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## **Ohio Farmers Union Issues**

**Ohio Grain Indemnity Fund.** We support the Ohio Department of Agriculture's plans to increase the Grain Indemnity Fund from 10 million to 15 million dollars. Maintain farmers' priority lien in the event of elevator failures.

**Shale Fracking - Oil / Gas.** Need access to information what chemicals are used.

**Injection Wells / Drilling Waste.** Potential well water contamination.

**The Ohio Turnpike.** We are supportive of Governor Kasich's plan not to sell or lease the Ohio Turnpike.

**Nutrient Pollution.** We urge increased oversight of Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and third party manure distributors, called Certified Livestock Managers (CLMs).

**Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV).** Maintain present CAUV formula. Too much emphasis on high land prices.

**Ohio Severance Tax.** Ohio Farmers Union is supportive of efforts to increase severance taxes in Ohio. A generous portion of severance tax collections should remain under local and county jurisdictions.



**Serving Family  
Farmers,  
Rural Residents,  
and Consumers**



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## On the National Level

### We need a new five-year farm bill in 2013.

The largest part of the farm bill is the nutrition programs.

For farmers, the greater portion is for crop insurance funding. Presently, funded at about 20% to 35%.

The Senate passed a bipartisan farm bill in 2012 that eliminated direct payments, expanded crop insurance to new crops, included organic grown crops. And would have saved the government 23 billion over ten years.

The House Agriculture Committee passed a bill with more funding cuts but did not bring to the floor for a vote.

**Let's start over with the Senate version of the farm bill!**

### Ethanol

Presently most gasoline is blended with 10% ethanol. We urge the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to permit blending up to 15%.

### COOL

Keep funding for COOL (Country of Origin Labeling). We need to know where our food comes from, it may come from the USA or other unknown place where they have little restrictions on chemical use.

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

Known as the Farmer and Rancher Bill of Rights. Present rules discriminate against the smaller producers. The GIPSA rule, "if implemented" would prevent future abuses against farmers and ranchers.

Plus many other important issues, such as fair trade, climate change, green energy, nutrition, and dairy policy.

## Ohio Farmers Union Membership Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Referring member: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign below.

I authorize Ohio Farmers Union to deduct \$3.00 from my membership per year to be deposited into the Farmers Union Political Action Committee - Ohio Farmers Union.

Signature **X** \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership in Ohio Farmers Union:

\$55 pays through 2013

\$85 pays through 2014

(membership dues are non-refundable)

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