

Protect

our farming way of life



Each of your actions contributes to the economic growth and prosperity of the communities you serve.

California family farmers and ranchers define the landscape of the state as they produce \$32 billion of farm value a year, while supporting over 1.1 million California jobs.

California family farmers and ranchers are also stewards of the lands they tend while providing the finest quality and most affordable food, fiber and flowers for consumers throughout the world.

We all have a place in working to protect the farming way of life.

Join us in our effort to Protect California Family Farms.

Protecting California Family Farms

California Farm Bureau

Strategic Plan

for Policy Implementation

The California Farm Bureau Federation is a grassroots organization that represents and defends the farming way of life by influencing public policy at the federal and state levels. The organization provides news and information to its members, legislators, public opinion leaders and the media. We promote agricultural awareness and natural resource conservation. CFBF fosters partnerships with organizations that also work to ease the complexity of farming in California.

The California Farm Bureau Federation has set the following policy objectives for the benefit of California family farms and ranches:



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Assure consumer confidence in food safety

To make sure Americans continue to benefit from the world's safest food supply, Farm Bureau will work with family farmers to see that the appropriate research, regulations, training and technical resources are in place to enhance food safety and security.

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Promote environmental benefits

As our members work to conserve and enhance natural resources, Farm Bureau will better communicate the proven environmental benefits derived from crop production and voluntary conservation efforts. We will work to establish training and technical improvements that further promote commercially viable conservation practices.

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Improve the business climate

To enhance the job climate and ensure that agriculture remains in California, Farm Bureau will work to reduce high regulatory compliance costs, excessive employer mandates, fees and taxes.

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Enhance market opportunities

Farm Bureau supports innovative marketing and expansion of California agricultural sales into new markets at home and abroad, while ensuring our producers are not displaced by unfair trading practices.

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Protect availability of production practices

To retain farmers' access to cutting-edge, cost-effective technologies, Farm Bureau will protect the tools needed to produce safe, affordable food and fiber. We will promote the research necessary to ensure the use of innovative technologies that are safe for people and the environment.

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Improve public infrastructure

As California's population expands, Farm Bureau urges commitment to meet tomorrow's needs by developing new water supplies, improving water supply reliability, providing access to all forms of cost-effective energy, and ensuring the ability to efficiently move people and goods.

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Protect the work force

Farm Bureau supports meaningful immigration reform to assure a timely, adequate and legal farm work force while also promoting the safety and health of farm employees.

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Encourage responsible land use

To accommodate new residents with needed housing and a safe, affordable, reliable food supply, Farm Bureau supports more efficient use of existing developed land and protection from inappropriate use of eminent domain.

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Improve government accountability

Farm Bureau will assist in the effort to improve ethics in government, hold elected representatives to the highest standards of public service and protect the constitutional rights of landowners, farmers and ranchers.

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Enhance rural communities

As demands expand on growing rural areas, Farm Bureau will work to promote understanding of the farming way of life and support public investment programs to reduce crime and improve safety in rural communities.