



2024 Gold and Silver Windmill Awards

Purpose

- To recognize county Farm Bureaus for outstanding achievements in meeting their member's needs
- To provide a means for county Farm Bureaus to share great program ideas
- To help county Farm Bureaus evaluate county Farm Bureau activities

Awards Program

There will be **two** levels of awards. The first level is the **Gold and Silver Windmill Awards** and the second level is the **President's Award**.

- **A Silver Windmill** shall be given for each program category that exceeds the minimum percentage score (see below) upon judging. **A Gold Windmill Award** shall be given to any county Farm Bureau that receives a Silver Windmill in all 5 program categories below.
- **The President's Award** will be given to the most outstanding (highest scoring) entry in each membership classification for each program category. **Note: County Farm Bureaus must either achieve overall membership quota or voting membership growth to receive a President's Award.**

In the event of a tie, the county that has the highest percent increase in total members will receive the award.

Counties may submit their entries in any/all of the five program categories. These program areas represent areas in which county Farm Bureaus should conduct programs in order to achieve the organization's mission. The five activity categories are:

- Public Policy
- Ag Promotion and Education
- Leadership Development
- Membership Development
- Public Relations

Rules and Criteria

1. Award application must be submitted by email, mail or via the online form to the MFBF office by **October 15, 2023**.
2. Attachments with supportive material are allowed, **but are not required for consideration per program category**.
3. **Counties will not be awarded points for the same program in more than 1 question per award category.**
4. There will be one **President's Award** presented in each of two membership classifications for each of the five program categories.
5. To receive the President's Award the **county must have achieved membership quota or voting membership growth** for the year.

Membership Classifications

There shall be two membership classifications with an even number of counties per category or as even as possible. The categories shall have stated ranges of membership based on the prior year-end total.

2024 Membership Classification

- Group 1:** 1-117 Voting Members – 50% minimum score
Group 2: 117+ Voting Members – 55% minimum score

County Farm Bureau Membership Categories for Gold and Silver Windmill Awards

Group 1 = 1-117 Voting Members

- Big Horn County Farm Bureau
- Broadwater County Farm Bureau
- Chouteau County Farm Bureau
- Custer-Fallon County Farm Bureau
- Dawson-Wibaux County Farm Bureau
- Front Range County Farm Bureau
- Hill-Liberty-Blaine County Farm Bureau
- Judith Basin County Farm Bureau
- McCone County Farm Bureau
- Meagher County Farm Bureau
- Musselshell County Farm Bureau
- Phillips County Farm Bureau
- Powder River-Carter County Farm Bureau
- Prairie County Farm Bureau
- Roosevelt County Farm Bureau
- Rosebud-Treasure County Farm Bureau
- Valley County Farm Bureau

Group 2 = 117 + Voting Members

- Carbon-Stillwater County Farm Bureau
- Cascade County Farm Bureau
- Fergus County Farm Bureau
- Gallatin County Farm Bureau
- Lewis & Clark County Farm Bureau
- Northwest Counties Farm Bureau
- Park County Farm Bureau
- Ravalli County Farm Bureau
- Richland County Farm Bureau
- Southwest Counties Farm Bureau
- Sweet Grass County Farm Bureau
- Wheatland-Golden Valley County Farm Bureau
- Yellowstone County Farm Bureau