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**Proposed State Policies to be Deleted
Yuma County Farm Bureau**

Heritage Fund: (Page 66)

We recommend that Heritage Fund monies be removed from the Arizona Game and Fish Department budget and returned to the General Fund. (2006) Delete

Rural Road Improvement Districts: (Pages 95, 96)

We support the establishment of Rural Road Improvement Districts (RRID) as authorized by ARS Title 48 (Special Taxing Districts) Article 5. Once established, an RRID should be entitled to a share of Highway Users Revenue Funds (HURF) to fund road development and maintenance in addition to the taxing authority granted in the statute. Furthermore, the State Land Department should be required to cooperate with RRIDs to allow reasonable use of state land in the development of rural roadways. (2006) Delete

Pro-rated Commercial Vehicle Fee: (Page 98)

We support pro-rating commercial license fees for vehicles used for only a portion of the year. (2006) Delete

Workers' Compensation Coverage: (Pages 99, 100)

Arizona Supreme Court unanimously declared as unconstitutional a state law that allows workers' compensation coverage to be denied to workers who were injured on the job but have tested positive for drugs or alcohol. Employers are required to provide safe working conditions and carry workmans' compensation insurance. Workers' compensation coverage should not be extended to drug and alcohol users while injured on the job. These types of workers should be held responsible for their own bad habits and not by employers or workmans' compensation. (2006) Delete

Ag Economic Development: (Pages 106, 107)

We support the Arizona Department of Agriculture in their efforts to coordinate an agriculture economic development program after the Department's primary roles of serving and regulating are fully accomplished.

We support the addition of a program that will close the gap reflected between farmer and consumer of gross receipts, per crop, animal, ornamental or fiber entities.

We need to work with economic development groups to get agricultural value added industries into Arizona. (2006) Delete

Pro-rated Insurance: (Page 109)

We support insurance companies pro-rating for occasional use vehicles. (2006) Delete

Lifetime Membership: (Page 112)

We support the creation of an endowment fund to benefit the Arizona Educational Farming Company, wherein a one-time donation of \$5,000 would insure to the donor:

1. Annual Farm Bureau membership dues for the life of the donor; and
2. A one-time tax deduction of \$5,000 for income tax purposes.

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Any earnings of the endowment fund in excess of membership dues would be used at the discretion of the governing board of the Arizona Educational Farming Company. If annual earnings are less than membership dues, the balance owing will be deducted from the endowment fund. Upon the death of the donor, the total endowment would be used for the benefit of the Educational Farming Company. (2006) Delete

Farm Bureau Membership Dues: (Page 113)

We support the Arizona Farm Bureau's proposed dues structure for a common dues level of \$112 and \$35 when the insurance membership requirement is fully implemented and the system is automated. We support the establishment of a third category in the Arizona Farm Bureau dues structure; "high service county" dues for agriculture members. Any county that deems higher dues revenue necessary to support their programs could set their Ag dues at the "high service county" level. The entire increase above regular agricultural dues will be remitted to the county. The "high service county" dues rate will be set by agreement by the presidents of the counties that choose to adopt this dues level. (2006) Delete