



## **Auditor Candidate**

**Keith Faber**  
*Republican*  
*Incumbent*

### ***What programs and partnerships do you see between the Auditor's office and agriculture in Ohio?***

As a State Representative, State Senator, Senate President, and State Auditor I've been proud to know, represent, and support Ohio's farmers. I'm from farm country. I know the challenges farmers face, and I know the sacrifice of getting up before the sun rises and turning in long after dark –

doing the work of the farm and actively engaging in their communities.

The State Auditor is a unique position in state government, focusing largely on government entities from schools to municipalities, counties, and statewide agencies. My goal is the help make Ohio government more efficient, effective, and transparent. I want to find ways to save taxpayers – farmers – more of their hard-earned money. I want to make sure checks and balances exist and are exercised to prohibit the misspending of public funds. As your State Auditor, I don't audit individuals or businesses, I don't assess property values, and I don't collect taxes. I audit the 6,000 government entities that touch your tax dollars every day. My team makes sure that government is complying with the law and not misspending or stealing your tax money. And in just my first three years in office, we have already successfully prosecuted more than 80 corrupt public officials, who thought they could use tax dollars to pad their pockets.

In addition to catching those lying, cheating, and stealing with your tax dollars, we also look for ways to improve government efficiency and cut government waste. I've expanded our performance audit division that looks at government agencies and makes recommendations for how they can deliver services at a lower cost to taxpayers. We have identified more than \$100 million in savings for taxpayers.

During our audits, we check to ensure that each governmental entity has policies in place that can help to catch fraud. During the pandemic, when we discovered that Ohio's unemployment system lacked many of those basic controls, we launched a special audit and discovered more than \$5 billion in fraud and overpayments paid out in the system. We estimate, based on cases in other states, that identifying the issue and the governor acting swiftly to fix the issue saved taxpayers billions.

Our lone direct access into the agricultural community is through audits of agriculture societies and fair boards. After hearing from my friends working hard to put on Ohio's county fairs that our audits were costing them a large chunk of their budgets, we created a program allowing for



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flat, reduced costs for qualified organizations. This means that more money can go to promoting the ag community and local projects educating and encouraging the next generation of farmers.

From holding government accountable and serving as a watchdog for your taxpayers to helping better serve county fairs – my commitment is for good government. My commitment is to serve as a vocal advocate for farmers as taxpayers, business owners, and essential players in our communities and our state.