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State Advisory Committee Structure

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Nomination Procedures

1. Nomination documents added to Florida Farm Bureau's website and intranet. Nomination documents include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - State advisory committee guidelines
 - On-line nomination form
2. An agricultural policy memo is mailed in June to all county Farm Bureau presidents and administrative assistants to notify them of the availability of nomination documents.
3. Field staff are provided the following:
 - Advisory committee attendance records for the current year
 - Advisory committee nomination deadline
 - List of nominations submitted by district
 - Total nominations by district, county, and commodity
 - Delinquent nominee memberships
4. Agricultural policy staff reviews all nominations with Florida Farm Bureau's president. Factors considered for appointment include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Consideration based on county production ranking
 - Producer gender
 - Producer ethnicity
 - Geographical diversity
 - Farm size (committees to include small, medium, and large per USDA definitions)
 - Commodities within each committee (for example, aquaculture committee includes clams, turtles, tropical fish, food fish, etc.)
 - Nominees must be commercial producers of the commodity
5. Florida Farm Bureau's president may select members that were not nominated by counties to enhance committee structure.
6. Nominees are selected by Florida Farm Bureau's president and approved by Florida Farm Bureau's state board of directors.

Establishment of New State Advisory Committee(s)

1. A minimum of five county Farm Bureaus must have established a similar county committee
2. The county Farm Bureau presidents which have a similar county committee must formally write a letter to Florida Farm Bureau's president recommending the establishment of a new state advisory committee
3. Florida Farm Bureau's president will decide on new committee establishment with input from Florida Farm Bureau's state board of directors

Dissolution of State Advisory Committee(s)

A Florida Farm Bureau state advisory committee may be dissolved by Florida Farm Bureau's president for any or all the following reasons:

- Fluctuations in industry markets
- Lack of participation or involvement by nominees
- Merging of state advisory committees