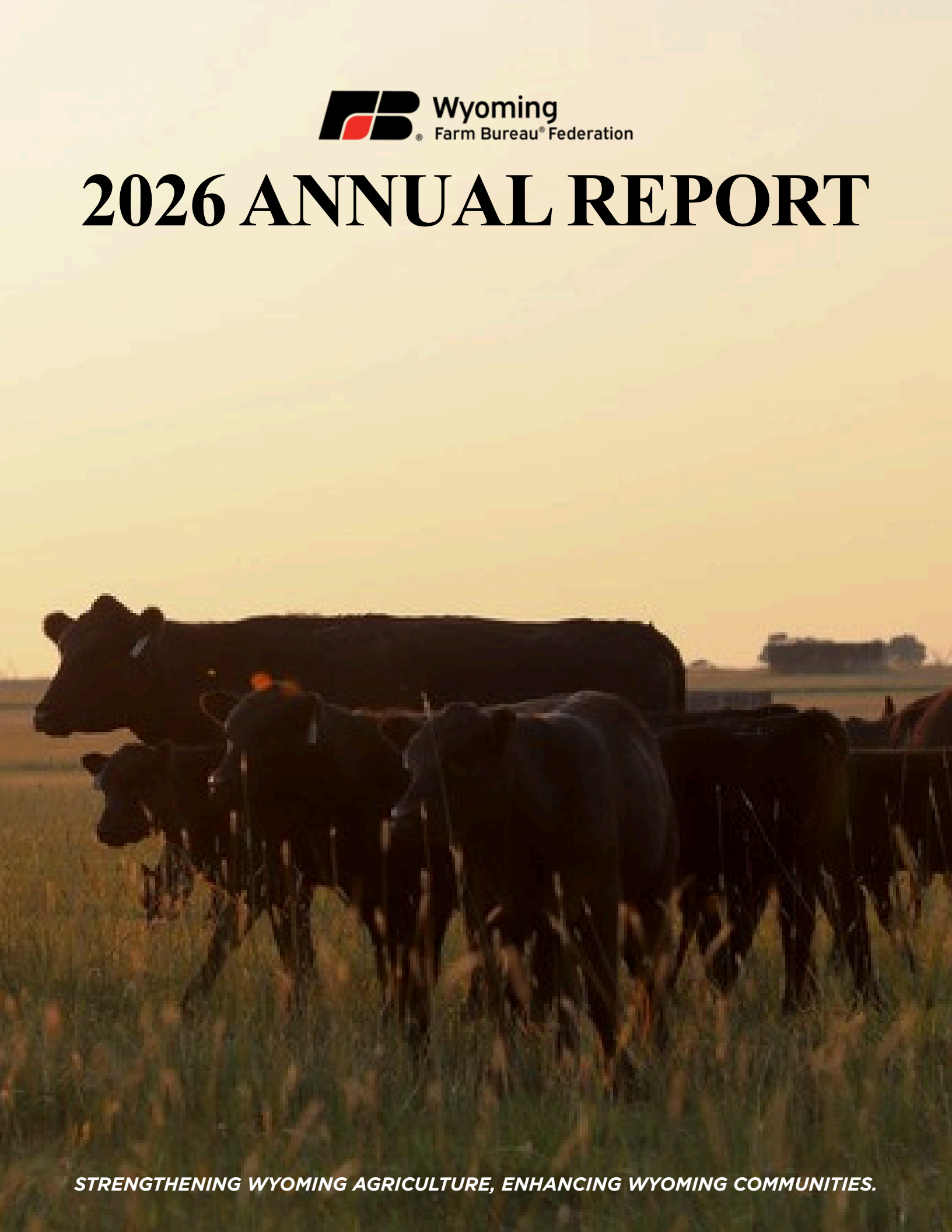
Wyoming Farm Bureau® Federation

2026 ANNUAL REPORT



STRENGTHENING WYOMING AGRICULTURE, ENHANCING WYOMING COMMUNITIES.

Wyoming Farm Bureau® Federation

MISSION

Strengthening Wyoming agriculture, enhancing Wyoming communities.

VISION

We envision a prosperous Wyoming with thriving agriculture, communities, and families.

CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY

We believe integrity is our foundation. We strive to be trustworthy, authentic, and transparent. We hold ourselves accountable in every action and decision.

ADVOCACY

We believe in protecting private property rights, upholding constitutional government, and advancing a free market economy. With a commitment to individual freedom, we advocate through engagement in the legislative, regulatory, legal, and consumer arenas.

SERVICE

We believe in service through continuing education, servant leadership, and community engagement to strengthen the places we call home.

DEDICATION

We believe our dedication to agriculture is the foundation that inspires us to sacrifice time and energy to secure its values, lifestyle, and legacy. We are rooted in our heritage to guide our future.

FAMILY

We believe family is the foundation of a healthy society. The Farm Bureau family is a natural extension of that foundation, welcoming members of all ages. We protect agricultural legacies and lifestyles and develop opportunities for future generations.

LEADERSHIP

We believe leaders develop through opportunity, education, mentorship, and networking. We empower our members to embrace leadership opportunities in their communities and beyond.

2026 Reflections

WYFB PRESIDENT TODD FORNSTROM

Another year has passed, and once again, the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation members have demonstrated the integrity, dedication, leadership and commitment that define Wyoming agriculture.

This year brought significant challenges for farmers and ranchers across the state. From drought and high input costs to the many uncertainties that come with agricultural production, it was a difficult year. Yet, our members continue to show up, put in the work and make decisions with the future of their operations, families and the agricultural industry in mind. Wyoming farmers and ranchers are resilient, and I am continually reminded of that resilience through our Farm Bureau members.

We are stronger when we bring our experiences, ideas and perspectives together to find solutions to the issues affecting agriculture. This organization provides members with opportunities to engage in the development of policies and regulations, connect with decision-makers and advocate for the future of our industry. Agriculture is arguably one of the most important industries in our country and ensuring our members' voices are heard is vital to keeping agriculture strong, both in Wyoming and nationwide.

This year provided a powerful example of what that unified voice can accomplish. Within a 30-day period, an issue raised by members in Weston County made its way to a U.S. Senate committee, where I had the opportunity to testify directly on their behalf. That is the strength of Farm Bureau. An issue that begins at the local level can reach the highest levels of government when members come together, engage in the grassroots policy process and work toward solutions.



The value of membership is second to none. Through our grassroots policy development process, members can share ideas, learn from one another and help shape the direction of our organization. Membership also provides opportunities to build networks, develop lifelong friendships, access valuable benefits and give back to the communities we call home. Most importantly, it gives each of us an opportunity to be part of the solution in agriculture.

Agriculture is essential to everyone. It feeds us, fuels us and sustains us every day. It is our privilege to serve Wyoming's farmers and ranchers, and we remain committed to ensuring your voices are heard and your interests are represented. As we look ahead to another year, I am encouraged by the strength of our members and the impact we can make when we work together.

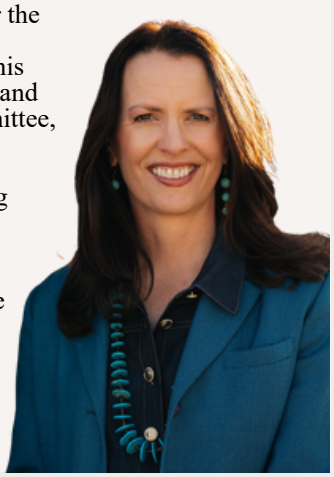
Thank you for your continued support of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. I am proud to stand alongside you and look forward to continuing to serve you, your family and your farm or ranch.

WYFB EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT KERIN CLARK

Rooted in Freedom. Words that define the very meaning of the work we do at the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. Members drive this organization and are why we do what we do each and every day. “Strengthening Wyoming agriculture and enhancing Wyoming communities” is a worthy mission. This annual report showcases a glimpse into the dedication, engagement and collective contributions of members and staff as we work together to advance our mission.

The member-driven strategic plan approved last year enhanced the work we do by aligning efforts with member priorities and ensuring programs and initiatives reflect member needs. The strategic priorities have translated into actionable outcomes. Everything we do as a team is driven by the guiding principle of how we best serve our members based on the WyFB bylaws, policy book, mission, and strategic plan.

Agricultural leadership and policy engagement is a vital part of your farm or ranch business. We are honored to serve you and appreciate your engagement. Engagement comes in many forms…providing testimony, sharing your specific story on how a proposed rule or proposed piece of legislation affects agriculture, showing up to speak with policy makers, attending a county meeting and bringing policy resolutions forward, and engaging with consumers.



Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation members are hardworking, salt-of-the-earth people who continue to answer the call to serve others. We are proud of the commitment demonstrated by our members. In addition to ongoing member activities, we’ve seen expanded member involvement at the local, district, state and national levels. This increased involvement is evident through member participation in policy development, policy implementation and consumer engagement. Robust policy discussions were fostered through a member-driven policy review committee, participation at our inaugural policy conference in August, and policy book online accessibility. Member participation has been strengthened by facilitating direct member participation in legislative, executive and regulatory hearings and roundtables. We also had 25+ members engage with consumers at the annual Wyoming Needs Agriculture event.

As we reflect on this past year, we are filled with gratitude for what we have accomplished together. You are why we do what we do each and every day. Thank you for belonging and engaging to make a difference for the communities we call home and for future generations of agriculturalists.

Rooted in Freedom. We are thankful for the freedoms we have here in America. We must never forget what it took to get there as a country and keep working to protect those freedoms. We are proud to stand beside you as we work to keep agriculture strong here in Wyoming and our nation.

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Membership

The members are the heart of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. This year, WyFB emphasized and maintained member involvement through the creation of new programs and committees. Through advocacy, education, leadership development and grassroots involvement, members have a voice in shaping policy, and opportunities to strengthen Wyoming agriculture.

ALL MEMBERSHIP

+609
increase in all members

130%
achievement of quota

12,451
total Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation members

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

+125
increase in regular members

ALL
counties exceeded regular membership goals

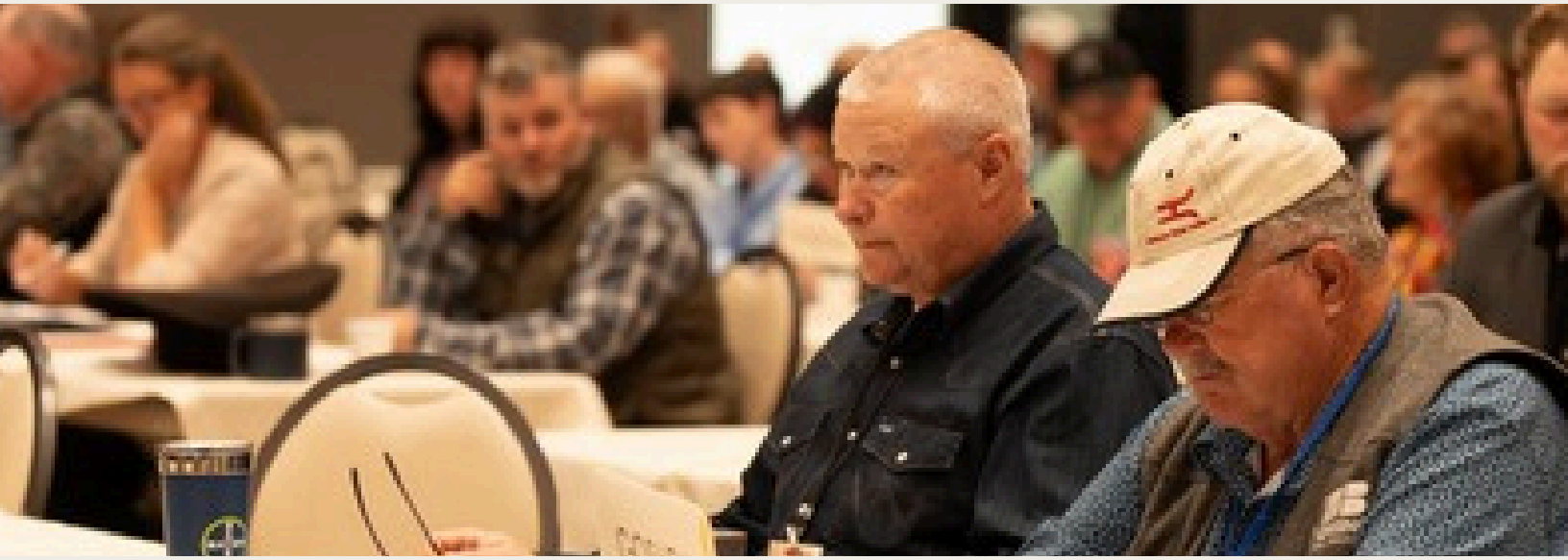
3,109
total regular members

GOLD, SILVER, & CENTURY CLUB MEMBERSHIP

9
Gold Club

9
Silver Club

379
Century Club



State Policy & Advocacy

At the state level, the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation continued to lead efforts through policy implementation, public policy engagement, public outreach and stakeholder collaboration. By maintaining strong relationships with state legislators, the executive branch and state agencies, WyFB worked to advance organizational priorities, address issues impacting members and ensure agriculture's voice was represented in state policy decisions.

LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY ADVOCACY

STATE LANDS & GRAZING

Provided comments on Special Use Lease rule changes, emphasizing the benefits of grazing for landscape health and payment structures.

WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT

Supported legislation increasing state forestry funding and strengthening the Wyoming State Forestry Good Neighbor Authority.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Worked with stakeholders to protect property rights while supporting electrical reliability through legislation addressing prescriptive easements for electricity delivery.

INTERIM LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Testified in front of legislators in interim committees representing WyFB member driven policy and voices.

EVENTS, ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

WEEKLY

radio show hosted during legislative session covering policy developments and issues impacting members.

INAUGURAL

WyFB Policy Conference hosted, bringing members together to discuss emerging issues and priorities.

EXPANDED

media communications to share and explain Farm Bureau policy positions.

HOSTED

a Gubernatorial Candidate Agriculture Breakfast Conversation for all agriculture organizations and gubernatorial candidates.

MEMBER REPRESENTATION

in the Landowner and Sportsperson Heritage Roundtable at the request of the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Committee.



POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

was created and members were appointed as directed by the strategic plan, and they worked throughout the year to review existing state policies. The committee prepared an informational report highlighting member-led recommendations to strengthen policy, which was then shared with County Farm Bureaus for consideration through the annual resolutions process.

Federal Policy & Advocacy

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation advanced national policy priorities through federal advocacy, direct engagement with policymakers and federal agencies, and expanded opportunities for members to bring Wyoming agriculture's perspective to Washington, D.C.

LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY ADVOCACY

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

President Todd Fornstrom testified in front of the U.S. Senate on diesel exhaust fluid requirements impacting farmers and ranchers.

WESTERN POLICY ADVOCACY

Met with federal agency officials to address grazing regulations, endangered species management and state-led solutions.

FEDERAL POLICY COMMENTS

Submitted comments on federal grazing regulations, endangered species management, the Waters of the United States rule and the Roadless Rule.

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Maintained monthly communication and in-person meetings with Wyoming's Congressional Delegation.

EVENTS, ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH



Members participated in a Rancher Roundtable with Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum to discuss public lands and natural resource issues.



Members represented Wyoming agriculture at the Department of the Interior's "Day of the American West" 250th celebration in Cheyenne.

WEEKLY

participation in policy calls with American Farm Bureau Federation advocacy staff.

MONTHLY

collaboration with Western Farm Bureau policy directors to coordinate advocacy efforts on regional issues.

ATTENDED

the Great American Agriculture Celebration at the White House at the invitation of President Trump.

the America 250 Fourth of July celebration at Mount Rushmore.

Programs

Young Farmer & Rancher

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher Committee continued its commitment to agricultural education, leadership development, community involvement and advocacy. Through programs, events and member opportunities, the committee works to develop future agricultural leaders, strengthen community connections and support the next generation in shaping the future of Wyoming agriculture.

Agriculture Education

790

"Kindergarten Cowman" Ag Books for Kids distributed by county Farm Bureaus across Wyoming K-5 schools.

FEBUARY 23-28, 2026

proclaimed Agricultural Literacy Week by Governor Mark Gordon.

INAUGURAL

Ag Pen Pal program where Uinta County rancher hosted an entire kindergarten grade to his ranch after exchanging letters.

Community Impact

$1,190

donated to the Food Bank of Wyoming from the Harvest for All Raffle at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Leadership & Networking

125+

Wyoming & Colorado YF&R Conference Attendees







Advocacy & Representation

6 *YF&R Committee members traveled to Washington D.C. to engage in national advocacy and connect with policymakers on issues affecting farmers, ranchers and rural communities. Visits included U.S. Department of Interior Associate Deputy Secretary Karen Budd-Falen, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service Brian Nesvik, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment Michael Boren.*

15 *legislative interactions and interviews with state and federal legislators and agency officials bringing agricultural perspectives and priorities to policymakers.*

Programs

Collegiate Farm Bureau

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation's Collegiate Farm Bureau chapters at the University of Wyoming and Sheridan College continue to thrive and grow future leaders in agriculture. Sheridan College represented our state at the AFBF YF&R Conference in Portland, Oregon and continues to grow. University of Wyoming Collegiate Farm Bureau has implemented a Collegiate Discussion Meet class for students to gain college credit for their leadership development through the competition.

45+

University of Wyoming active members

25+

Sheridan College active members





Promotion & Engagement

The Promotion and Engagement (P&E) program was created to focus on developing members as ***communicators, advocates and ambassadors*** for agriculture while strengthening grassroots engagement. Training and equipping volunteers with the proper tools to connect with consumers at the local, state and national level is a directive of the P&E program.

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COMMUNICATE. COLLABORATE. INFLUENCE.

6 *committee positions established for the inaugural P&E Committee*

Program Goal

creating a pathway for members with a strong passion for promotion and engagement to interact with consumers and positively tell the story of agriculture.

Community Outreach

Scholarships

Supporting youth in agriculture remains a cornerstone of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. At the state level, the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation awarded scholarships through the Livingston Family and H.J. King Memorial Scholarship and Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Scholarships. Together, these scholarships reflect our organization's commitment to cultivating leadership and opportunity for the next generation of Wyoming agriculture.

$65,000+
Awarded Across Counties

$5,000
Awarded at the State Level

Wyoming State Fair

The future of the agriculture industry is the youth, those who are eager to continue as the next generation providing food and fiber. The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation had a strong presence at the 2026 Wyoming State Fair and recognizes the importance of not only investing in the youth, but also in the breeding programs that are the foundation of livestock production in the state.



4 *belt buckles sponsored for Champion Ram, Ewe, Heifer, and Bull Breeding Programs.*

8 *add-on premiums for the above breeding classes, along with champion market animals.*





Wyoming Needs Agriculture Event

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation hosted its 13th annual Wyoming Needs Agriculture event on Saturday, October 17, at the Indoor Practice Facility in Laramie, Wyoming. The event brought together more than 25 WyFB members and board members from across the state, including members of Sheridan College's Collegiate Farm Bureau Chapter, to connect with Wyoming Cowboys fans and highlight how agriculture feeds, fuels and sustains our communities. Fans enjoyed interactive activities, including a cattle ear tag guessing game, ag trivia, dummy roping and received 400 special-edition t-shirts.

Leading up to the event, WyFB also hosted Wyoming Ag Trivia contests on Facebook and Instagram, partnering with The RailYard, Wyoming's Rib & Chop House and 307 Meat Company for prizes. During the football game, a 30-second video featuring former Cowboy football player and Goshen County rancher Skyler Miller and his wife, Makenna, was shown to more than 20,000 fans at War Memorial Stadium, highlighting the dedication, service and integrity of Wyoming's farmers and ranchers.

42,500+
views for Wy Needs Ag content on social media

400
t-shirts given to participating fans

20,000+
fans viewed the video in War Memorial Stadium

Marketing & Communication

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation continued to strengthen marketing and communications efforts to demonstrate the value of Farm Bureau to members and non-members. Through agricultural education, industry news, policy and advocacy updates, member spotlights, feature stories, and community outreach, WyFB highlighted the people, families, and farms and ranches strengthening Wyoming agriculture and communities.

Wyoming Agriculture Circulation

12,480

This number includes WyFB regular and associate members, state legislators, agencies, congressional delegation, and industry stakeholders.

Social Media: *Facebook*

+885,200 views

232.6% increase

+2,100 followers

611.6% increase

Radio

Throughout the Wyoming Cowboy football season, a radio advertisement was aired once per football game, the advertisement talks about the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation's grassroots policy and advocacy work, along with farmers and ranchers who produce the food, fiber, and fuel that keep Wyoming strong.

WyFB hosted a radio show on Northern Ag Network during the 2026 legislative session covering policy development and issues impacting members across Wyoming.

Media Outlets

Provided statements to news and media outlets supporting member-driven policy positions and advocating for issues impacting members, Wyoming agriculture and U.S. agriculture.

Connected members with news and media outlets to share their stories, experiences and firsthand knowledge, providing factual agricultural perspectives and giving members a voice in representing the industry.

Member Stories & Policy Storytelling in Action

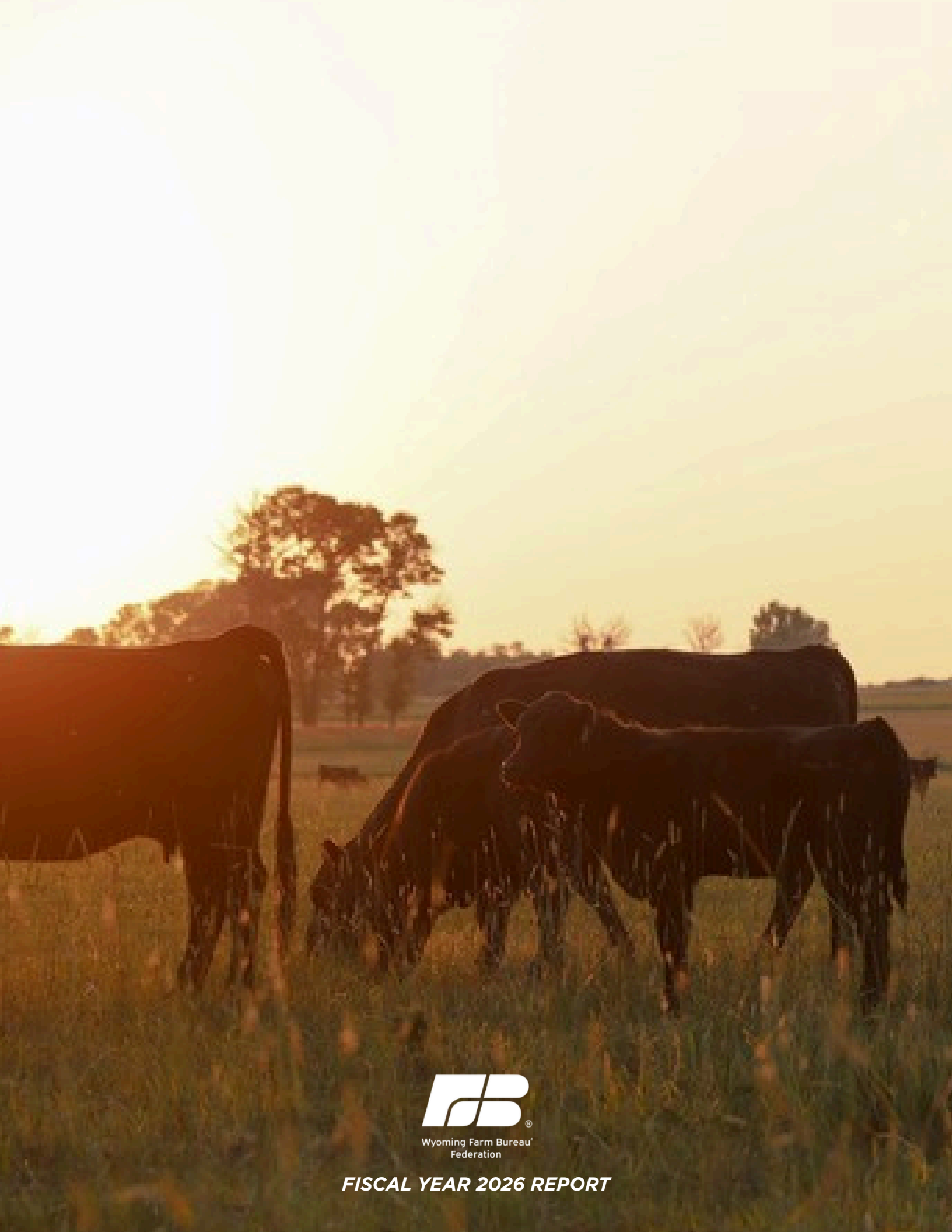
Communication showcased how member-driven policies are implemented, the impact of advocacy, and the importance of members engaging with legislators, government agencies, and other decision-makers to address issues affecting agriculture. These efforts focused on increasing member engagement, highlighting programs and opportunities, and building connections with consumers and communities statewide while reflecting WyFB's mission, priorities, and brand.

28+

members highlighted through social media short form videos (reels).

60+

advocacy and policy updates & stories highlighted in Wyoming Agriculture publication.



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