

**Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.

1. **Name:** Blake Hurst
2. **Organization you represent:**
American Farm Bureau
3. **Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee:** _____

4. **Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee:** _____

5. **If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold:**
Member, American Farm Bureau Board of Directors

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TESTIMONY.**

Blake Hurst was first elected the 14th president of Missouri Farm Bureau on December 7, 2010. Blake was a district board member on the Missouri state board for eight years, and served seven years as Missouri Farm Bureau vice president.

He raises corn and soybeans with his father, brothers, nephews and son-in-laws. He also operates a wholesale greenhouse business with his wife, Julie; daughter, Lee; and son-in-laws, Ryan Harms and Matt Schlueter. The family raises flowers in two acres of greenhouses

Blake and Julie have three children. Lee works in the greenhouse with her family, Ann is the development director for their local hospital and Ben is a lawyer and a Captain in the U.S. Army. Blake and Julie have six grandchildren.

Blake is also a freelance writer. His work has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *The American*, *Weekly Standard*, *Wilson's Quarterly*, *Reader's Digest*, *Today's Farmer* and the *Show Me* magazine of Missouri Farm Bureau