

# MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

## VOTING/PRODUCER MEMBER - \$85/year

Article IX, Section 2. (a) Producer members shall be individuals or family units who are actively engaged in and derive a portion of their business income from production agriculture. Family unit is defined as the head of the family, his or her spouse and all dependent children under the age of 21.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER - \$50/year

Article IX, Section 3. (a) Associate members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office but shall otherwise enjoy all privileges and services subject to rules of program concerned offered by community, county, State, and American Farm Bureau Federation.

## STUDENT MEMBER - \$25/year

Article IX, Section 4. (a) Student members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office but shall otherwise enjoy all privileges and services subject to rules of program concerned offered by community, county, State, and American Farm Bureau Federation.

## CENTURY CLUB MEMBER - \$150, \$275, \$525, \$1000/year

For Century Club memberships any additional amount over standard dues shall be remitted to the executive vice president for use in the MFBF legislative fund and legal defense fund.

# DISTRIBUTION OF DUES DOLLARS

Voting Member \$85.00

> \$20.00 Stays with the County

\$60.00 goes to MFBF

\$5.00 goes to AFBF

Associate Member \$50.00

> \$12.00 Stays with the County

\$33.00 goes to MFBF

\$5.00 goes to AFBF Student Member \$25.00

\$5.00 Stays with the County

\$15.00 goes to MFBF

\$5.00 goes to AFBF

Century Club \$150, \$275, \$525 or \$1000

> \$20 or \$47 Stays with the County

\$60 or \$33 goes to MFBF

\$5.00 goes to AFBF

\$65, \$190, \$440 or \$915 goes to the MFBF Legal & Legislative Defense Fund

# MEMBERSHIP BILLING CYCLE

### MFBF FISCAL YEAR

- Montana Farm Bureau operates on a fiscal year that runs from October 1 to September 30.
- All members who belonged to Montana Farm Bureau as of the bylaws change on November 16,
   2016 will have an anniversary date of October 1.

### ANNIVERSARY DATE BILLING PROCESS

- Billing for the upcoming membership year will occur 2 months in advance of the anniversary date in which a member first joined.
- Members will be considered delinquent if not paid by their membership expiration date (the last day of their anniversary date month).
- A second billing for non-insured, delinquent members is mailed at the end of each month for members who have an anniversary date in that month.
- Members who are Mountain West Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company customers are urged to pay their dues at their annual billing. Those who do not pay and are delinquent receive a membership dues bill with their insurance premium.

## THESE ARE YOUR MEMBERS!

#### COUNTY TRANSMITTALS

- The county portion of the membership dues for that period are direct deposited into the county Farm Bureau's bank account.
- The county transmittal report will be sent via email from Tara Povalish about once a month to the County Secretaries and County Presidents, normally around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- You will receive
   the list of new
   and renewing
   members for
   that period, as
   well as additional
   news and
   reports from the
   state office.

Account #	Processed Removal Date Date	New?	Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Class	Level	Expire Date	Amou
2020 Member	rship Year				Ĉ-	Š.	-3:-				
310001012	11/20/2020		Eric Trager	5 Rosebud Vw	Roberts	MT	59070-8602	Associate		8/31/2021	\$12.
5210122	11/20/2020		Carl Poliseno	PO Box 874	Absarokee	MT	59001-0874	Voting		8/31/2021	\$20
310003966	11/6/2020		Marcus Arthun	PO Box 494	Nye	MT	59061-0494	Voting		6/30/2021	\$20
310002669	11/20/2020		Neal Harper	45 Rosebud Rd	Absarokee	MT	59001-6212	Associate		8/31/2021	\$12
310004162	11/20/2020		Stacie Warehime	PO Box 232	Joliet	MT	59041-0232	Associate		8/31/2021	\$12
New Members / Renewals / Total:			0/5/5				2020 To	tal:			\$76
2021 Membei	rship Year										
5214028	11/9/2020		Teresa Perkins	PO Box 1014	Red Lodge	MT	59068-1014	Associate		10/31/2021	\$12
5207927	11/6/2020	~	Dan Sayer	1936 Highway 10	Columbus	MT	59019-7213	Voting		10/31/2021	\$20
5207902	11/12/2020		Scott Blain	641 Farewell Rd	Joliet	MT	59041-9546	Voting		10/31/2021	\$20
5027551	11/12/2020		Wade Johnson	6930 Lakeshore Dr	Billings	MT	59106-4221	Associate		11/30/2021	\$12
310005944	11/6/2020	•	Ryan Restvedt	53 E Ridge Rd	Columbus	MT	59019-7424	Associate		11/30/2021	\$12
310003178	11/20/2020		Michael Ruger	7 Rose Ln	Columbus	MT	59019-7345	Associate		12/31/2021	\$12
5218206	11/18/2020		Tami Hoines	107 S 2nd St	Roberts	MT	59070	Associate		10/31/2021	\$12
5228029	11/19/2020		Sally Meyer	18 Tawny Trl	Joliet	MT	59041-9541	Voting		10/31/2021	\$20
310005960	11/20/2020	~	James Horton	70 N Two Bear Rd	Fromberg	MT	59029-9514	Voting		11/30/2021	\$20
5215476	11/21/2020		Lane Henke	6 Old West Ln	Park City	MT	59063-8066	Associate		10/31/2021	\$12
310006019	11/24/2020	•	Vince Hudak	PO BOX 563	Red Lodge	MT	59068-0563	Associate		11/30/2021	\$12
5228505	11/27/2020		Ashley Fischer	131 Carbonado Rd	Joliet	MT	59041-9587	Associate		10/31/2021	\$12
New Memb	ers / Renewals / Total:		4/8/12				2021 To	tal:			\$176
New Members / Renewals / Total:			4 / 13 / 17				Carbon	Stillwater Cou	ınty Farm Bureau	Total:	\$252

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### REVIEW YOUR MEMBER LISTS

- Plan to review each of the lists with your county Board of Directors. The county Board of
  Directors has the authority to approve membership and change members from associate to
  voting.
- Consider reaching out to new members with a personal welcome letter from the county Farm Bureau.
- Communicate with your local insurance agents and staff regarding the voting membership requirements that are detailed in your bylaws.
- Make a note of any YF&R-aged members and share their information with your county YF&R Chair.

### REVIEW AND WORK YOUR RETENTION LISTS

- Throughout the course of the membership year, your Regional Manager will provide you with a list of county members that have not renewed.
- Encourage your county board to make it a priority to review those delinquent member lists and ask board members to make personal contact with those lapsed members in an effort to get them back. Many people often say...no one asked me to pay my dues.

# COUNTY AGREEMENTS

### COUNTY OFFICE AGREEMENTS

- County Farm Bureaus in which Mountain West Farm Bureau MIC has established an office(s) are asked to enter into a County Office Agreement with the agent(s) in that office(s).
- Agents provide financial services to members and recruitment of new members. The
  agreements also stipulate that agents offer county Farm Bureaus meeting space, use of
  internet and staff services within reason.
- Agents receive financial support based on a negotiated flat fee or 1/3 of the county portion of dues received from members served by the agent.
- Counties are required to pay that office support within 60 days of the end of their membership year.

### UNIFORM MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENTS

- This agreement forms the legal relationship between Montana Farm Bureau Federation and county Farm Bureaus.
- It details responsibilities for protection of the Farm Bureau marks, establishes the hierarchy for policy implemented by delegates at the county and state level and procedures for county Farm Bureaus who dissent from MFBF policy.
- All counties have a signed agreement, but many are extremely out of date. We ask that
  your county renew the agreement that was issued in 2019.

