



A STRONG DEFENSE

Preventing legislation that would be detrimental to Georgia agriculture is just as important as passing legislation that would benefit it – our Public Policy Department works at the state and federal levels to ensure that such detrimental legislation does not pass.

- 1 *Unwarranted and excessive governmental regulation*
- 2 *Dependence on foreign countries for food, fiber, and shelter*
- 3 *Elimination of key tax programs that impact farmers' profitability*
- 4 *Misinformation from animal rights activists and environmental groups that negatively impact agricultural policy*

KEY ISSUES

Agriculture is reliant on strong commodity prices, low input costs, adequate labor, fair tax policy, and sensible regulations. Whether consumer or producer, the strength of Georgia Farm Bureau starts with you. Join us today!



Become a member today to show your support by visiting **GFB.ORG**.



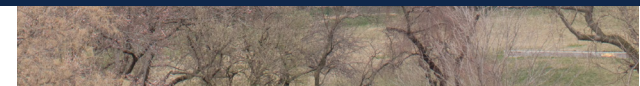
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**FROM COUNTY
TO CAPITOL:
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
DUES AT WORK**



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The development of Georgia Farm Bureau policy is truly a grassroots effort. Policy development, which begins at the county level, allows members to decide the legislative positions we take in Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Farm Bureau is one of the few organizations that uses a true democratic process to represent our members' views – our goal is to act as an intermediary between Georgia's farmers and those who make the laws we must follow. We maintain a presence both in Atlanta and alongside our parent organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation, in Washington, D.C., to deliver the farmers' message and implement Farm Bureau policy from county to Capitol.

MORE THAN DUES

Your \$35 goes beyond annual membership dues – it ensures your access to a safe, local food supply and provides a defense against radical groups who would like to dismantle common agricultural practices. Through a daily presence at the state Capitol, Georgia Farm Bureau protects the rights of farmers, allowing them to produce the commodities that keep us fed, clothed and sheltered. Since our inception in 1937, one of the primary and ongoing goals of Georgia Farm Bureau has been to serve as a united voice in the legislative arena. This is a responsibility that is not taken lightly and one that goes beyond what other companies can provide.

“ There is no organization that works on behalf of its members' needs quite like Farm Bureau. We work to protect farmers' bottom-line, prevent excessive government regulation, and preserve our rural way of life – but these efforts are only successful if our state's farmers engage at the grassroots level.

- GFB President Tom McCall

\$35, IMMEASURABLE BENEFITS



GFB's advocacy efforts passed and protect the Conservation Use Value Assessment (CUVA) Program which provides thousands of dollars in property tax savings for farmers. CUVA saves landowners over \$295 million annually.



Through the Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) Program, farmers save \$.07 per dollar spent on farm inputs: seed, feed, fertilizer, equipment, etc.



GFB's legislative preservation of the GATE Program allows farmers to recoup their membership costs when they spend \$500 on inputs every year ($\$500 \times \$0.07 = \$35$).



The tax savings farmers recoup on a large equipment purchase can secure membership for more than 100 years. $\$50,000 \times \$0.07 = \$3,500$
 $\$3,500 / \$35 = 100$ Years



For over two decades, farmers have received a property tax exemption on farm equipment and livestock – a GFB led initiative.



GFB membership is just \$0.67 per week, which is a quarter the price of a soft drink.



Georgia's agriculture industry keeps the state strong, contributing over \$91 billion to the state economy annually.



Georgia Farm Bureau is one unified voice for Georgia's 40,000 farms statewide.



GFB ensures the future of agriculture by advocating for support programs and an adequate safety net for producers in the projected nearly \$1 trillion federal Farm Bill.



With over 2,000 interest groups represented at the Capitol, key agricultural programs are always under attack. GFB protects your interest and provides you a seat at the table.



GFB's grassroots efforts help farmers reach Georgia's 236 state legislators and 16 congressional delegates.

