issues & Policy Year Overview



November - May: County Issue Surfacing Meetings

Counties submit policy recommendations to INFB's Public Policy Team via their Regional Manager by May 1.



November - August: Issue Advisory Committee (IAC) Meetings

As of 2025, seven IACs are comprised of INFB voting members with expert knowledge and interest. The seven IACs are: Commodities, Direct Marketing and Agritourism, Economic Development and Land Use, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Innovation and Technology and Tax and Budget.



July - August: Resolution Committee (RC) Meetings

Each INFB district, IAC, and the Young Farmers & Ag Professionals State Committee appoints a voting member to the RC, which reviews and forwards approved policy recommendations to delegates.



August: Critical Issues Summit & Delegate Session

Open to the public, the Critical Issues Summit concludes the current PD cycle and begins the next, with programming focused on issues awareness and education.

During the Delegate Session, the RC report is presented to the delegate body. Delegates may approve, modify or reject the official policy positions of INFB for the upcoming year.



December: Annual Meeting & State Convention

Members can submit additional policy recommendations addressing new or significantly different issues by November 1 through their Regional Manager for those recommendations to be addressed at the Delegate Session during convention.



January - April: Indiana Legislature Session

INFB members engage with state legislators on key issues adopted by delegates during the legislative session.



Helpful Tips for Advocacy Conversations

Advocating as a unified voice for agriculture is essential for building positive relationships with elected officials and achieving positive outcomes for Indiana agriculture.

✓ Be Respectful and Professional

- Approach conversations with courtesy, regardless of the political differences.
- Address officials with proper titles and thank them for their time and support.

✓ Stay Focused and Clear

- Share your key message, using personal stories or local examples to highlight the impact of ag policies.
- Focus on one or two main points to keep the conversation clear and concise.

✓ Be Informed and Solution-Oriented

- Research the issue and explain how it affects agriculture, your community, or the economy.
- Offer constructive solutions or specific actions the official can take.

Want to learn more or get involved?

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