

What does a Young Farmers Committee Do?

A Young Farmers Committee is a local volunteer organization whose role is to be a public organization for local agriculture, run by local people involved in agriculture.

The Alabama Farmers Federation provides many opportunities to members of the farm family to make maximum contributions to the life of Alabama Farmers. In doing so, it becomes both possible and probable for young agricultural professionals to develop their leadership in and for the Alabama Farmers Federation.



Local Activities

A Young Farmer's Committee's role is to sponsor events that promote agriculture on a local level.

Occasionally, a Young Farmers Committee gets involved in a supportive role in events already happening in the community. Ideas include:

- Farm Days for local elementary schools
- Emergency farm equipment extrication seminar for local EMS workers
- Antique Tractor shows
- Harvest Festivals
- Participating in fundraisers for local charities
- Miss Agriculture Pageants
- Talent Find Contests

Political Activities

Active Players in National, State and Local Politics

A second function of the Local Young Farmers Committee is to be a public player in local political issues that affect the family and the farm. No issue is too local for a Young Farmers Committee to get involved. 'Getting involved' means taking part in campaigns on issues such as local property tax referenda, schools, zoning ordinances, water disputes, or any other issue that may stand to negatively impact farming in your county. The second step is making your views...the views of agriculture...public in your community. This is done by stating your position in letters to your local paper, holding meetings open to the public about issues, and inviting legislators and local officials to a Young Farmers Meeting to listen to your concerns.

As the number of farmers continues to decline and our state's population continues to increase it becomes more important for Alabama's young farmers to be involved in the state's largest farm organization. The Young Farmers Division encourages its members to get involved in all levels of politics, especially state politics.

Without the ability to deliver commodities to market at a price competitive with producers in Asia, South America and the European Union, raising a family on the farm is an economic impossibility. The Young Farmers Division strives to be an organization that addresses these, and other needs of Young Farmers across the state and serves as their voice when their voice needs to be heard.



The third function, and one of the most important, is to have meetings that allow the Young Farmers in your area time to meet and fellowship together. This is a great time to meet new people, recruit new members, and shore up involvement in your committee.



