

County Farm Bureau Board Member ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

STRUCTURE

In most county Farm Bureaus, the board of directors consists of a president, vice president, third member, Promotion & Education representative, Young Farmer representative, and at-large members. These leaders are elected by county Farm Bureau members and serve on a voluntary basis.

Board of director elections take place at the county Farm Bureau annual meeting. Terms for board members are defined in each county Farm Bureau's bylaws.

The board's executive committee — the president, vice president and third member — has the power to appoint committees as needed, subject to the approval of the entire board. They can also make decisions or take action between board meetings and will create a financial budget for the county Farm Bureau each year (also subject to approval by the full board).

RESPONSIBILITIES

Sitting on the county Farm Bureau board of directors is a prestigious leadership role in both the Farm Bureau organization and your community. Board member responsibilities include:

- Regularly attending county board meetings.
- Acting in good faith on the organization's behalf.
- Being mindful of agricultural issues within the county.
- Recognizing membership as fundamental to the organization's success.
- Supporting county Farm Bureau programs and activities.
- Providing supervision and direction of county Farm Bureau finances.
- Encouraging member involvement and retention.
- Actively supporting and providing input to Farm Bureau policies.
- Behaving in a professional manner when representing the organization.
- Delegating appropriate responsibilities to other leaders in your organization.

TIME COMMITMENT

The frequency and duration of county Farm Bureau board meetings varies, but most are monthly and last less than two hours.

Each county Farm Bureau has an annual meeting (usually late summer or fall) to celebrate members and local accomplishments, and to conduct the county's official business: adopt policy recommendations, elect board members and approve financial statements.

Board members are expected to support and engage with member programs and activities throughout the year as their schedules allow.