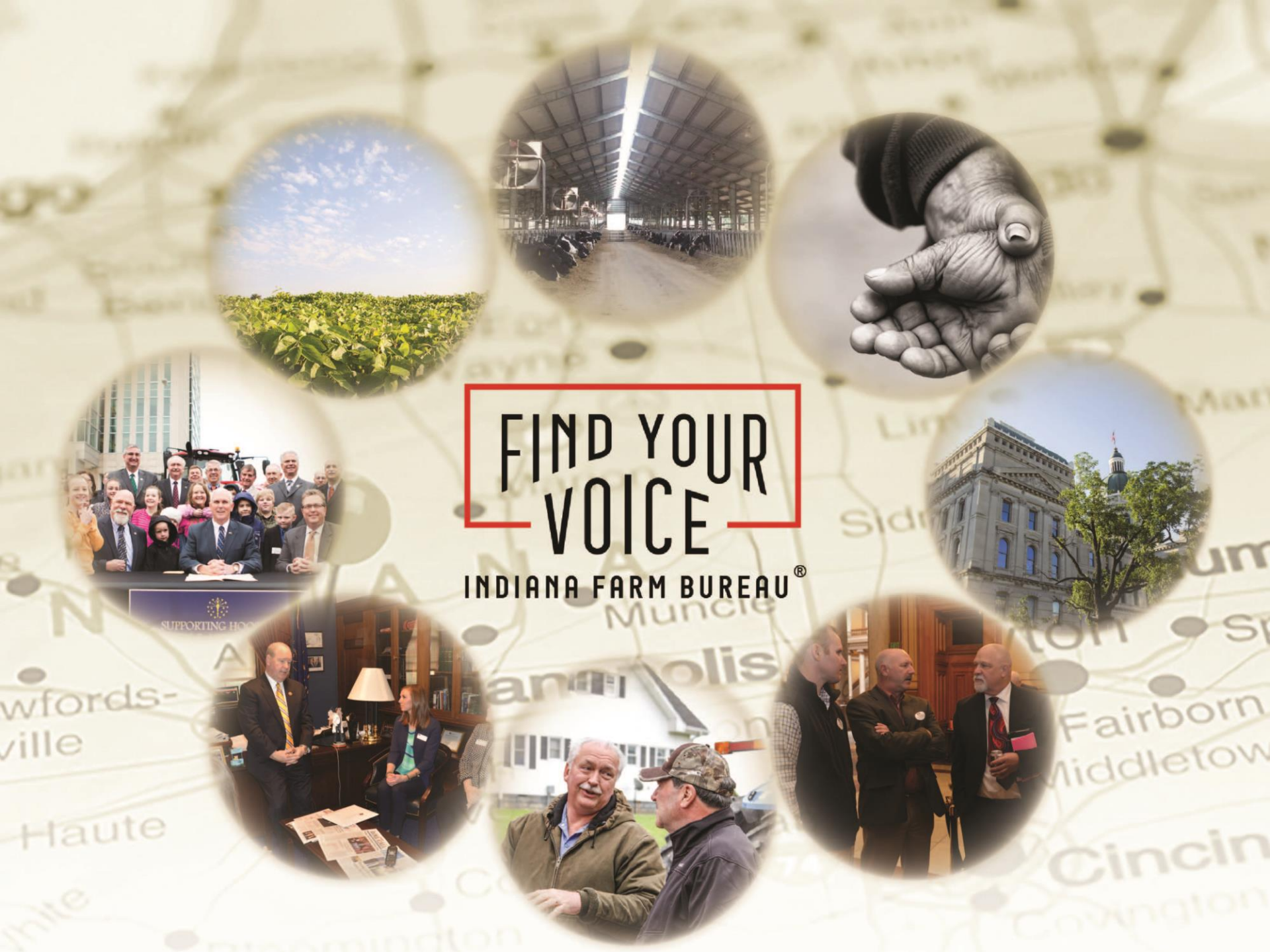




# FIND YOUR VOICE

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# Questions to Consider

- What are the goals for Indiana's future in agriculture?
- Given the farm economic conditions, what do farmers need help with?
- What are your farm's priorities moving forward?
- What role do you see yourself having in the next years related to agriculture?
- What role would you like to see the Farm Bill play?

# IX. Energy

# Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Since 2009-2015:

- REAP funded 10,446 renewable energy and energy efficient projects
- \$345 million in grants to agricultural producers and rural small business owners
- \$430 million in loan guarantees

# Energy Provisions

## Assistance to producers:

- REAP (Rural Energy for America Program) – provides competitive grants and loan guarantees to agricultural producers, rural small businesses, and rural electric coops for broad range of renewable energy and energy efficiency technology installations and improvements
  - Projects such as wind and solar installations and energy efficient grain dryers, irrigation pumps, and heating systems for agricultural buildings
- BCAP (Biomass Crop Assistance Program) – promotes cultivation of bioenergy crops to show promise for producing highly energy-efficient, advanced bioenergy, or biofuels, and to develop new crops and cropping systems in a manner that preserves natural resources.

## Assistance to bio-refineries

- Bio based Markets Program – helps build demand support through preferential purchasing programs
  - Limited use due to significant application costs and requirements on lenders
- Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels – more frequently used by bio-refineries