

## ***POLICY DEVELOPMENT and EXECUTION***

With farm numbers diminishing, the need for the Alabama Farmers Federation to concentrate on developing and activating an effective legislative program becomes more imperative with each passing year. An aggressive legislative program on the local level, as well as state and national levels, is essential in protecting the rights and securing benefits for the farming community.

### **Develop and Activate Policy**

- A.** A representative of the county Farmers Federation Young Farmers Committee should be encouraged to serve on the county Farmers Federation Policy Development Committee.
- B.** To participate and assume leadership roles in policy development at all levels.
- C.** Meet with legislators in an effort to create an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding of Farmers Federation policies. The Alabama Farmers Federation's young farmers have a vital role to play in developing mutual understanding with legislators.

# ***PROCESS FOR AMENDING ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION POLICY***

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