The policy process begins at the county level through local discussion. Between January and May, county policy development chairs will host their county policy development meetings. At these meetings, members will discuss their policy concerns and craft policy recommendations that reflect their priorities.

During this time, counties also visit the Statehouse to speak with legislators and INFB’s public policy team hosts weekly legislative updates. Indiana’s legislative session ends in March during even-numbered years and in April during odd-numbered years.

Each county votes on all policy recommendations they choose to endorse and submits those recommendations to INFB within two weeks of the final vote. Once recommendations are submitted, policy advisory groups (PAG) will meet to review them. PAGs are made up of INFB members who have knowledge, experience and interest in key issues.

Each county is allotted a specific number of delegates based on their membership numbers. Delegates represent their county during a full day of discussion on the submitted recommendations. After all policies have been reviewed, a vote is taken to accept the INFB policy book.

At Indiana Farm Bureau, we take pride in knowing that our public policy positions are formed from individuals in every county across the state.

How can you get involved?

Contact your county board or policy development chair with your policy opinions.

Participate in your county’s policy development process, including the policy development meetings.

Let your voice be heard.

A final delegate session is held during the state’s annual meeting to discuss any issues that have arisen or significantly changed since the August delegate session. During this time, the INFB board of directors select legislative priorities for the following year’s legislative session.