

Charter for Kansas Farm Bureau Ag Advisory Committees

September 5, 1997, the Kansas Farm Bureau Board of Directors approved the implementation of Ag Advisory Committees to “provide Farm Bureau members increased participation, a more efficient method of surfacing concerns, interests and needs regarding specific commodities and to enhance Kansas Farm Bureaus’ ability to respond to issues and programming needs critical to the profitability and risk management of specific agricultural commodity enterprises.”

Expectations and Desired Outcomes:

1. Kansas Farm Bureau Ag Advisory Committees are authorized by the KFB Board of Directors and are intended to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board.
2. KFB Ag Advisory Committees will identify and examine issues specific to the commodity or enterprise associated with the advisory committee name.
3. KFB Ag Advisory Committees will evaluate Kansas Farm Bureau’s role in these issues and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Recommendations will fall under these headings:
 - **For Board Action** – A request that the Kansas Farm Bureau Board implement a particular recommended action. Board responses can include:
 - Approval and assigning of appropriate KFB staff to take action.
 - Approval and forwarding to the Resolutions Committee for possible inclusion into the Kansas Farm Bureau Resolutions Handbook.
 - Requesting the recommendation be amended and resubmitted to the KFB Board.
 - Tabling of the recommendation (no action).
 - **For Policy Development** – Acknowledgement that the KFB Ag Advisory Committee discussed the issue and believes it should be forwarded to the Kansas Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee for further discussion and study. Board responses can include:
 - Forwarding the recommendation to the Resolutions Committee for discussion, study and possible inclusion into the Kansas Farm Bureau Resolutions Handbook.
 - Tabling of the recommendation (no action).
 - **For Board Information** – Acknowledgement that the KFB Ag Advisory Committee discussed the issue and wishes to inform the Kansas Farm Bureau Board of its opinion. No Board Action is required.
4. Kansas Farm Bureau Ag Advisory Committees will normally meet once each year. A full-scale conference and committee meeting will be held in February, March or April to examine issues and develop recommendations for the KFB Board. Additional meetings or teleconferences will be scheduled by the KFB Commodities Director or KFB Board of Directors as needed.ⁱ
5. KFB Ag Advisory Committees are encouraged to communicate and when appropriate, to cooperate, with other entities in the Committee’s efforts to explore and evaluate issues.
6. It is expected that the Kansas representative on any corresponding AFBF Advisory Committee will be selected from the appropriate KFB Ag Advisory Committee.

ⁱ Amended March, 2004

KFB Ag Advisory Committees Authorized:

Beef	September 1997	Hay and Forage	April 1998
Swine	September 1997	Sheep and Goat	July 2006
Dairy	September 1997	Feedgrains	September 1997
Wheat	September 1997	Oilseeds ⁱⁱ	September 1997

Committee Appointments:

1. The Kansas Farm Bureau President, based on recommendations from District Board Directors, appoints KFB Ag Advisory Committee Members.
2. Each Kansas Farm Bureau district is eligible to have a representative on each KFB Ag Advisory Committee.
3. Kansas Farm Bureau Ag Advisory Committee members should be active agricultural producers and voting Farm Bureau members.
4. Kansas Farm Bureau Ag Advisory Committee members are appointed each year and serve a one-year term. They are eligible for re-appointment but are limited to serving no more than three consecutive years.ⁱⁱⁱ
5. If a vacancy occurs in any KFB District due to a lack of willing and able candidates, the KFB President can appoint At-Large members to any committee, bringing the number of members to ten.^{iv}
6. KFB Ag Advisory Committee appointments should be made by September 1. The appointment will begin on October 1 and will run concurrently with the Kansas Farm Bureau fiscal year (October through September).
7. The Kansas representative on any corresponding AFBF Advisory Committee, if not already a committee member, will be considered an ex officio member of the KFB Ag Advisory Committee.

Leadership and Budget:

1. Kansas Farm Bureau Ag Advisory Committees will elect a chair from committee members at the end of the full-scale meeting, normally held in February, March or April.
2. A Commodities Division staff member will serve as coordinator for the committee, working with the specific KFB Ag Advisory Committee Chair in developing agendas and conducting activities.
3. A Kansas Farm Bureau Board liaison will be appointed to work with each KFB Ag Advisory Committee.
4. The Kansas Farm Bureau President is considered an ex officio member of all KFB Ag Advisory Committees, providing leadership and direction.
5. The KFB Commodities Director will develop a Kansas Farm Bureau Ag Advisory Committee budget encompassing all committees with assistance from the KFB Executive Director.
6. The Kansas Farm Bureau Ag Advisory Committee budget must be approved by the KFB Board of Directors as part of the annual Kansas Farm Bureau budget process.
7. Mileage to and from KFB Ag Advisory Committee meetings will be reimbursed to committee members at a rate approved by the KFB Executive Director and will approximate the IRS rate of reimbursement. The KFB Commodities Director and Executive Director must approve all member expenses.^v

ⁱⁱThe Feedgrains and Oilseeds Committees were originally authorized in 1997 but were combined into one in 2006, and then in February of 2010 were again separated to better address the many issues facing Kansas feedgrain and oilseed crops.

ⁱⁱⁱ Amended by the KFB Board, April 2006

^{iv} Amended by the KFB Board, July 2006

^v Amended by the KFB Board, September 2000