Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Senator Cheri Steinmetz talks with WyAG

The 67th Legislature of the State of Wyoming will convene for the 2024 Budget Session on February 12 in Cheyenne. In Wyoming, the Budget Session is held every other year and is a 20-day schedule compared to the 40-day schedule of a Regular Session. All bills, except the budget bill, require a two-thirds vote from the Senate or House to be introduced during a Budget Session.

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‘Wyoming Agricultural Literacy Week’ is February 19-24

The importance of reading and agriculture are highlighted when we celebrate “Wyoming Agricultural Literacy Week.” Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon has issued an official proclamation declaring the week of February 19-24, 2024 as “Wyoming Agricultural Literacy Week.”

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American Farm Bureau Establishes 2024 Policies

The culmination of the grassroots policy development process—the American Farm Bureau Convention. Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation voting delegates Cole Coblentz and Todd Fornstrom at the 2024 AFBF Voting Delegate Session.

Exploring new frontiers at AFBF 2024 Convention

Wyoming members and staff at the 2024 American Farm Bureau Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah: Vance Broadbent, Uinta County; Kristi and Justin Ellis, Uinta County; Lamia and Jed Heap, Lincoln County; Cody Alps, Goshen County; Brent and Nancy Barker, Uinta County; Chevy Huffaker, Uinta County; Todd, Laura and Sydnie Fornstrom, Laramie County; Lex Geer, Campbell County; Abbi Havey, WyFB; Ken Hamilton, WyFB; Dee Brewer, WyFB; Brooke Roes, WyFB; Carlee and Cole Coblentz, Goshen County; and Kerin Clark, WyFB. Not pictured: Zack Kossert, Natrona County.
Embracing new frontiers

Zippy Duvall
American Farm Bureau Federation President

The real driving factor for refugees? It’s not climate change

Ken Hamilton
Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Executive Vice President

For some of our readers, you’ve probably heard me raise the issue that federal land managers can and do use “climate change” as the excuse to do whatever they want whenever something bad happens on those lands. This is particularly true with the increase in wildfires in the past decade or so. Fuel load buildups caused by numerous environmental regulations are routinely blamed on climate changes. Examples of wildfire reductions in areas which utilized management programs are ignored and testimony from forest officials are discounted in order to advance the climate change narrative. However, this isn’t the only area where our politicians and bureaucrats seek to divert blame away from the real issues and blame everything on climate change.

Recently the media was full of stories from Dubai, the location of the UN’s climate change gathering. Of course, politicians from all over the world including King Charles to our Secretary of Interior were there to tout how the world’s citizens must do more to reduce their fossil fuel consumption. U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry of course was in attendance. When I met with all my state leaders to take our policy questions head on, and then he addressed all our attendees at our closing session. He is a humble leader and his commitment to agriculture shines through in his work. I am grateful for how our friendship has grown over the years.

The hallmark of our annual convention, however, is our voting delegate business session where our grassroots policy making process is in action. At Farm Bureau, our members establish our policies, which rise from the county level to our state conventions and on to the national stage. At our delegate meeting each year we ensure our policy continues to reflect the views of farmers and ranchers across the country. We also saw this year that our delegates remain overwhelmingly family farmers who operate the full range of farm sizes, with almost two-thirds operating small and mid-sized farms. I look forward to taking these priorities back to Washington. This is how we continue to work towards new frontiers in agriculture. I am thankful for the hard work and dedication of our members and delegates as they set our course for 2024, engage in our communities, and provide the leadership to ensure a bright future for agriculture.

I also want to take a moment to say a genuine thank you for the honor of being re-elected as your American Farm Bureau President. It is a true privilege, and I look forward to continuing to serve you. As I mentioned in my keynote address, I see such a bright future for 2024 and I am excited to take on new frontiers together.
WyFB statement: Securities and Exchange Commission withdraws NAC rule

On January 17, 2024, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) withdrew their proposed rule to list Natural Asset Companies (NAC) on the New York Stock Exchange. “We were very pleased to see the proposal withdrawn,” said Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Executive Vice President Ken Hamilton.

The NAC rule was just one of many proposals being brought forth by the Administration to promote non-use practices on public lands and expand federal ownership of lands. “Given the tremendous implication it would have on farms and ranches nationwide, we were heartened to see this rule with- drawn,” Hamilton continued.

During the fall of 2023, the SEC had withdrawn their proposed rule to essentially be able to list Natural Asset Companies on the New York Stock Exchange. The Intrinsic Exchange Group (IEG) in partnership with the NYSE, are “pioneering a new asset class based on natural assets and the mechanism to convert them to financial capital… They include biological systems that provide clean air, water, foods, medicines, a stable climate, human health and societal potential” per their website. IEG estimates the potential of “nature’s economy” as a $4 quadrillion market.

WyFB and other farmers and ranchers have submitted comments to the SEC using language provided by AFBF that requested the proposal be withdrawn.

The proposal was withdrawn on January 17, 2024 after the SEC received thousands of comments in opposition.

Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation believes constitutional government, the competitive enterprise system, property rights and individual freedom are necessary components for a strong agriculture, a strong Wyoming and a strong America. We are a centennial grassroots organization that cares about your future. Whether you are a farmer, rancher or a consumer of food…membership is a good investment to secure stability of agriculture here in Wyoming. As a member, WyFB provides you with exclusive benefits as a way to say thank you. These benefits may pay your annual membership fee many times over.

Visit wyfb.org and click on the “Membership/Benefits” tab for a complete listing of value-added benefits. Current members may access member benefits at www.wyfb.org and click on the “Membership/Benefits” tab. You may also utilize the Farm Bureau Member Benefits app on your phone to access your benefits. Questions: email broes@wyfb.org or call 307-721-7723.

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WyFB President Todd Fornstrom said that as a farmer he gives him pride to have the Governor spotlight the work of farmers and ranchers through this proclamation. “It is reinforcement that our jobs as Wyoming farmers and ranchers are not only appreciated, but they are center stage for our Wyoming leaders,” Fornstrom said.

The proclamation reads in part: “Wyoming is rich in agricultural history, and farming and ranching are an important part of Wyoming’s economy, contributing nearly two billion dollars annually; and many aspects of our daily lives, including the food we eat, clothes we wear, and medicine we depend on, are made possible because of agriculture; and literacy is a top priority for school children and non-fiction books are an important tool in teaching children about the world around them.”

The grassroots strength of the Farm Bureau Federation enables the “Ag Books for Kids” project to reach across the great state of Wyoming. This year the county Farm Bureau Federations purchased 710 books to donate to Wyoming elementary schools.

“Our book donations provide accurate information about agriculture that otherwise may not be readily available,” Fornstrom said.

“Accurate teaching materials are the foundation of education,” he continued. “Without these books our youth may have an inaccurate understanding of where our food comes from and how it is produced.”

Weston County Rancher Tucker Hamilton is the WyFB Young Farmer & Rancher Committee State Chair. Hamilton sees great value in educating Wyoming’s youth about agriculture through this program.

“Students in public education rarely learn about where their food comes from,” Hamilton said. “The Ag Books for Kids program is an excellent opportunity to fix this by directly educating and providing resources for these kids to learn about agriculture.”

Wyoming students and teachers are encouraged to visit their school’s elementary library to check out the 2024 book “Seed, Soil, Sun” by Cris Peterson. Three contests are offered for Wyoming students to encourage use of the book and provide application opportunities for what is learned. The 2024 contests are: Coloring Contest for kindergarten and first graders; Poster Contest for second and third graders; and a Marketing Ad Contest for fourth and fifth graders. Contest rules/details are available at wyfb.org. The county contest deadline is March 29, 2024.

Farmers and rancher volunteer members often conduct classroom book readings and activities to give students an opportunity to meet an actual farmer or rancher and learn directly from them about the food they grow. “It is super important that we take the time to go into classrooms at least once a year to support this program,” Hamilton said. “The Ag Books for Kids is such a great program.”

“We have taught kids about farming, where popcorn comes from, and about some of the products made from soybeans,” Hamilton concluded. “These are exciting topics for them as they eat food every day and now every time they eat popcorn they will tell their parents about how it is grown and remember the time a Farm Bureau member came to their class and read that one book to them, or the picture that they colored.”

Just as our policy development process begins at the grassroots level, so does the strength of the “Ag Books for Kids” program. Thank you to all the county Farm Bureau Federation volunteer members who give of their time to share agriculture with Wyoming students.
County Farm Bureau Federation Scholarships

Bellow is general (UNOFFICIAL) information on county Farm Bureau Federation scholarships. Please refer to the scholarship applications for complete rules and details. County Farm Bureau Federation contacts are available at www.wyfb.org at the “Get Involved” tab.

Albany (Deadline March 31, 2024)
Up to four scholarships ($1,500, $1,000, $500, $500) open to high school seniors and students at any post-secondary facility in the state of Wyoming. Must be an Albany County High School or Home School graduate. Application available online at wyfb.org or at county Farm Bureau office, county Extension office and Rock River and Laramie High Schools. Farm Bureau Federation member children preferred but not a requirement.

Big Horn (Deadline March 30, 2024)
Up to four $400 scholarships; available to high school seniors or any continuing students working for a degree in an Agriculture related field. Application available at all county High Schools or by contacting Farm Bu- reau office in Greybull.

Campbell (Deadline March 1, 2024)
Two $2,500 scholarships; available at FB offices, schools and wyfb.org.

Carbon (Deadline April 15, 2024)
Two or more scholarships to mem-

ers of a value of $750 or more and no less than two $500 cash scholarships to members or members’ children. Available for graduating seniors or continuing education in college or trade school. Preference to members or children of members and individuals pursuing agriculture-related fields. Applications are available at the local schools and at wyfb.org (Tabs: Get Involved/County Farm Bureau Federations) on the Carbon County page.

Converse (Deadline March 1, 2024)
Three $1,000 scholarships; open to members’ children who are graduating seniors and college students. Available at either county Farm Bureau office; at Douglas and Glenrock High School Guidance offices; and at wyfb.org (Tabs: Get Involved/County Farm Bureau Federations) on the Converse County page.

Crook (Deadline March 18, 2024)
Two merit-based scholarships of $2000 and $1500 for first and second place respectively. Applicants must be either a graduating senior from an accredited Crook County High School, Home School, Virtual School, or have a certificate of high school graduation/diploma OR a current college student. Applicant or applicant’s parents/guardians must be current Crook County Farm Bu- reau Federation members, paid by March 1. Scholarship applications may be picked up at the Farm Bureau office at 109 N 3rd St, Sundance, Wyoming 82729 or also from the high school counselors or at wyfb.org (Tabs: Get Involved/County Farm Bureau Federations) on the Crook County page.

Fremont (Deadline June 1, 2024)
Fremont County Farm Bureau Federation offers scholarships. In order to be eligible, the applicant must be a Fremont County High School senior whose parents are cur- rent paid Regular Farm Bureau Federation members. It is preferred that applicants are members in the Agriculture Program. Application can be used for those entering college or a vocational institution. Applications will be reviewed by the Fremont County Farm Bu- reau Federation’s Board and a recipient will be chosen. Please submit a letter of appli-

cation about yourself and your future plans to Fremont County Farm Bureau Feder-

ation 115 North 5th Street East, Riverton, WY 82501. Questions call 544-2296.

Goshen (Deadline April 1, 2024)
At least one $500 Goshen County FBF scholarship open to 1) high school sen-

iors who are continuing their education through a college or a trade school; and 2) continuing college students. Must meet the requirements which include a Farm Bureau Federation regular membership by family or individual; preference given to applicants pursuing Ag-related degree. The Chuck Curry Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $500 to be awarded to a con-

tinuing college student having completed one or more years who meets the require-

ments which includes Farm Bureau Federation regular membership by family or individual and demonstrate an agriculture focus. Application available at county FB office and online at wyfb.org (Tabs: Get Involved/County Farm Bureau Federations) on the Goshen County page.

Hot Springs (Deadline April 7, 2024)
One $1,500 scholarship; may be divid-

ed into multiple scholarships at discretion of board; available to students pursuing ag-related course, preference to Farm Bu- reau Federation families; available at Hot Springs County Farm Bureau office, at the HSCHS Counselors’ office and from the HSCHS Ag Instructor.

Johnson (Deadline April 1, 2024)
A minimum of two $500 scholarships; open to children of Farm Bureau Federation members (graduating senior or college students); scholarships for students continuing education (2+ years in school) in the amount of $750 (students age 24 and above must have their own active membership); available at county FB of-

fices and schools and at wyfb.org (Tabs: Get Involved/County Farm Bureau Federations) on the Johnson County page.

Laramie (Deadline May 1, 2024)
Offering 3 scholarships in the amounts of $1,000, $500, $500; open to graduat-

ing seniors whose parents are regular Laramie County Farm Bureau Federation members. The applications will be reviewed by the County Farm Bureau Fed-

eration by May 1. Applications available at wyfb.org (Tabs: Get Involved/County Farm Bureau Federations) on the Laram-

ie County page. Additionally, offering continuing education scholarships of $500 throughout the year.

Lincoln (Deadline March 25, 2024)
Three $500 scholarships; children of Farm Bureau Federation members in college or graduating seniors with seniors re-

ceiving first pick; available at Farm Bureau Insurance and School Counselor Offices.

Noborama (Deadline April 1, 2024)
Two $500 scholarships; available to children of Noborama County Farm Bureau Federation members; graduating seniors and college students are eligible; available at the county FB office.

Park (Deadline April 1, 2024)
Two $750 scholarships. Must attend either a 4-year College or University. Prefer-

ence will be given to Northwest College. Renewable if grades are kept above 2.5 se-

mester average. Open to any Park County Farm Bureau Federation Member or chil-

dren of members. Application available at all Park County high schools and the Cody and Powell Farm Bureau offices.

Platte (Deadline April 1, 2024)
Amount varies; available at schools; open to children of Platte County Farm Bu-

reau Federation members who are first year students or continuing education students.

Sheridan (Deadline April 1, 2024)
$2,000 scholarships depending upon number of applications; must be a Sheridan County graduate and parents must hold a federation membership; available at county FB offices and schools.

Sublette (Deadline March 1, 2024)
Two $500 scholarships for seniors; one for each high school (Big Piney and Pinedale). Open to children of FB mem-

bers; preference is given to those seeking agriculture major. Applications available at high schools.

Sweetwater (Deadline March 15, 2024)
T S Taliaferro Scholarship. One $500 scholarship; open to children of Farm Bu-

reau Federation regular members; available at all graduating and at county Farm Bureau offices.

Uinta (Deadline April 15, 2024)
Return to either county FB office; One $500 scholarship; available at county FB offices, schools or contact Kristi Ellis at 307-782-7659.

Washakie (Deadline April 1, 2024)
Amount varies, generally three $500 scholarships; FBF member children pre-

ferred but not a requirement; Ag majors preferred, but not a requirement. Applica-

tions available at the high school and the County Farm Bureau office.

Weston (Deadline May 1, 2024)
Three $750 scholarships; applicant parent must be current members of Weston County Farm Bureau Federation. Applicant must have graduat-

ed in Weston County, hold a High School equivalent degree or be in a graduating-

ing class at the time of application, or be a resident (6 months or more) of Weston County.

Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation scholarship opportunities

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation scholarship deadline is March 1, 2024.
Nineteen scholarships with a total of $45,500 are offered each year. Scholarships are available for high school graduates and continuing education students enrolled in qualifying college or trade programs. Applications are available on our website (www.wyfb.org/Get Involved/Education) or at county Farm Bureau offices. For questions, contact Diane “Dee” Brewer at 307.721.7719 or dbrewer1@wyfb.org.
Meet the volunteer leader: Laura Fornstrom

**Counties:** Laramie

**Farm Bureau Federation Leadership Position(s):**
- Laramie County Farm Bureau Federation President

**Past Positions:**
- County FBF vice president and WyFB YF&R Committee State Vice Chair

**Wyoming Agriculture:** Describe farm background.

**Fornstrom:** When I was three my family moved to a farm where we raised cattle, pigs, chickens and also had a horse. My father farmed for another family but also had his own family dryland farm. We continued to live on a farm until I was a junior in high school. My two sisters and I helped out on the farm by pulling rye, feeding the animals and moving equipment. When I was 11 my parents bought the local Feed & Grain, where I helped during harvest by collecting samples and testing them. In high school I was active in our FFA chapter by showing a horse, being an officer and judging horses. Once I married Todd, I have been involved with his ag operation in multiple ways from running a combine, helping manage 100 ewes, driving trucks, to helping out with office work and a vast variety of other jobs. Around 2008 we partnered in a feed store in Cheyenne and I assisted in hauling feed, and working in the store.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** Family, education, hobbies, other background.

**Fornstrom:** My husband is Todd Fornstrom and together we have four children, Taylen Mollett (Shawn), Wyatt Fornstrom (Alex), Sydnie Fornstrom and Maddie Fornstrom. I’m also blessed with some extended family, Ishmael, Alexis and Brian DePaulitte. I went to NJC in Sterling, Colo. for one year before I decided to be a stay-at-home mom/wife. Once the children were in school, I was accepted into Wyoming LEAD’s class X which was a wonderful and challenging opportunity that taught me more about agriculture in Wyoming and leadership. Another adventure for me was coaching high school girls basketball and junior high track. For the past eleven years I have been at Pine Bluffs High School as a job coach/paraprofessional. In my spare time I enjoy paddleboarding, kayaking and drawing.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** How did you get involved in Farm Bureau Federation leadership?

**Fornstrom:** In our first year of marriage Todd and I went to the state convention and since then we have been involved in some way. My leadership started with being county vice president. So, for the past 26 years we have been part of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation family.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** Why do you make the time to be involved in Farm Bureau Federation leadership?

**Fornstrom:** Having open spaces, reliable food sources and family traditions are important. In order to keep our way of living around we must stand up for it and the only way to do so is by getting involved.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** Share an example of a policy that has had a positive impact on your farm.

**Fornstrom:** Most currently the right to repair policy, which allows owners of equipment to purchase the specialized tooling to work on the equipment. Being a good distance away from major shops is inconvenient and if we were to have that as the only option this would take away productive days in the field.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** What advice do you have on how individuals can make a difference for Wyoming agriculture through the Farm Bureau Federation?

**Fornstrom:** Be active, whether it’s in your county meetings, your county fair, or attending the state convention. There are so many different ways to make a difference. Just a little bit of time can make an enormous difference.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** What are some of the issues facing farmers and ranchers in your county?

**Fornstrom:** CO2 sequestration project in Laramie county has brought up questions on eminent domain and private property rights through these explorations.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** How important is each member of the Federation?

**Fornstrom:** Each and every member is extremely important. We all have different ideas and thoughts and to have them all come together makes our grassroots organization what it is.
Salisbury Steaks

Recipe by Connie Werner

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INGREDIENTS:

FOR PATTIES
2 lbs. ground beef
1 egg
3/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/4 cup Watkins Beef Gravy and Soup Base
1/4 cup Watkins Onion Gravy and Soup Base
1/2 cup Progresso Italian Style Breadcrumbs
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

GRAVY
1/4 cup reserved grease
1/2 cup flour
4 cups water
2 tsp Watkins Onion Gravy and Soup Base
1 tsp Watkins Beef Gravy and Soup Base
1/2 cup Ketchup
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper

PREPARATION:

1. In a large bowl, mix together all the beef patty ingredients.
2. Heat 1/4 inch oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Shape meat into patties and cook until brown on both sides. Transfer to a dish covered with paper towel to catch grease.
3. Drain remaining grease from pan into a bowl. Measure 1/3 cup of grease and put it back into the skillet. Combine the water and soup bases.
4. Add 1/2 cup of flour and stir until all of the grease is combined. Add the water and soup base mixture. Stir with a whisk until all lumps are removed. Turn heat to low and add the rest of the gravy ingredients. Add more water if too thick. Adjust salt and pepper to your liking.
5. In a 13x9 inch dish layer the patties. Pour gravy over the patties and make sure all are coated with gravy. Put into a 300° oven for 45 minutes. Serve with mashed potatoes and your favorite vegetable. Enjoy!

This is a great recipe to feed a crowd. It doubles easily and freezes well.

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Gillette College

Leading the Field: Family-Run Businesses, Industry, and Community Leadership
Monday, April 1, 2024
Northwest College

Navigating Western Waters: Addressing Water Challenges in the Western Region
Monday, April 22, 2024
Membership appreciation

Recognizing 25 years of membership, the Albany County Ranch & Farm Bureau Federation shared their appreciation to First Interstate Bank of Laramie for supporting agriculture with their 25 years of membership in the county organization. County board members Todd and Colette Christensen and Sharleen Castle joined the bank employees at a morning meeting in January. The board had homemade cinnamon rolls, hot chocolate and a WyFB snow scraper for each employee. Shown here is First Interstate organization. County board members Todd and Colette Christensen and Sharleen Castle, Albany County Ranch & Farm Bureau Federation board member.

Whether you are a farmer, rancher or a consumer of food, membership is a good investment to secure stability of agriculture here in Wyoming. Membership works to keep agriculture strong in Wyoming and agriculture works to keep Wyoming strong. Learn more at wyfb.org.

Membership growth recognized by AFBF

WyFB President Todd Fornstrom received the pin on behalf of WyFB from AFBF Vice President Scott VanderWal last December in Washington, D.C. At the December resolutions meeting in D.C., Fornstrom attended meetings with colleagues from across the nation to review proposed policies submitted from all fifty states and Puerto Rico for the 2024 AFBF Annual Convention that took place in January. AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION PHOTO.

Big Horn County FBF donates welding helmets to Lovell FFA

Submitted by Tim Beck, Big Horn County FBF

The Big Horn County Farm Bureau Federation proudly supports youth in agriculture. Last fall they donated 24 new welding helmets to the Lovell FFA Chapter. Shown in this picture at left is Lovell FFA Advisor Nick Edelman and Farm Bureau members John and Margaret Adams with Lovell FFA students. TIM BECK PHOTO.
LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW... From Page 1

State Senator Cheri Steinmetz serves as Chair of the Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee, Chairman of the Select Water Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Education Committee. Senator Steinmetz emphasized the protection of individual rights is of utmost importance in every issue considered by Wyoming lawmakers.

“As lawmakers we must protect the individual rights of our constituents to life, liberty and the use of their property,” Senator Steinmetz said. “We must answer the plea to keep more of their hard-earned money in their pockets rather than use it to participate in the global green Ponzi scheme and other ill-conceived government notations running rampant under the Biden administration.”

Senator Steinmetz said federal land use plans, eminent domain and wildlife damage are top issues for the Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee for the 2024 session.

“The Rock Springs Resource Management Plan proposed by the Bureau of Land Management has clearly taken center stage during the interim work of the Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee,” Senator Steinmetz said. “The result of committee work to address the Rock Springs RMP, and other issues with the Federal Government, is SF13 Federal land use plans-legs-acts authorized. This legislation appropriates $50 million dollars available for alternative unreliable energy sources, we must protect private property rights as we navigate ways to push back on the Biden AOC ‘Green New Deal’ designed to create scarcity where there actually is none,” Senator Steinmetz explained. “In the last legislative session Governor Gordon vetoed a bill that would have placed a moratorium on the use of eminent domain for wind energy collector lines. This action by the executive branch has led to SF10 Eminent domain energy collector systems and SF11 Eminent domain energy collector systems-amendments.”

According to Senator Steinmetz, SF11 is a prohibition on private-for-profit companies using eminent domain. “Under SF11, only public utilities would still have the ability to use eminent domain,” she explained.

“SF10 requires negotiations and finalized compensation agreements with 85 percent of landowners and surface area to be in place before eminent domain can be employed,” she continued.

Wyoming landowners provide habitat for Wyoming’s wildlife. Here objectives in many areas of the state far exceed the state’s objective numbers thus impacting forage, fence lines and animal health. The damage from increased elk populations across the state precipitated a committee bill, HB60, to address damages.

“HB60, Excess wildlife population damage, extends compensation to range land that is damaged by excess wildlife populations,” Senator Steinmetz said.

Regarding the budget, Senator Steinmetz stated funding for the State Board of Control needs to move back to the State Engineer’s Office budget.

“In order for funding to meet the year after year needs of Irrigation and Municipal use of the Wyoming Water Development Program it is extremely important that the budget for the Board of Control of $14 million per biennia be paid for through the budget of the State Engineer’s office rather than continue to be taken out of project monies designated to help local communities,” she explained. “This was a change made during a time when funds were short, now that is no longer the case so we should return to normal operations of the WWDC program rather than fund a Constitutional office of the State with project funds.”

According to Steinmetz, foreign ownership of land and energy resources remain two key issues that must be addressed.

“We must take a proactive approach to the foreign ownership of land by countries who are known sponsors of terrorism,” Senator Steinmetz said. “Unfortunately, we are unable to rely on the Federal government to execute its Constitutional duty to provide for the common defense and secure the border, therefore our enemies are among us.”

“This requires the State of Wyoming to be diligent in protecting citizens, critical infrastructure, and military bases,” she continued. “We need to understand the threats we face, take them seriously and defeat them.”

Regarding energy resources, Senator Steinmetz affirmed America needs to get back to energy independence and with Wyoming’s clean and abundant energy resources Wyoming should lead the nation in affordable and reliable energy.

“Outside pressures should not dictate Wyoming energy policy, rather, the free market principles of a willing seller and buyer,” Senator Steinmetz said. “Afterall, who doesn’t want reliable power, heat and water especially when it is 30 degrees below zero.”

“We must base public policy in truth. CO2 is not a pollutant; it is plant food and a basic building block of all life,” she continued. “So called green energy is not green, the carbon footprint to produce the components and keep them functioning as well as the impacts to landfills in the future are anything but environmentally friendly.”

“As China builds a coal fired power plant every 40 days, we enrich them, our enemies, by buying Chinese parts for solar panels and wind turbines while we weaken ourselves,” Senator Steinmetz explained. “Energy policies that hurt Wyoming industry, agriculture and citizens and weaken our ability to provide for ourselves must be stopped, not adopted.”

“We must continue to chart our own course, hold on to our convictions, stay true to our values and have the fortitude to resist well-funded self-destruction,” Senator Steinmetz concluded.

Wyoming Agriculture readers can keep up with legislative happenings and read specific bills at www.wyoleg.gov. Make sure to also tune your radios to the weekly WyFB legislative radio show on Northern Ag Network each Thursday during the session. If you miss the show on the radio, you can find the recording at wyfb.org (‘News/Radio Programs’ tab). ■
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Thursday afternoon activities include remarks from WyFB President Todd Fornstrom and state legislative briefings from WyFB Staff Brett Moline and Ken Hamilton. Membership awards will also be presented to county Farm Bureau Federations.

“The meeting provides a great opportunity for members to connect with legislative happenings as well as listen to speakers on a variety of topics impacting agriculture,” Ken Hamilton, WyFB Executive Vice President, said.

“Many Wyomingites are familiar with Meteorologist Don Day’s in-depth podcast which provides viewers with the background about why he thinks the weather will do what it does,” Hamilton continued. Day will speak at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 with his presentation “It’s a Weather, Not Climate.”

Thursday evening provides one-on-one visits with legislators and elected officials during a Legislative Mixer produced by the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation and the Wyoming Rural Electric Association. This event will be held at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Event Center at Frontier Park.

A speaker’s forum on Friday morning, February 16, begins at 8:00 a.m. with Wyoming Department of Revenue Director Brenda Henson. “With the focus on Wyoming’s tax issues, Brenda will provide background on what the Department of Revenue does as well as how people’s tax bill is developed,” Hamilton explained.

The next speaker at 9:00 a.m. will be Slade Franklin, Technical Services Division Manager with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA). “With a court decision ordering the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to develop new pesticide labeling requirements to protect endangered species, Slade will discuss how the WDA is trying to ensure some commonsense rules will protect Wyoming farmers and ranchers from unrealistic proposals by the EPA,” Hamilton explained.

The third speaker at 10:30 a.m. will be Sheila Foerstsch, Wyoming Trucking Association Executive Director. “Since just about everything we purchase in Wyoming, as well as everything we produce in agriculture, moves by truck, hearing from Sheila will give members insight into issues affecting the trucking industry and what those impacts are to our state,” Hamilton said.

The meeting will adjourn at 11:30 a.m. The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation’s “Ag Books for Kids” program works through our county Farm Bureau Federations with school districts all over the state of Wyoming to bring accurate agriculture books to Wyoming students.

Following the meeting, WyFB members are invited to participate in the “Wyoming Agricultural Literacy” Proclamation Signing at 2 p.m. with Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon to help kick-off recognition of this effort.

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Wyoming had 24 attendees at this year's convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Networking, inspiration, knowledge, and Farm Bureau family were common themes mentioned for convention takeaways.

“One of my favorite things about convention was the title, ‘New Frontiers,’” said Zac Guild. “It really liked the focus on the future and embracing new technologies with optimism.”

A first time AFBF Convention attendee, Guild is a Uinta County rancher who serves on the WyFB YFR Committee. “Every day you hear about ways to implement technology in agriculture,” Guild continued. “It is really important to look forward and embrace technology with positivity. It is important for the survival of agriculture.”

Guild used an example from his family’s ranch with the implementation of a center pivot for irrigation. “This change from flood irrigation was very beneficial for our ranch and possibly even critical as it produces 1/3 of the hay we use,” he said.

Guild’s wife Hannah stated while everyone has different experiences in life there is something for everyone at the convention. “You feel really unified because we are all here to help improve American agriculture,” Hannah Guild said. “All of us will get something different from the sessions to take back to our farm or ranch. Together we can contribute to American agriculture.”

Uinta County cattle and sheep rancher Vance Broadbent enjoyed his first national convention. “It was very well done and a good experience,” Broadbent stated. “I was pleased to see that Farm Bureau is aware of our issues we face in Western Wyoming.”

“Farm Bureau Family” is a term you hear a lot of people use when explaining their experience. With nearly 4,500 people at the 2024 convention, you could hear a pin drop in the room when attendees joined together to pray and say the Pledge of Allegiance of the Farm Bureau general session. The same goes for the voting delegate session room filled with nearly 500 people praying together and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in unison to start the business session.

Laramie County Farm Bureau Federation President Laura Fornstrom expressed the importance of the Farm Bureau family. “It is important to make those connections not just locally but across the nation,” Fornstrom said. “You never know when you are going to need those connections but also just to know you aren’t alone in what you do in agriculture and life.”

“Attending these conventions is rejuvenating and exciting,” Fornstrom continued. “The support and the family behind you to get the work completed for our family and our agriculture businesses is incredible.”

WyFB Vice President Cole Coxbill echoed the importance of networking. “It is great to see those friendships you’ve developed and when you come back each year to convention you rekindle those friendships and it is like you are talking to your neighbor,” Coxbill explained. “The camaraderie and opportunity the Farm Bureau provides is amazing.”

As a former AFBF YFR National Chair, Coxbill says it is rewarding to see new leaders experiencing the leadership development opportunities afforded by Farm Bureau.

According to Coxbill, serving as a volunteer leader is an incredible honor and very humbling. “Attending these conferences, I always come back more energized and ready to tackle projects and challenges,” he said. “The opportunities to grow and learn as a leader and a farmer are invaluable. The presentations are intriguing and the opportunity to represent Wyoming as a voting delegate is humbling and exciting.”

Uinta County’s Justin and Kristi Ellis valued reconnecting with the Farm Bureau family. As former AFBF YFR Committee members, they value the leadership development opportunities provided through Farm Bureau. “Serving on the national YFR Committee made me feel great investment in finding ways to continue agriculture and to recognize that networking is one of the key components to adding value for the individual leaders and their commitment to agriculture,” Kristi Ellis said.

Justin Ellis added the connections made opened up opportunities to continue learning. “I know ranching but not farming,” Ellis explained. “Through my YFR connections I was able to call our Farm Bureau family and ask farming questions and they knew exactly what I needed to do.”

Networking assists with finding new ideas and motivation. “I get excited about what we can take back to our counties and how we can help bolster agriculture in our counties,” said Kristi Ellis. “Finding new ways to get people involved in the organization are great conversations as well.”

According to WyFB YFR Committee Vice Chair Cody Alsps, a recent convention is a great opportunity to network and learn about issues and industry trends, and get energized for the year ahead as we work for the good of agriculture.

“It was great having many of our Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation family members at convention this year,” Fornstrom said. “National convention is a great place to connect, learn more about issues and industry trends, and get energized for the year ahead as we work for the good of agriculture.”

“The convention is the culmination of the work that starts in our counties each year to guide the work of the organization,” Fornstrom concluded. “It is an honor to represent our members policy voice in this final step of the grassroots policy development process.”

WyFB Executive Vice President Ken Hamilton interviews with Northern Ag Network’s Andy Schwab to share agriculture’s story and discuss new frontiers at the 2024 AFBF Convention. KERIN CLARK PHOTO.

Giving back through the Utah Farm Bureau’s Miracle of Agriculture Foundation project. Many hands make light work...the hands of Farm Bureau members and staff from across the nation worked together to pack 5,000 boxes of food for those facing hunger. The original goal to fill two semi-loads with food boxes was surpassed when four semi-loads were filled during the 2024 AFBF Convention. Wyoming members and staff joined in the effort. Shown here are WyFB Office Manager Dee Brewer; WyFB YFR Committee Vice Chair Cody Alsps; a fellow Farm Bureau member; and Brooke Roes, WyFB Membership Coordinator. KERIN CLARK PHOTO.

WyFB Executive Vice President Ken Hamilton interviews with Western Ag Network’s Russell Nemetz at the 2024 AFBF Convention. KERIN CLARK PHOTO.

American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall and wife Jennifer with WyFB President Todd Fornstrom and wife Laura at the 2024 AFBF Convention. KERIN CLARK PHOTO.

WyFB President Todd Fornstrom interviews with Western Ag Network’s Russell Nemetz at the 2024 AFBF Convention. KERIN CLARK PHOTO.
For those just starting out in production agriculture, dealing with the unexpected can be a big challenge. Unexpected challenges come in all shapes and sizes: Machinery breaks down, weather doesn’t cooperate, livestock get sick, employees have issues and countless other unexpected events occur.

Dealing with unexpected challenges or risks that may arise, in whatever form they take, can be much easier with a risk management plan in place. As a new or beginning farmer or rancher, a comprehensive risk management plan should be one of the first things you develop for your operation. This can be a daunting task, however, because risk takes many forms across many different areas of production.

RightRisk.org was developed by academic professionals from UW and several other land-grant institutions as a risk management resource for producers, especially new and beginning operators. The primary goal is to help managers explore various risk management strategies and provide tools to evaluate those decisions.

RightRisk Analytics is a compilation of various risk management tools designed to help evaluate the effects of risk management decisions. The site includes several free analytics tools covering budgeting (from partial and enterprise to long-term whole-farm budgeting), forage leasing, risk strategy analysis and more. All these tools include an in-depth user guide with examples.

Many of the budgeting tools allow users to evaluate the effects of risk in the form of variables in each situation, like changing input costs or yield levels. Often, when producers develop budgets or use them to make decisions, assumptions are made about values such as the prices for commodities or inputs—or any other value associated with the budget.

The problem becomes when the best guess is wrong, which throws the projected results into question. The RightRisk analytics tools offer the ability to show and model the effects of risk by varying these values and generating associated probabilities.

Applied Risk Analytics
Building on the foundation of the risk analytics tools is the Applied Risk Analytics (ARA) section of RightRisk.org. The case studies listed under this tab showcase the various risk analytics available from RightRisk with producer profiles.

These realistic production examples demonstrate how the risk analytics can be used to examine risk management decisions and chart the best management course going forward.

A wide range of production scenarios provides insights into different examples of Wyoming-based crop and livestock operations, from comparing crop insurance and leasing options to machinery purchases and comparisons, fertilizer application levels, and long-range risk evaluation.

Insurance Decision-making Case Studies
For most Wyoming farmers and ranchers, crop insurance has become an important part of risk management. Often it becomes necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of coverage, compare different coverage levels, or examine potential indemnities and other aspects of coverage.

The Multi-temporal risk analyzer (MTRA) was developed to examine management decisions over a long-term framework. MTRA provides probability analysis, accounting for the variables entered in the budgeting scenario. MTRA can be used to measure the effects of variability for a large number of factors for up to 20 years.

The Machine Risk Calculator (MRC) quantifies machinery and equipment costs. Once data is entered, the MRC can also estimate the risk sensitivity of these costs to future changes in input factors. This feature is especially useful because operating cost estimates often do not take uncertainty into account.
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For More information
To view the Applied Risk Analytics bulletin series, navigate to the Resources tab on RightRisk.org and select Applied Risk Analytics. This will allow you to download and use any of the site’s risk analytics tools.

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The Risk Scenario Planning (RSP) tool is designed to evaluate the inherent risk involved in the partial budgeting process. Instead of choosing one value, RSP allows users to examine a range of values (maximum, minimum and most likely) to determine the effects on the bottom line.

RIGHT RISK... From Page 14

Two ARA bulletins focus on examples utilizing Pasture Range and Forage Rainfall Index (RI-PRF) insurance. These case studies use RightRisk tools to determine the effectiveness of the coverage, as well as evaluating the likelihood of indemnities over time using historical data.

In addition, the Multi-Temporal Risk Analyzer (MTRA) tool is used to assess the long-term effectiveness of implementing Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) insurance, as well as managing price risk in a feed cattle operation.

Machinery Cost-focused Case Studies

Several ARA bulletins focus on production decisions related to machinery. Machinery is often one of the largest, if not the largest, expense for Wyoming farmers and ranchers. It is important to have a firm grasp of the risk implications of any potential change or decision involving machinery.

These bulletins focus on examples using the Machine Risk Calculator (MRC) tool and the Multi-Temporal Risk Analyzer (MTRA) tool. The MRC tool is designed to help estimate machinery and field operations costs, as well as estimate the risk sensitivity of those costs to changes in various factors. The MTRA tool helps users consider the long-term effects of machinery purchases and other management decisions by projecting results over a period of up to 20 years.

For example, one case study uses analytics to compare tillage systems and their potential risk management implications. The operating costs of each system are outlined, as well as the potential effects of switching over the long term. Another bulletin compares a round-bale versus square-bale haying system using the MRC tool, which evaluates operating costs in addition to the purchase costs and associated benefits. A third case study walks the reader through a scenario considering the upgrade of an existing windrower and the potential increase in profitability.

Lease Arrangements and Fertilizer Decision Case Studies

The Forage Risk Analyzer (FRA) tool helps evaluate potential forage leases, helping all parties involved to understand the full value of all aspects of the arrangement. The FRA tool is highlighted in one ARA bulletin, which details the use of the tool for a potential forage lease. The FRA tool allows for up to a six-party lease, can be used for six different classes of land (irrigated, pasture, etc.), and includes a risk sensitivity analysis to account for potential variability of selected factors.

Another ARA case study evaluates fertilizer application decisions.

The fertilizer application tools from RightRisk.org are used to assess the optimum rate of fertilizer application and to address the risk implications of the decisions using the Risk Scenario Planning (RSP) tool. This partial budgeting tool helps evaluate the risk sensitivity of up to two variables in a decision framework.
WyFB recognized by AFBF for outstanding member programs and achievement

The American Farm Bureau Federation presented awards to state Farm Bureau’s at the organization’s 105th Convention January 20-23, 2024 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The awards recognize excellence in implementation of outstanding member programs and membership achievement in 2023. The awards of Excellence recognize state Farm Bureaus that demonstrated outstanding achievements in four program areas: Advocacy, Coalitions & Partnerships, Engagement & Outreach, and Leadership & Business Development. The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation was recognized with all four Awards of Excellence.

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