

## Why Should You Be Involved with the Young Farmer Program?



- **D**evelop leadership skills
- **N**etwork with other young farmers in the state
- **E**ducational opportunities
- **D**evelop and activate programs at the county and state level
- **P**articipate in award programs

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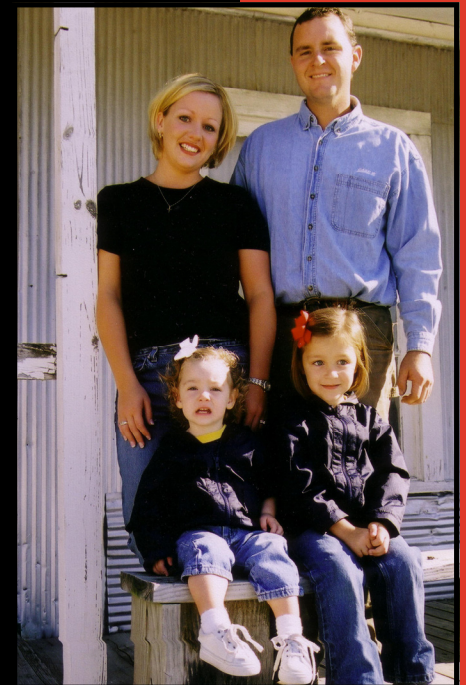
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## Indiana Young Farmer Program



# What is the Young Farmer Program?



Are you an agricultural salesman, chemical representative, farmer, agricultural student, or just have an interest in agriculture? If so, become active in the Young Farmer Program.

As an integral component of Farm Bureau, the Young Farmer Program assists in the development of tomorrow's agricultural leaders for roles in Farm Bureau, government, and the community.

To qualify for participation, you must be between the ages of 18-35 and a Farm Bureau member.

## Activities

- **Young Farmer Leadership Conference:** Offers educational opportunities, networking and fun with fellow young leaders and is held the last weekend in January.
- **State Young Farmer Committee:** A two-year opportunity to represent your local district on the state young farmer advisory committee. National networking, leadership development, and travel opportunity are a small part of this experience.
- **Harvest for All:** Indiana's largest farm organization is working to end hunger. This program collects food donations, money and volunteer hours for local food banks around the state.
- **District and County Activities:** Provides various activities including pedal tractor pulls, cattle shows, 4-H and FFA mentors, fair activities, baseball games, educational trips and farm safety trainings. These activities vary greatly and have endless possibilities.
- **Policy Development:** Grassroots effort to decide how Farm Bureau will represent agriculture on important issues to the organization.
- **National Young Farmer Conference:** Offers educational opportunities, fun and fellowship with young leaders from around the country.
- **State Convention:** Offers award competitions, trade show, special interest sessions, and networking opportunities.
- **Farm Bureau to Washington DC (FB to DC):** An individual leadership development training for Farm Bureau members.
- **Farm Bureau Act (FB Act):** A legislative action team for contacting elected officials on important issues to the organization.

## Award Opportunities

- **Discussion Meet:** Participants will acquire a better understanding of how people think in groups for the purpose of solving problems through discussing modern agricultural challenges.
- **Excellence in Agriculture Award:** Recognizes young farmers who do not derive the majority of their income from their farming operation. Participants are judged on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other community organizations.
- **Achievement Award:** Recognizes outstanding young farmers whose farm management techniques and their commitment to their community set a positive example to those involved in agriculture. Applicants must derive the majority of their income from their farming operation and are judged on their leadership involvement and farm management techniques.
- **Outstanding County Young Farmer Program:** County young farmer programs compete with each other for prizes and bragging rights.

