



AGRICULTURAL POLICY MEMORANDUM

DATE: *August 13, 2004*

TO: *Farm Bureau County Presidents*

FROM: *Carl B. Loop Jr., President*

RE: *2005 Florida Farm Bureau Federation Advisory Committee Nominations*

County Farm Bureaus are encouraged to submit nominations for the 2005 Florida Farm Bureau State Advisory Committees. The selection and appointment of our Advisory Committees is an *extremely important* part of our overall policy development and implementation program. Advisory Committees provide advice to our state board of directors on policy related issues as well as additional opportunities for leadership development.

Please review the committee guidelines then complete and submit a nomination form for each active member you wish to nominate for service on State Advisory Committees.

The nomination form is available to download from the Florida Farm Bureau Web site at www.FloridaFarmBureau.org. Click on the *Issues Section* and then the *Nomination Form*. Return application by *September 30, 2004* to:

Kevin Morgan, Director
Agricultural Policy Division
Florida Farm Bureau Federation
PO Box 147030
Gainesville, Florida 32614-7030
Phone: 352/374-1544
Fax: 352/374-1592

Should you need assistance, please contact the Ag Policy Division or your field staff representative.

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Attachments: Committee Guidelines & Nomination Form

cc: State Board of Directors
County Office Secretaries
Field Staff Representatives

DEADLINE: September 30, 2004



Florida Farm Bureau Federation

State Advisory Committee Guidelines

Mission and Role of State Advisory Committees

- ◆ Provide advice to the Florida Farm Bureau Board of Directors on policy or related issues.
- ◆ Provide increased strength for individual producers through involvement in a general farm organization.
- ◆ Provide additional opportunities for leadership and involvement with Farm Bureau.
- ◆ Encourage grower involvement and interaction on commodity-specific issues.
- ◆ Foster broad-based focus on specific policy issues.
- ◆ Increase the effectiveness of the organization by combining the talents and expertise from a variety of producers.

General Guidelines

- ◆ All nominees must be active Farm Bureau members who are producers of the commodity they are nominated to represent.
- ◆ The Florida Farm Bureau President will consider all nominations and appoint committee members in December of each year.
- ◆ At least five appointments will be made from the top ten producing counties.
- ◆ Appointments are for a one-year term, and can be reappointed for a consecutive term.
 - Attendance at meetings will help determine reappointment.
 - Members will be rotated to surface new leadership and to prevent burnout by committee members.
- ◆ In those situations where specialization is a factor within the general commodity group, emphasis will be placed on achieving a committee balance so that each specialty within the commodity area will be represented.
- ◆ The State President will appoint the Chairman and members of each committee.
- ◆ The State President may consider nominees other than those submitted by the counties.
- ◆ Committees will meet at least twice per year or as deemed necessary by the President of the Florida Farm Bureau.
 - Committees may meet collectively or individually.
 - Committee members who attend called meetings are eligible to submit reimbursement forms for mileage as determined by the FFB Board of Directors.
- ◆ Chairmen and Vice-chairmen (alternate) will be nominated to serve on appropriate American Farm Bureau Advisory Committees. Those appointed to an AFBF advisory committees would be eligible to receive reimbursement as determined by FFB and AFBF.

Factors to be considered for appointment

- ◆ Consideration based on production ranking of nominee's county
- ◆ Geographical diversity
- ◆ Production diversity
- ◆ Counties with large production may have more than one member
- ◆ Nominees must be commercial producers of the commodity

Establishment of New State Advisory Committee

The President of the Florida Farm Bureau will decide on new committee establishment. Consideration for establishment of a new state advisory committee will be given when a minimum of five (5) county Farm Bureaus have established a similar county committee.


Current Committees

Aquaculture, Beef, Citrus, Dairy, Environmental Horticulture, Equine, Forestry, Honey, Labor, Oversight, Peanut/Cotton, Poultry, Sod, Sugar, Tax, Tobacco, Trade, Vegetable and Water/Natural Resources.

FFBF Advisory Committee Nomination Form
Deadline: September 30, 2004

Name of Nominee	
Membership Number	
Mailing Address	
City	
Zip Code	
County	
Home Phone #	
Business Phone #	
Fax #	
E-Mail Address	
Is the nominee engaged in the production of the commodity for which he/she is nominated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No List Commodities:	
What position does the nominee currently hold in other commodity groups, organizations or cooperatives? (Include any county or state agency or commission.)	
NOMINEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF NOMINATION	
Have you notified member of nomination? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Are <u>All</u> Boxes Completed?

Committee Nomination (Check One)	List Type of Operation or Main Crops
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Beef	
<input type="checkbox"/> Citrus	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Horticulture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equine	
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Honey	
<input type="checkbox"/> Labor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Peanut/Cotton	
<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sod	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trade	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water/Natural Resources	

Nominated by: _____ (County Farm Bureau) Date Submitted: (___ / ___ / 04)	 _____ (County Farm Bureau President Signature) Fax to: Kevin Morgan, FFBF/Ag Policy Division 352/374-1592
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