

JOIN US

Four two-day sessions held in Des Moines January through March, and one in August. Sessions begin with lunch on Friday and adjourn mid-afternoon on Saturday. Participants are expected to attend all five sessions from beginning to adjournment, including evening events. Participants must attend a minimum of four core sessions to be eligible for the Washington D.C. trip.

Schedule of 2025 Sessions

Session 1 - January 31 - February 1
Des Moines

Session 2 - February 21 - 22
Spouses/Guests invited
Des Moines

Session 3 - March 7 - 8 Des Moines

Session 4 - March 21 - 22 Des Moines

Summer Session - August 8 - 9
Families Invited / State Fair Des Moines

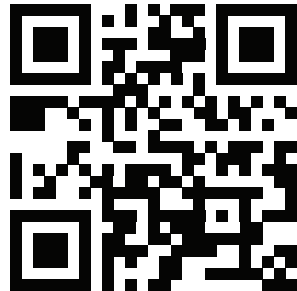
Washington, DC Trip - September 8 - 11

Graduation - December 9 - 10
IFBF Annual Meeting
Des Moines

Apply now!

To register visit [iowaFarmBureau.com/AgLeadersInstitute](https://www.iowaFarmBureau.com/AgLeadersInstitute), or scan the QR code to fill out the online application.

The deadline to apply is Dec. 6, 2024.



Contact **Molly Shanahan**, Leadership Training Manager, at mshanahan@ifbf.org or (515) 225-5430 with application questions.



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2025 AG LEADERS

INSTITUTE

JOIN THE GROWING RANKS OF
AG LEADER GRADUATES - FARMERS
WHO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE!



JOIN US

You are the **People, Progress and Pride** of Iowa. Agriculture is critical to Iowa's future. By helping farm families prosper and improving their quality of life, the Iowa Farm Bureau is at the center of agriculture - and you are the heart of it.



People. You can make a difference and ensure that Iowa's bond with agriculture continues to flourish through the Iowa Farm Bureau Ag Leaders Institute. This program will help you build a network with other leaders, and meet current Farm Bureau leaders and staff who support you in your efforts.



Ag Leaders Institute helped me grow as an individual. It has changed me from shying away to seeking opportunities where I can use my voice for Iowa agriculture.
- Emily Carroll, Louisa County

Progress. While each Iowan's individual efforts are important, when we work together, amazing things happen for Iowa. Farm Bureau shows this every day as we speak out for Iowa farmers and their families. We need leaders like you to continue our progress.

"The Ag Leader classes are a great way to develop and improve on the skills needed to be great leaders of tomorrow. An added bonus is meeting and working alongside some great people from across the state. - Chris Ten Napel, Sioux County"



Pride. The Iowa Farm Bureau is proud to support our members and our state through innovative programs like the Ag Leaders Institute. The institute will teach you how to stand up and speak out, address issues and create change. You will be proud when you see your hard work pay off as you strive to keep your community, operation, family, church - and Farm Bureau organization - strong.



*"If we don't help the world know what it is we do, we will not only be doing ourselves a disservice but also the future of agriculture. It starts here."
- Kristin Plate, Mahaska County*

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Looking for Leaders

The Ag Leaders Institute is for Farm Bureau members who have the potential for providing exceptional leadership in their community, county, and state. It's for individuals who are interested in advancing in leadership positions within Farm Bureau and agriculture. It's for people who care about the future of agriculture, and want to make a positive impact.

The institute is open to individuals of all ages. Farm Bureau members who have been nominated by their county are encouraged to apply. Twenty-five to thirty individuals will participate, with one leader selected from each region and thirteen selected at-large.

Applications are due December 6, 2024. To apply, you must have the support of your county Farm Bureau president. Applicants will be notified of selection committee decisions by December 31.

Session Topics

Farm Bureau's Ag Leaders Institute prepares leaders for Farm Bureau, agriculture, and rural Iowa into the future by developing leaders' knowledge and skills to make a positive difference for agriculture. As a member of the Farm Bureau Ag Leaders Institute, you will take part in a series of dynamic, interactive sessions that provide:

- The latest information and insights on issues important to agriculture
- Practice in developing the leadership skills needed to deal with issues critical to agriculture and leading change
- A statewide network of leaders in Farm Bureau and agriculture who are committed to the future of rural Iowa

Costs

The Farm Bureau Ag Leaders Institute is valued at \$6,000 per participant.

- The Iowa Farm Bureau will support the majority of the institute, including hotel stays and meals for in-state sessions, and airfare, hotel, meals and fees associated with the Washington, D.C. trip
- Your county Farm Bureau will make investment of \$200

You will invest your time, energy, and make a commitment to attend all sessions

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2025 APPLICATION

Join the growing ranks of Ag Leader graduates
- farmers who make a positive difference!

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

County _____

Email _____

Cell phone _____

Briefly describe your operation (e.g., crops, livestock raised, other farm business)

Describe your past and current involvement with Farm Bureau

Describe your involvement with other community and agriculture activities

How would you like to get involved in Farm Bureau in the future?

As you think about Iowa's future in the next five to 10 years, what do you think will be the most critical issues for agriculture and rural Iowa?

Why do you want to participate in the Farm Bureau Ag Leaders Institute? What do you hope to gain? What leadership skills would you like to develop?

To apply for the Farm Bureau Ag Leaders Institute, you must have the support of your county Farm Bureau. Your initials below indicate that you have received support through your county Farm Bureau president.

Initial here

If accepted into the Farm Bureau Ag Leaders Institute, you are making a commitment to attend and fully participate in all sessions. Your initials below indicate that you have reviewed the schedule and understand the time commitment.

Initial here

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Return your completed form to:

Iowa Farm Bureau
Attn: **Molly Shanahan**
Leadership Training Manager
5400 University Avenue
West Des Moines, IA 50266
Phone: (515) 225-5430
Fax: (515) 225-5661
Email: mshanahan@ifbf.org

Please note any anticipated schedule conflicts that would prevent you from attending any of the sessions.

Jan. 31 - Feb. 1. Reason _____

Feb. 21 - 22. Reason _____

March. 7 - 8. Reason _____

March 21 - 22. Reason _____

Aug. 8 - 9. Reason _____

Sept. 8 - 11. Reason _____

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