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- Health (individual and group)
- Health Savings Accounts
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- Life
- Long Term Care
- Annuities
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- Group Workers' Compensation
- Farm Insurance
- Crop / Hail Insurance
- Home
- Automobile

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Ohio Farmers Union Issues

- In order to protect Ohio's water resources and human health, we support the ODNR rules requiring nutrient management planning for farmers in watersheds that have been declared to be "in distress."
- Livestock Care Standards Board. We appreciate the positive action of the Livestock Care Standards Board, and its subcommittees. The transparency and openness is positive and we look forward to continued progress in developing animal and poultry care standards.
- As oil and gas companies begin to exploit shale gas formations such as the Marcellus Shale in Eastern Ohio, ODNR should assure the practice of hydraulic fracturing, or "hydro-fracking" is regulated to protect the health of Ohio citizens and the quantity and quality of ground and surface water.
- Ohio Farmers Union supports the use of antibiotics for treating illness in livestock; however, we are concerned about the growing problem of antibiotic resistance. We support phasing out the routine feeding of antibiotics to healthy livestock for the growth promotion purposes.
- Maintaining present CAUV (Current Agricultural Use Value) formula. The recent proposed increases are too high. Too much emphasis on high land prices. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



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On the National Level

- Congress is trying to cut spending across the board by about 10% for all agencies, except agriculture. For agriculture, their plans are for cutting 22%. Farmers Union thinks this is not equal treatment.
- There are four plus major points Farmers Union is working on.

1. Ethanol

The present ethanol subsidy is 45¢ a bushel. This expires at the end of this year. We are using over 4.5 million bushels of corn per year for corn ethanol. Our Washington sources tell us corn prices would go down from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a bushel without this subsidy.

2. Soy-biodiesel

The tax credit expires at the end of this year. We went from using over 700 million bushels a year in 2008 to 3.5 million bushels in 2010 with out the tax credit. The tax credit expires at the end of this year.



3. COOL

Keep funding for COOL (Country of Origin Labeling). We need to know where our food comes from, and without labels, it may come from the USA or some other unknown place where they have little restrictions on chemical use. This program went two years without funding before - - let's keep funding for COOL.

4. Crop Insurance Funding

The really big one - we need to save is crop insurance funding. Almost all farmers use some kind of crop insurance. It is now being funded at the 20% to 35% level. We could easily pay \$10 to \$15 an acre more for crop insurance. You do the math \$10 an acre times 100 acres is \$1,000.

- Farmers Union challenge is to maintain the status quo, or not to take a bigger cut than the other agencies. Farmers are always willing to do their share. We all need to help on this.
- Plus many other important issues, such as fair trade, green energy, nutrition, dairy policy, and GIPSA.

Ohio Farmers Union Membership Form



Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Spouse: _____

Date of birth: _____

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Date of birth: _____

Date of birth: _____

Date of birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Township: _____

Phone number: _____

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What farm products do you produce? _____



Check boxes on other side for insurance information.

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Please sign below.

I authorize Ohio Farmers Union to deduct \$3 from my membership per year to be deposited into the Farmers Union Political Action Committee - Ohio Farmers Union.

Signature **X** _____

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\$60 pays through 2012

\$90 pays through 2013

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