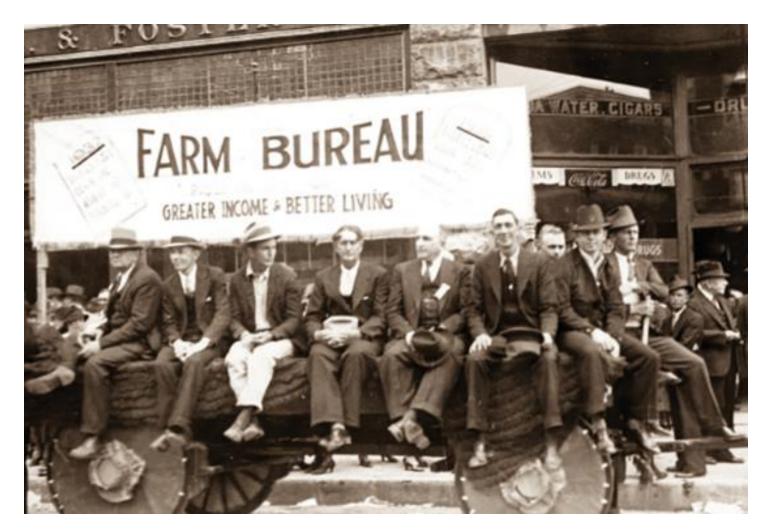


Farm Bureau Policy History

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."

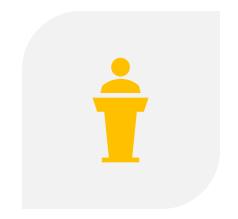




3 Steps to Invigorate Policy Process







KNOW THE PROCESS AND TELL YOUR STORY

APPOINT A POLICY PERSON/GROUP

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?

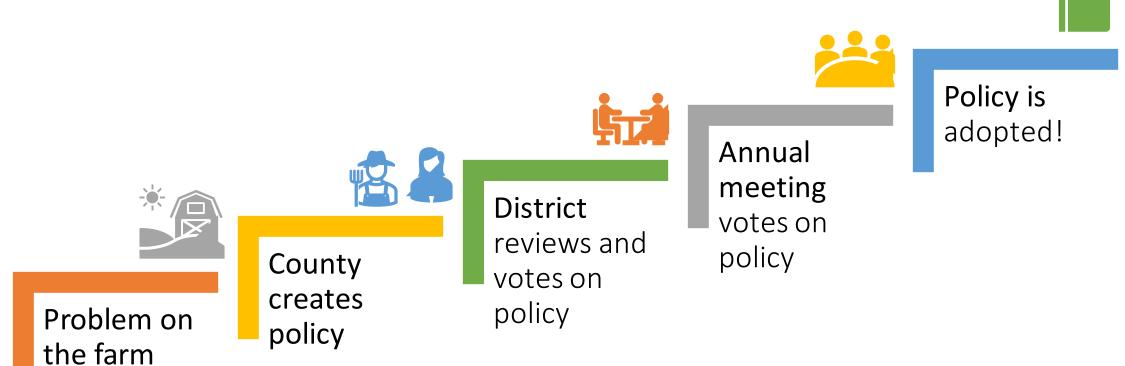






NDFB Grassroots Policy Development





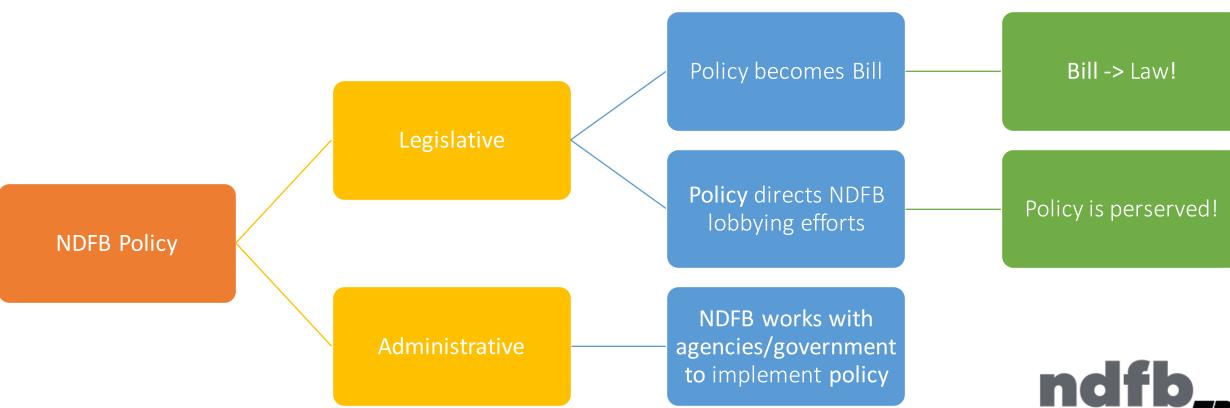


Policy Implementation

"implementation"

noun

- the process of putting a decision into effect
- execution









Legislative Process















Committee Assignment & Hearing

Bill Goes to the Second House













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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