



OHIO FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

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1. What is the appropriate role of the government in assuring Americans continue to have access to a safe, affordable, and abundant food supply?



It is my goal to ensure every Ohioan has access to safe, affordable, and abundant food supply. Each one of us has the opportunity to play a role in achieving this shared basic need. The federal government is responsible for the umbrella of needed rules and regulations to serve the public good, but we need to better empower states, local government, and individuals' engagement in providing solutions. By supporting transformative research and development through USDA, our land grant universities,

cooperative extension, food processors and distributors, 4-H and FFA, food banks and individual farmers can help achieve this next level of success. I have observed and conversed with farmers throughout Ohio's 88 counties about our awesome natural resources and production capability. Farmers want to feed the world, and I'm committed to seek and listen to their input.

Unfortunately for Ohio, and frankly for America, Sherrod Brown has not been the friend of Agriculture he claims to be on Television. Regardless of what Sherrod says on TV, if you vote with Barack Obama and Joe Biden nearly 100% of the time, if you weaponize the EPA to regulate puddles as navigable waterways and if you side with Green New Deal hysteria that will force the electrification of farm equipment and fight tax cuts like Sherrod does – you are no friend of Ohio Agriculture, period.

2. By the end of 2025 many of the provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will have expired or will expire. Many of these provisions have benefited farmers and ranchers since the enactment of this legislation. What are your thoughts on future tax packages? Do these provisions need to be renewed or is there a different course of action you would take to help promote agriculture?



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Should President Trump return to the White House and the Republicans are able to capture the Senate and retain the House, expect robust reform to our tax code that returns us to the positive results that we experienced with the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

If Joe Biden, Sherrod Brown, and the Democrats maintain the White House and the Senate and retake the House, you can be certain they will absolutely push for higher taxes on most Americans especially those like farmers who own land and businesses.

One major policy I am running on is to address the estate tax. It is unconscionable to me that so many farm families must address the IRS when a loss happens as opposed to grieving with their family. We have done well in Ohio at addressing it and farm families across America should expect those reforms out of DC as well.

3. The past few years have been difficult for the agricultural industry with a \$107 billion annual increase in farm production expenses, a \$80 billion drop in US net farm income, and two straight years of a trade deficit. What, if any, checks and balances should be placed on federal agencies to prevent additional administrative burdens on agriculture operations? Should there be federal legislation that prevents states from implementing regulations that have national ramifications on agriculture (i.e., California's climate disclosure rule/Prop 12)?

Unlike my opponent, I do not believe that an overly ambitious government is the solution to our problems. Cost inflation is not foreign to farmers. The current inflated input costs, inflated production costs, high costs of transportation, labor and ultimately, the high costs of finished products, are the result of a broken and bloated government.

Sherrod Brown is currently running an ad that blames the high costs of products at the grocery store on corporate greed. The reality is that high costs at the grocery store are because of high energy costs and skyrocketing inflation, both of which are a result of the radical agenda of the Democrats with their limitless spending. It makes our dollar less valuable, and their aggressive war on American energy production raises the cost of everything.



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California's Proposition 12 offers a unique situation that I'll be faced to work towards once elected Senator. However, we cannot violate state rights just because we are angry in one particular instance. The Pandora's box that can be opened is extremely dangerous in the ag regulation space if we allow the federal government to regulate production. That autonomy of decision should be left to the states.

4. In November 2023, congress passed an extension to the 2018 Farm Bill that is set to expire on September 30th of this year. Do you support the passage of a 5-year farm bill? Are there any provisions in the current legislation you would like to see passed or provisions that give you concerns?

A lot of the problem with government is that inaction and short-term fixes lead to unpredictable policy that makes long term business planning impossible. I would support a 5-year farm bill so that we have more predictability for our agricultural businesses across the Buckeye State.

In my visits to farm shops and fields throughout Ohio the Farm Bill is always a topic of discussion. Of the 12 titles in the 2018 Farm Bill the 3 most often mentioned are: Commodities, Trade and Crop Insurance. The common reference is the importance of the safety net included in the law. My pledge is to combine my business principles and experience with the input of Ohio's farmers to enact a farm bill that serves all from a seed to table perspective. Business planning needs consistency and certainty to work.