The Minnesota Farm Bureau Board of Directors have set the focus areas for our organization for 2021. These issues are established in Farm Bureau policy set by our grassroots membership based on current events impacting rural Minnesota and opportunities in the current legislative environment.

The 2021 state legislative session faces many challenges: from a tough state budget to the impacts of a global pandemic on every industry all being addressed through virtual hearings. However, Minnesota Farm Bureau is up to the challenge and has identified several areas where we believe we can make progress in agriculture and our rural communities.

- **BROADBAND**: Expand investment to increase access to reliable broadband especially through infrastructure.

- **CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**: Reduce greenhouse gas through increased use of renewable fuels and by building upon the strong foundation of voluntary stewardship investments and practices to guide policies and partnerships to continue to improve the sustainable practices carried out on farms and ranches of all sizes.

- **FOOD SUPPLY**: Support those involved in growing food, processing, packaging, transportation, and retail to ensure access to markets and a safe and secure food supply for everyone.

- **HEALTHCARE**: Work towards increased affordability and availability of health insurance and healthcare- including mental health resources.

- **RESEARCH AND INVESTMENT**: Continued investment into research programs, facilities and faculty through Agricultural Research, Education, Extension and Technology Transfer program (AGREETT) and support for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Program.

- **TAX POLICY**: Support the Ag2School tax credit, the Beginning Farmer tax credit and federal Section 179 conformity.

- **TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**: Invest in Minnesota’s transportation needs, especially rural roads and bridges, to move products reliably and efficiently by roads, river, rail and pipeline.

- **WORKFORCE**: Build a strong work force through educational opportunities through career and technical programs and access to affordable childcare.

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