



Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer & Rancher Committee *Overview-Eligibility-Responsibilities*

Background

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee was established in 2002 as a way for young people in agriculture to provide leadership and have an opportunity for increased involvement in the Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) program includes both men and women between the ages of 18-35. The program offers opportunities in: leadership development, legislative awareness, educational conferences, networking with other farmers and ranchers around the world, competitive events and involvement in the whole Farm Bureau program. Statewide and district events, programs and contests are designed by the WyFB YF&R Committee to enhance Farm Bureau efforts and to build skills that will translate to positive action for agriculture.

Committee Design

The YF&R program is a committee centered, fully integrated part of Farm Bureau at the county, state and national level. The state YF&R Committee consists of two representatives from each of the five Farm Bureau districts. The districts elect the representatives at their fall district meetings each year. The two district representatives serve staggering terms. Each committee representative serves a two-year term. If representatives so choose, they can serve as an individual or married couple with one vote being allowed for each Representative position (couples serve as one). New in 2014, an at-large position will be voted on at the state annual meeting. This position will be for a one year term. The YF&R committee elects a chair, vice chair and secretary to one-year terms from within the committee members elected.

The ideal candidate(s) for service on the state Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee is involved in agriculture (production, agribusiness, education or other) with potential to expand leadership involvement in Farm Bureau.

Eligibility

Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee members must be Farm Bureau regular members between 18 and 35 years of age.

Duties and Responsibilities

WyFB YF&R Committee Representatives are expected to attend and contribute to meetings and conference calls of the full committee and to serve on at least one subcommittee. These include: State YF&R Conference (Winter), YF&R Committee Retreat (Spring), WyFB Annual Meeting (Nov.). Committee members will stay in contact with the counties within their district. YF&R Committee representatives may also conduct a district activity. Approved committee expenses are covered by WyFB.

Additional details about responsibilities and activities may be requested by contacting Kerin Clark WyFB YF&R Coordinator, e-mail kclark@wyfb.org or by calling 307.532.2002.

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