



OHIO SOYBEAN  
ASSOCIATION

2025

# POLICY PRIORITIES



# PROMOTE RENEWABLE FUEL PRODUCTION

Demand for renewable fuels such as biodiesel, renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel is growing among transportation sectors such as rail, marine and air carriers. With most of our country's production capabilities located west of the Mississippi River, the **potential for Ohio to serve as home for expanded renewable fuel production capabilities** holds tremendous economic development potential for our state.

## ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIOECONOMY

Uses for soy-based products continue to expand, with more than **1,000** items currently on the market from flooring and roofing products to candles and personal care items.

OSA will promote policies that leverage the economic development opportunities around manufacturing these products in the Buckeye State.



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Economic Contribution of SAF Production in Ohio



The Ohio Soybean Association will be a leader in this space to ensure farmers can **capitalize on new demand growth**, promote the **use of soybeans as feedstocks** for these fuels, and promote **Ohio as the ideal destination for production facilities** that will drive innovation in our economy.

## PROMOTE SMART GROWTH POLICIES

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If no new policy approaches are implemented, the American Farmland Trust estimates over 500,000 agricultural acres will be taken out of production and converted to both highly developed uses and low-density residential uses by 2040. OSA is encouraging state and local leaders to think strategically, utilizing tools such as farmland preservation easements, Agricultural Security Areas and Agricultural Districts. This must be a policy priority to help ensure Ohio can utilize some of the most productive farm ground in the world to continue to produce abundant and affordable food for consumers.

## 4H AND FFA PROGRAMS

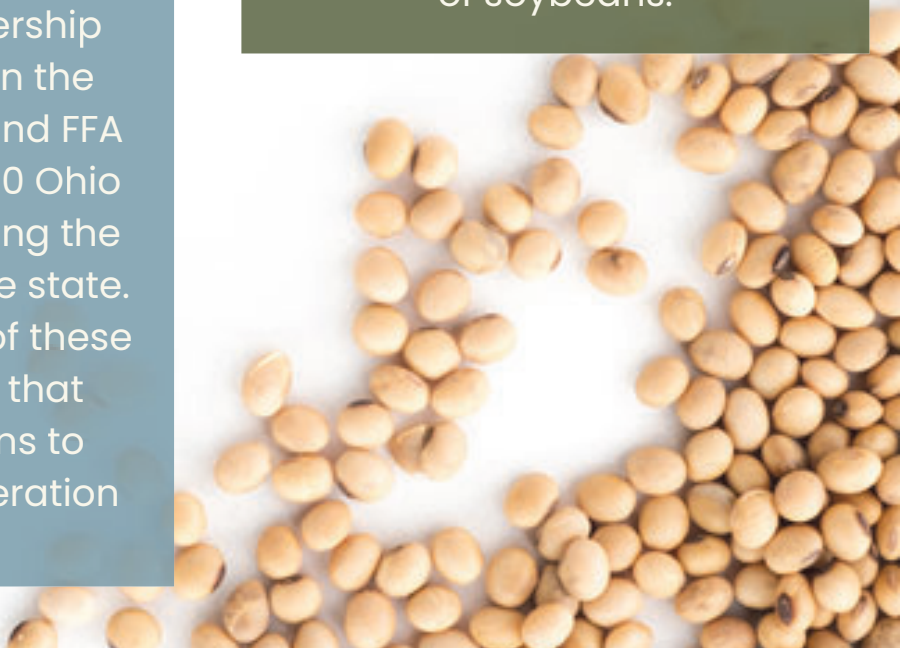
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4H and FFA Programs in Ohio teach the skills necessary for preparing members of these organizations for leadership roles and careers, specifically in the agricultural industry. Ohio's 4H and FFA programs total more than 161,000 Ohio youth participants, ranking among the largest youth organizations in the state. OSA supports the development of these organizations and full support that would allow these organizations to continue teaching the next generation of leaders.

## SUPPORT ANIMAL AGRICULTURE IN OHIO

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The Ohio Soybean Association supports a broad range of policies to help promote a healthy animal agriculture industry in our state. Nearly 98 percent of U.S. soybean meal is consumed by livestock and poultry making this industry the most important market for soybean farmers. Because of this direct connection to the production of soybean meal, animal agriculture plays a vital role in the value of soybeans.





# 2025 BUDGET PRIORITIES

## TAXES

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Tax policy must recognize the complexities of the agriculture economy. Protecting and clarifying key provisions such as the agricultural sales tax exemption, current agriculture use valuation for property taxes and protecting small businesses and farms from overly burdensome business taxes such as the commercial activity tax are a high priority for 2025.



## H2OHIO

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OSA commends investments made by members of the Ohio General Assembly and Governor DeWine in farm best management practices (BMPs) to improve water quality and encourages continuation of this support. H2Ohio continues to see tremendous support from Ohio farmers. 3,200+ agreements have been signed to implement practices on the farm and producers have enrolled more than 2.2 million acres into H2Ohio.

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# TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Sound infrastructure is vital to the success of the agriculture industry. OSA supports funding for rural roads and bridges as well as funding to support rail and ports essential for agricultural trade success.



## GOVERNMENT REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

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Where regulation is warranted, OSA will work to ensure adequate resources are allocated that allow state agencies to provide a process that enables the industry to move commodities to the market efficiently.

## EXTENSION AND RESEARCH

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Ohio's land-grant institutions play a vital role in providing agricultural education, research to improve our industry and knowledge to farmers that help address challenges faced by our industry. OSA will work to ensure these institutions have the resources needed to support Ohio's soybean growers.







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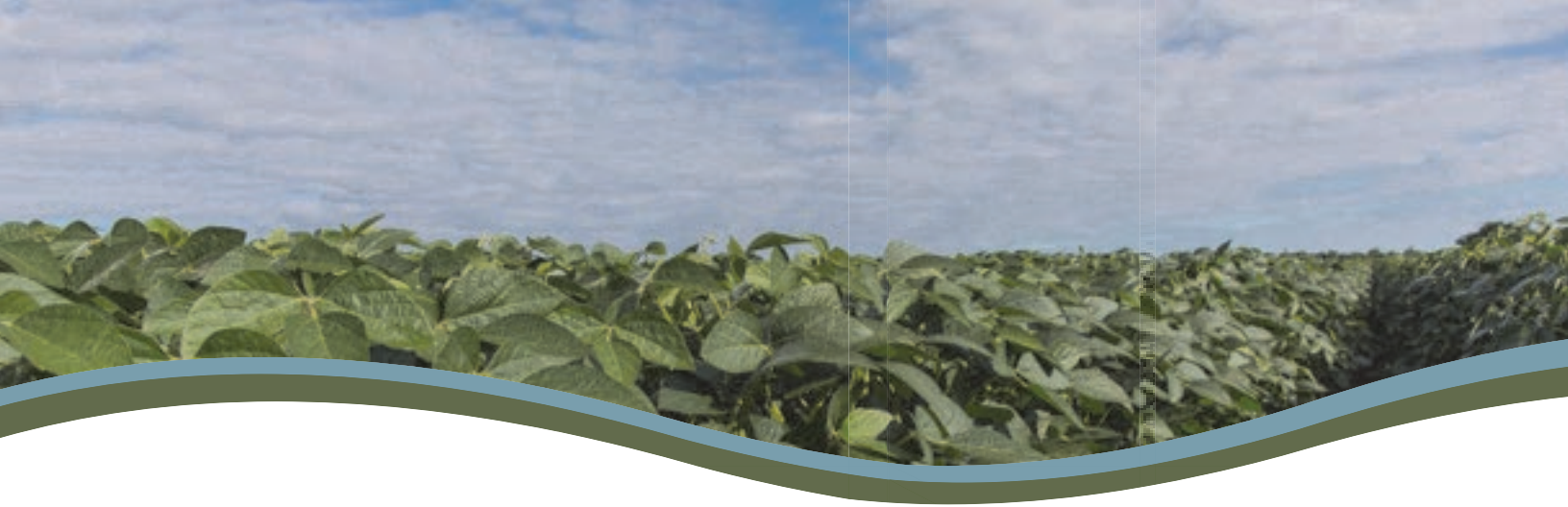
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## ABOUT OSA

OSA's mission is to Advocate through member engagement to influence policy, regulation, and legislation that benefit Ohio soybean farmers and industry.

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