

## *X. FARM BUREAU*

### **A. PROGRAMS**

**A-FAN (2007).** We believe Nebraska Farm Bureau should continue to support and help fund A-FAN. We favor A-FAN's efforts to promote environmentally responsible, economically viable and community-friendly livestock production.

**ANTI-AGRICULTURE ACTIVISM (2011).** County Farm Bureaus should take an active role in promoting agriculture, including showing support for local agricultural producers who come under attack from animal rights and anti-agriculture activists.

Correct information on the transmission of disease between humans and animals is important, and we should be a part of the solution by placing active farmers and ranchers on any board or committee formed to discuss animal welfare and rearing practices.

**COLLEGIATE FARM BUREAU (2008).** We support the implementation of collegiate Farm Bureau programs at Nebraska schools.

**EDUCATION ON AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (2007).** We encourage NFBF and Federal and State Departments of Agriculture to become involved and work with existing commodity groups to educate all consumers, both domestic and international, on issues like ethanol and biodiesel products, genetically-enhanced products, food safety standards, plant-based plastics, and the promise of future advancements in the industry. We believe accurate information concerning the U.S. agricultural industry must be provided to the consumer not only for their own benefit, but also to combat the irrational fears created by environmental groups that can have devastating effects on various agricultural sectors.

**FARM BUREAU PROMOTION (2007).** We favor the production of a video highlighting the positive and beneficial works of the Farm Bureau Federation on the state and county levels.

**FOREIGN TRADE (2007).** We encourage Nebraska Farm Bureau to work with the Governor's office to encourage the establishment of more foreign trade offices.

**JOINT YF&R PROGRAMS (2009).** We support joint activities between the Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers and organizations with similar objectives.

We believe the NFBF Board of Directors should take proactive steps to increase awareness of Farm Bureau within young farmer/rancher and future farmer/rancher circles. Such steps should include examining the potential for a non-dues paying membership for college and high school age students. Other actions for investigation should include extending invitations to college and high school students to participate in Farm Bureau events and functions such as Annual Convention and the State Legislative Conference. We encourage County Farm Bureaus to take similar actions.

**NCTA (2009).** We encourage Nebraska Farm Bureau, county Farm Bureaus, and their members to support and make financial contributions to help upgrade facilities at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

### **B. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**COUNTY ACTIVITY IN PAC (2007).** County Farm Bureaus should participate in candidate forums within their legislative districts, take positions on candidates as a Friend of Agriculture, and forward results to NFBF-PAC before the deadline for "Friend of Agriculture" designations.