2023 Policy Training
In 1919, a group of farmers from 30 states gathered in Chicago. They founded the American Farm Bureau Federation with the goal of "speaking for themselves through their own national organization."
3 Steps to Invigorate Policy Process

1. Know the process and tell your story
2. Appoint a policy person/group
3. Connect the county with a legislator
Know the process and tell your story

• Know the basics of policy development and the legislative process

• Tell your story. What are the ways the policy process has helped your farm and community?
NDFB Grassroots Policy Development

- Problem on the farm
- County creates policy
- District reviews and votes on policy
- Annual meeting votes on policy
- Policy is adopted!
Policy Implementation

"implementation"

noun
- the process of putting a decision into effect
- execution

NDFB Policy

Legislative
- Policy becomes Bill
- Policy directs NDFB lobbying efforts

Administrative
- NDFB works with agencies/government to implement policy

Bill -> Law!
- Policy is preserved!
Legislative Process

- Bill Introduced
- Committee Assignment & Hearing
- Committee Recommendation
- Floor Debate
- Bill Goes to the Second House
- Committee Assignment & Hearing
- Committee Recommendation
- Floor Debate
- Conference Committee
- Governor Signs Bill
- Bill Becomes law!
Appoint a policy person/group

• Know the policy development timeline
• Draft at least one resolution or rework a resolution for reaffirmation
• Attend annual meeting as a delegate
Build a relationship with a legislator

• Invite a Legislator to a county meeting
• Host a "Meet the Candidate" Forum or event featuring a legislator
• Attend NDFB's Day at the Capitol and Legislative Social
Statement of Purpose
Farm Bureau 1920

"The purpose of Farm Bureau is to make the business of farming more profitable, and the community a better place to live. Farm Bureau should provide an organization in which members may secure the benefits of unified efforts in a way that could never be accomplished through individual effort."

— The statement originally approved by Farm Bureau members in 1920.
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