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## Ag Land valuations show drop across Wyoming

BY CALLIE HANSON

**E**ach year, the Wyoming Department of Revenue releases the state's agricultural land valuation study, a key factor in determining property taxes on working lands. While the numbers shift annually, the broader goal of the study remains steady: to fairly value agricultural property using consistent statewide methods, while still allowing county assessors some local flexibility.

This year's report brings notable changes, including lower valuations across the board, a trend driven largely by higher interest rates and falling commodity prices. According to David Franck, Principal Appraiser with the Wyoming Department of Revenue, landowners may see some relief in their tax bills as a result.

Franck explained one of the biggest shifts this year stems from interest rate increases reported by Farm Credit Services.

"The first notable change this year would be the increase in interest rates," Franck said. "We use an income approach to value ag land. This means we look at average production based on soil type, multiply that by net income per ton or bushel (as determined by the Agricultural Land Valuation Study), and then divide by the capitalization rate. Because net income dropped and the cap rate interest reported by Farm Credit Bank dropped as well, we're seeing a big drop this year."

While yields themselves haven't changed, the market forces surrounding those yields have. Declining commodity prices further compounded the impact.

"This year we kind of got a double whammy," Franck said. "Commodity prices were down, and then we had the interest rate increase on top of that. Producers are really going to get a benefit on their tax bill this year."

Across most soil types, valuations are trending downward. But Franck noted the exact impact may differ from county to county.

"Yes, there were drops across the board," he said. "Now, I'll put a caveat out there: if the assessor in each individual county has made no other changes, that'll mean a broad drop. But assessors can choose where within a range to set values in their jurisdiction."

For example, Franck pointed to the state's highest-producing land, classified as soil capability classes I, II, and III.

"In that category, we have a range from \$2,622 up to \$3,204 per acre," he explained. "Each county assessor can decide where in the range they want to set values, and most of them tend to land somewhere in the middle."

Discretion is an important part of Wyoming's system. Assessors are encouraged to consult local producers, review local yields, and consider county-specific circumstances before finalizing values.

"Some counties get pretty in-depth," Franck said. "Others may not be as in-depth, but the goal is to reflect local realities as best as possible."

For producers, the annual valuation study can be complex, but Franck stressed the importance of engaging with the process.

"The biggest thing I can recommend is for producers to educate themselves as much as possible," he said. "Read through our study, go through the notices of value from the assessor's office, and if they have questions, start making phone calls. Talk to their local assessor, and they can call me as well."

One common issue arises when land classification doesn't reflect current use.

"Sometimes an assessor has a piece of land classified as irrigated, but it's no longer irrigated," Franck noted. "That can make a big difference in value for the producer."

By carefully reviewing their assessments and reaching out with corrections, landowners can ensure their property is being valued fairly.

While the annual values often spark attention, Franck said most phone calls he receives aren't about the dollar amounts themselves.

"Really, the biggest question I get calls on is where an assessor denies agricultural classification for somebody who thinks they should get it," he said. "I don't get very many phone calls on the values themselves. Most of my phone calls stem from a taxpayer wanting their land classified as agricultural for tax purposes."

That distinction—between valuation and classification—can sometimes cause confusion. Franck urged landowners to familiarize themselves with the statutes and rules governing agricultural classification.

"I would just encourage them to educate themselves on the relevant statutes," he said. "We also have our Department

chapter 10 rules that address ag land. And then be as forthcoming with information with the assessors as they can. The more information they can give, the better decision the assessor can make."

While this year's decreases will likely be welcome news for many producers facing tight margins, Franck cautioned the future remains uncertain.

"Last year we saw some decreases as well, but it wasn't as pronounced," he said. "Next year—who knows? I don't have a crystal ball to tell what commodity prices are going to do."

This uncertainty underscores the reality that ag land valuations are tied directly to larger market forces. Farmers and ranchers can expect continued fluctuations as those markets shift.

For Wyoming's landowners, this year's valuation study offers both challenges and opportunities. Lower valuations mean potential tax relief, but they also reflect the pressures of declining commodity prices and rising interest rates. Producers are encouraged to carefully check their assessment notices for accuracy, especially in how their land is classified, and to engage with their county assessors to make sure local circumstances are fairly considered. By reading the study, asking questions, and sharing information, landowners can play an active role in ensuring their property is valued correctly.

As Franck summed it up: "Educate yourself, review your assessments, and don't hesitate to make phone calls. That's the best way to make sure your land is valued fairly." ■

## Wyoming Needs Agriculture event set for Sept. 13 in Laramie

BY CALLIE HANSON

**T**he Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation (WyFB) will host its annual Wyoming Needs Agriculture event on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 2:15 to 5:15 p.m. in the Fan Zone ahead of the University of Wyoming Cowboys' home football game against the University of Utah.

Held in the Indoor Practice Facility during pre-game festivities, the event invites Cowboy fans of all ages to connect with farmers and ranchers and learn more about the essential role agriculture plays in Wyoming.



The event will feature several interactive activities for the whole family, along with the opportunity for the first 400 participating fans to receive a special-edition Wyoming Cowboys/Wyoming Needs Agriculture t-shirt.

Now in its 11th year, Wyoming Needs Agriculture continues to bridge the gap between consumers and farmers and ranchers. The event highlights how agriculture feeds families, fuels the state's economy, and preserves Wyoming's open spaces and way of life. ■

## Snail mail and government bills: H-2A application costs

BY SAMANTHA AYOUB, AFBF ECONOMIST

**A**pplying for certifications and visas for H-2A temporary agricultural workers is the beginning of a long list of requirements for farmers who cannot find enough U.S. workers. Farmers who are unable to find domestic farmworkers may petition the U.S. government to grant foreign workers temporary work visas. This process requires interactions with three different federal agencies, all with independent application processes and, of course, corresponding fees.

Despite workers being required to apply for their visas themselves, H-2A employers bear the responsibility for paying or reimbursing all application fees associated with H-2A employment. In recent years, rapid increases to agency fees have hit farmer's margins in nearly every step of the H-2A filing process. These fee increases are the latest in a long line of costly updates to H-2A employer requirements, most notably mandated wages that are increasing much faster than domestic wages or inflation.

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13	Wyoming Needs Agriculture at UW Football Pregame-Laramie
20	Crook County Goat Roping - TBD
<b>October</b>	
10	Select Federal Natural Resources - Laramie
28-29	Joint Agriculture - Cheyenne
30	Joint Appropriations - Cheyenne
<b>November</b>	
3-4	Joint Corporations-Cheyenne
4-6	Joint Select Water-Casper
6	Joint Travel-Casper
13-15	WyFB 106th Annual Meeting - Gillette
18-19	Joint Revenue-Cheyenne
<b>December</b>	
1-5	Joint Appropriations - Cheyenne
8-12	Joint Appropriations - Cheyenne
<b>January</b>	
9-14	American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention - Anaheim, CA
<b>February</b>	
6-9	Wyoming/Colorado YF&R Conference - Cheyenne

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# The Power of Our Grassroots

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One of the great honors of my role as American Farm Bureau president is sharing the stories of farmers and ranchers from across this country with leaders who are making decisions that directly impact our work, our families, and our livelihoods. From lawmakers on Capitol Hill all the way to the White House, I am humbled to sit across from powerful leaders to help them understand how you grow the food, fiber, and renewable fuel our nation and the world depends on. And I have that seat because of you, because they want to hear your stories. Like all Americans, our nation's leaders, including the President of the United States, want to understand where their food comes from.

Recently, I had the privilege of sitting down for a direct conversation with President Trump in the Oval Office. We had a full discussion about the pressing issues impacting your families, your farms, and the farm economy. He asked me a lot of questions about farming which gave me the opportunity to explain the science behind our farming practices and the tools that we use. Thanks to your grassroots efforts, our nation's leaders are seeing that what matters to agriculture should matter to all Americans. You, as farmers and ranchers, play a critical role in keeping our food supply secure, providing nutritious food for our families, and protecting our natural resources.

I expressed Farm Bureau's appreciation to President Trump and his administration for the agriculture and tax provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. I shared with the President how this year's crop is the most expensive we have ever put in the ground, and that this law is bringing much-needed relief with increases to outdated reference prices and funding for other risk management tools. But I also emphasized that it's time to finish the job with an updated farm bill to address other programs and policy improvements that are important to farmers and ranchers.

As you might have guessed, we also discussed trade and the importance of opening new markets for farmers and ranchers. I shared that farmers are eager to follow the success of the administration's new deal with the U.K. with even more trade deals to open up markets across the globe. America's farmers and ranchers are growing some of the best products in the world, safely and sustainably, as I shared with the President, and we're long overdue for a level playing field in countries that have thrown up non-scientific barriers to American-grown products. I also emphasized that we are eager to see trade disputes resolved swiftly and that our policy does not support tariffs. The President assured me that boosting U.S. agriculture would remain a priority in negotiating new deals.

The President and I discussed other challenges and concerns weighing on farm families right now. I emphasized that labor is the greatest limiting factor to U.S. agriculture, and without a stable, legal workforce, we cannot continue to grow the healthy food that American families count on. If we want to boost American-grown products, we need to reform our H-2A guestworker program. I shared with him the personal stories that I have heard from farmers on these challenges: how you cannot afford the dramatic hikes in the H-2A wage rate and how farmers, despite extensive efforts, have been unsuccessful in recruiting domestic workers to fill these essential roles.

We also discussed the important role pesticides play on the farm, both in protecting our ability to produce a crop and in promoting regenerative practices on the farm. America's farmers rely on innovative researchers at land-grant universities and the safe regulatory process established by the Environmental Protection Agency to get us the tools we need to grow safe and healthy food. What's more, I underscored to the President that most farmers live on the land where they use these products, so safety is of the utmost importance for our families and the families we're growing food for.

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# The Most Wyoming Thing

**Kerin Clark**

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As America prepares to celebrate our 250th anniversary in 2026, celebrations and activities leading up to July 4, 2026 should tell a story of a nation founded on freedom and democracy. We are a nation of people with diverse opinions and diverse backgrounds.

When searching for 250th anniversary events, I came across a "this or that" game to pick "The Most American Thing." It resembled a sports bracket system where winners were picked in the first round all the way down to the final four with a winner emerging at the end. Curious to see what the results might be, I made my selections and the U.S. Constitution was my winner. The bracket included American things from cheeseburgers and apple pie to cowboy hats and blue jeans to the liberty bell and more.

It made me wonder if we had a bracket for "The Most Wyoming Thing" what "thing" would surface as the winner? I'm sure each Wyomingite would have a list of items that come to the top of mind when they think of "the most Wyoming thing." Many of those pictures would be similar and many would be different. The phrase may conjure up im-

ages of cowboy hats and boots, tractors in the field, open spaces, wildlife, rodeos, football games, coal mines, long highways and so much more. We can't forget Wyoming's people. While cattle may outnumber our citizens, Wyoming's people are second to none.

Wyoming people are the "Most Wyoming Thing" that comes to the top of my bracket. The United States Constitution begins with "We the people." The citizens of our great country are the foundation of our democracy. It is the people of our great state and America that drive this nation forward. When I think of Wyoming people, I think of salt of the earth people who will be there for a neighbor in time of need and who volunteer to make their communities stronger.

While reflecting about the work we do as an organization in a recent meeting, "the people and families of Wyoming" kept surfacing to the top. The Wyoming people and families are why we do what we do to strengthen agriculture and the communities around the state.

It's the Wyoming people we serve through their membership in this great organization that drive the policy develop-

ment process. It's the Wyoming people who step up when called to volunteer. It's the Wyoming people who help their neighbors in time of need. It's the Wyoming people who steward the land and provide critical habitat for Wyoming's wildlife. It's the Wyoming people who work hard to keep their communities strong for future generations.

While working on important issues for agriculture families, it is not lost on me that we are fortunate in Wyoming to have access to elected officials and agency officials to discuss critical issues of importance to our state. Wyoming is unique and again, it is our people that make it unique. While differences of opinion will surface, in Wyoming we call it "The Wyoming Way" where we talk about those issues and work to keep agriculture and our communities strong by advocating for the people that steward the land and the resources to which they've been entrusted.

We are reminded in Philippians 2:3-4 that we are to in humility value others above ourselves and look to the interests of others. It's the people...they are my "Most Wyoming Thing." ■



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These costs rack up as farmers are waiting on much needed farmworkers during time sensitive planting and harvesting seasons when an extra day of administrative delays could mean the difference between a perfect or lost crop, and each additional dollar could threaten the farm's financial future.

The first step of the federal H-2A petition process is having the Department of Labor (DOL) certify the need for foreign workers. Employers must electronically submit an Application for Temporary Employment Certification that prompts DOL to ensure proper steps have been taken to recruit domestic workers. It's important to note that farmers' requests for agricultural guest workers are only approved after they exhaust recruitment efforts to seek domestic workers for these positions. The fees associated with this application vary depending on how many workers an employer intends to bring in for the designated timeframe, each not exceeding 10 months. Each employment contract has a \$100 application fee with an additional \$10 per worker requested. The average H-2A contract requests 20 workers, so in the first step of the process, DOL alone is paid \$300 for one H-2A contract. There is a maximum fee of \$1,000 for any employer applying for foreign employment certifications. While the application can be submitted electronically, DOL invoices the application during processing, and all payments require a mailed check or money order.

DOL considers a "timely" processing period as under three months. Over 98% of applications in fiscal year 2024 received their determination in this timeframe. However, the DOL certification is only the first step in granting H-2A workers visas

H-2A Application Costs		
Expense	Cost	Occurrence
Employment Certification (DOL)	\$100	per certification
	\$10	per employee
I-129 Filing Fee (USCIS)	\$760-\$1,690	per 25 employees
Visa Application (State)	\$205	per employee
Visa Integrity Fee (DHS)	at least \$250	per employee
Border Stamp (USCIS)	\$24	per employee
TOTAL	at least \$1,349	for 1 employee

USCIS H-2A Nonimmigrant Worker Petition (I-129) Fees					
Program	Original Fee	New Fee <sup>1</sup>	Asylum Fee <sup>3</sup>	Total Fee	Percent Change
Large Employers <sup>2</sup>					
Named Workers	\$460	\$1,090	\$600	\$1,690	267%
Unnamed Workers	\$460	\$530	\$600	\$1,130	146%
Small Employers <sup>2</sup>					
Named Workers	\$460	\$545	\$300	\$845	84%
Unnamed Workers	\$460	\$460	\$300	\$760	65%

<sup>1</sup>As of April 1, 2024    <sup>2</sup>Based on threshold of 25 full-time employees    <sup>3</sup>Nonprofits are exempt from the Asylum Fee

to work in the U.S., and three months can quickly add up to a long, drawn-out recruitment period.

Once DOL certifies foreign workers are needed because the domestic workforce did not apply for the advertised jobs, employers can then begin the visa process. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires a Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker (I-129 form). These forms are required for all work visas that do not have access to citizenship, including the H-2A program. Even in the modern digital age, USCIS only accepts paper I-129 forms that are mailed to the department. Any errors with the hard-copy application would be returned through the postal service and must be resubmitted.

In 2024, USCIS changed their payment structure to raise fees and fund an unrelated asylum program. Prior to the fee changes, all employers paid a flat \$460 per work contract, regardless of the number of employees they wished to employee or if they were specifically listing the employee to be brought into their employment. After April 1, 2024, USCIS raised fees for any employee who is specifically requested on the form, which are typically those nonimmigrant employees who are seeking to transfer from one place of employment to another. A petition with named workers now costs \$545 for employers with less than 25 employees or \$1,090 for larger employers. Large employers also saw an increase to unnamed petitions – those without specifically listed employees – as they now pay

a minimum of \$530 per petition. The new fee schedule also limited I-129 forms to 25 employees per petition; so, any employer with more employees pays a higher certification fee per contract in addition to filing multiple petitions.

Additionally, each employer must pay \$300 or \$600 per petition, depending on how many workers they employ, to support processing of asylum applications. Despite an executive order suspending processing of refugee and asylum applications, USCIS is still collecting fees from nonimmigrant employers to fund the program.

In total, these fee changes raised USCIS processing costs by up to 267% per petition. Since some employers are also now required to submit multiple petitions, H-2A application fees to USCIS alone more than doubled for many employers.

Department of Homeland Security also plays an important role in allowing H-2A workers into the U.S. Once workers receive a visa and seek entrance to the United States, they must also have their visa examined and approved upon admission. U.S. Customs and Border Protection is in charge of checking entry paperwork at ports of entry to the U.S., whether travelers arrive by plane or car. Each of these approval border stamps currently costs \$6. However, starting July 22, 2025, that fee jumped to \$24 per person, a 300% increase. If the average H-2A contract has 20 workers seeking access and employment, that is \$360 more per year just to admit workers, who have already been vetted and approved, to the U.S. The new fee schedule will also allow border stamp costs to increase each year with inflation, so farmers face a continuously climbing application fee.

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# Tradition

BY LAURA DOCKERY, WyFB YF&R COMMITTEE MEMBER  
AND FREMONT COUNTY RANCHER

**S**ometimes it's okay to keep traditions alive. No one likes change, and that's part of the reason some traditions remain. Other times, people and operations find change is for the better. That's not the case for the ranchers along the Sweetwater River. Five ranchers still graze their cattle together on 90,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management land under shared permits. They call this practice "Roundup," and it dates back to 1934, when the Taylor Grazing Act led to the fencing of the allotment and the beginning of communal grazing.

When Roundup first began, they had a Spring Roundup and a Fall Roundup. Over the years the common allotment members have since done away with Spring Roundup, which was typically held around mid-June. Spring Roundup was to brand everyone's calves, distribute the bulls according to the number of cattle around each water hole, and to doctor anything injured or sick. Now since everyone on the Sweetwater brands in April and May before we turn out onto the allotment in the middle of May, there is no need for a Spring Roundup. I can remember when I was younger going to help on the Spring roundup, I helped gather and hold herd, and the last one we had was in 2016.

Fall Roundup takes place every year around Labor Day weekend. On this Roundup we gather all the yearlings, bulls and other cattle that need to be sold, as well as anything unbranded, or sick. Four of the five ranches that run on this allotment are still carrying on the tradition that their ancestors made. Before the Taylor Grazing Act was passed, my great-great-grandparents were already grazing cattle on this allotment. They were among the first to take part in what's now known as Roundup.

When we gather the allotment, we make a big sweep—what we call "going out on circle"—around whichever watering hole camp is set up at that day. We hold the herd while each outfit rides in and sorts out the cattle they want from the bunch. It can get a little western at times, but it's a great way to learn how to handle cattle.

The best part of Roundup is that the men stay out on the range each night at a different watering hole, for about 11 days. At each watering source there are large pens that were built when roundup began to keep their horses in as well as the cattle they gather. Women can trailer out with their horses, to camp each morning but go home when the work is done. The cowboys each bring a few horses with them that will last all of Roundup, and in the mornings it's fun to watch the cowboys wrangle their horses for the day, with only a rope corral.

After the sorting is done, we eat lunch and move camp to the next. Cowboys are divided up, some move the cavy and some go with the stock. The cattle are trailed to each camp until we can get them close to the river to cross into the next allotment. Another tradition that stays alive is the "cook shack". It's what it sounds like, an old camper that is primarily used for cooking all the meals for the cowboys, and providing a place to stay for the cook. Each year a different ranch provides a whole beef for Roundup to last the whole time. It's so fascinating to look at camp when it's all set up, with the teepees surrounding the cook shack, and the horses grazing along with the beef in the pen next to them.

Now Fall Roundup is not when we bring all our cattle back to our operations. After Fall Roundup we wait another month to gather the rest of the cattle. Sometimes the older cattle will just come home. Other times a huge snow storm will come through driving them home. Other times, we have to go out and gather them. Something very interesting about the allotment is it is connected directly to 4 out of the 5 ranches that run out on the it, making it very easy to gather them into our corrals, with no need to haul them home. On the Sweetwater many special traditions have died off with time, but Roundup still lives on, and I'm grateful for every year I get to be a part of it. ■



Laura Dockery is a Fremont County rancher and a member of the YF&R committee. Dockery carries on a legacy of WyFB Federation involvement behind her parents, Thad and Andrea Dockery.



The tradition of the roundup remains relatively unchanged from its origins dating back to 1934.




The Dockery family has been involved in the roundup since its inception in 1934.



Teepees and grazing horses surround the roundup camp, a scene much the same as it was generations ago.

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# Grassroots policy development this fall

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation is encouraging county Farm Bureaus to consider three issue surfacing documents during the policy development process this fall. These were emailed to county presidents and secretaries.

The documents outline issues seeking clarification in order to better serve the grassroots policy development mission while representing you with elected officials and other decision-makers. We encourage

you to include this exercise as part of your resolutions process.

This year, WyFB and AFBF are requesting clarification on three specific issues:

- Trade and Tariff Authority
- Transfer or Sale of Public Lands
- Taxation of State Government Land Not Used for a Governmental Purpose

Please reach out to Kelly Carpenter at [kcarpenter@wyfb.org](mailto:kcarpenter@wyfb.org) or 307-721-7728 with any questions. ■

# WyFB Awards nominations due Sept. 26, 2025

Nominations for the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Distinguished Service Award, the Farm Bureau Leadership Award, and the Outstanding Membership Worker Awards are due in the state office no later than Sept. 26, 2025.

These awards recognize individuals, couples, and members who have shown exceptional dedication to the betterment of agriculture and the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation:

- Distinguished Service Award honors nominees for distinguished and meritorious service in recognition of outstanding serve in the interest of Wyoming agriculture.
- Farm Bureau Leadership Award honors exemplary leadership, service, or contributions to Farm Bureau in recognition of outstanding achievements and work in the interest of Farm Bureau.

- Outstanding Membership Worker Awards recognize outstanding service in membership across three categories: volunteer, agent and county office staff.

Nominations may be made by any county Farm Bureau Federation, with only one nomination per award allowed from each county. Judging is conducted by the Administrative Advisory Committee of the WyFB Board of Directors, which may also make an independent selection not limited to county submissions.

Nomination forms and additional details are available at [wyfb.org](http://wyfb.org). Click the “Events” tab and scroll to the award deadline link for Sept. 26.

The awards will be presented at the WyFB Annual Meeting, Nov. 13–15 in Gillette. For more information, contact Dee Brewer at 307-721-7719 or [dbrewer1@wyfb.org](mailto:dbrewer1@wyfb.org). ■

# Membership School

BY KEVIN BAARS, WYFB MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR AND NIOBRARA COUNTY RANCHER

It’s back-to-school time, and across Wyoming that also means it’s annual meeting season for the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation (WyFB). As counties gather to discuss policy and celebrate grassroots achievements, membership is naturally on people’s minds. While we value membership year-round, this season offers a special opportunity to highlight the importance of coming together as a united voice for Wyoming agriculture.


Some of you may not realize it, but WyFB has policy on many subjects besides those pertaining to agriculture issues. While our primary focus is agriculture, there are plenty of other things going on around the state, and our world that affect our member families. Our members are just that - families made up of men, women, and children, and those members have developed policy on issues that are important to them.

One such topic is education. We have all been educated in one way or another be it home school, public school, private school, online school, and now charter schools. We all want the best for our children, and want the freedom to be able to make that choice as their parents. The members of WyFB have developed policy to say just that – these are our kids, and we get to decide how they are educated. Everyone has their own unique situation, and knows what works best for them and their children. WyFB policy is also strongly supportive of local control for public schools, vocational education, and continued emphasis on the ag programs at our land grant college – the University of Wyoming. We oppose federal overreach in our schools and families, and realize the importance local culture and heritage play in growing our children.

As a member of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation, you get the opportunity to help develop our organization’s policy. It all starts at the county level, not from the top, and that’s why we call it Grassroots Policy Development. After a member’s idea passes the county level, it also has to be approved at both the district and state level before it becomes policy. Only then can it be used by the WyFB staff as a guide to lobby lawmakers, to write and submit comments for or against regulations, or in discussions with elected officials to clarify topics that they don’t understand or with which they aren’t familiar. If it’s not in the policy book, our staff cannot speak for or against it – it’s that simple. Your membership counts!

And, yes, we do have policy on ag issues, lots of them. But we all acknowledge that we are all affected by more than just what happens in agriculture. Maybe there is something you feel strongly about that the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation could help with. Maybe we already have a policy that addresses your concern, and you just don’t know about it. Our policy book is now available online at [www.WyFB.org](http://www.WyFB.org) so all our members can find our stance on those subjects our members feel are most important. Our website is also a tremendous source of information on Federation events across the state, and current topics of state and federal importance.

As a Farm Bureau member, I’d encourage you to consider attending your county’s Annual Meeting. Visit with your local board members, voice your concerns, and learn more about our organization and what it can do for you. After all, it is back to school time! ■



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THE GRASSROOTS PROCESS STARTS WITH YOU!

How your idea becomes a Farm Bureau Federation policy

STEP 1: You Have an Idea

- Speak up about a farming or ranching challenge or opportunity at your county meeting to start the process.
- Draft a clear resolution—include background, but focus on a concise “Be it resolved” clause

STEP 2: Advocate at the County Level

- Attend your county annual or resolutions meeting to present your resolution. *Some counties may have separate annual/resolutions meetings. Please contact your county president with questions.*
- County delegates vote, and if passed, your resolution moves to the district stage.

STEP 3: Advocate at the District Level

- Bring your resolution to the district meeting, where voting delegates vote on resolutions.
- If approved, your resolution advances to the state annual meeting.

STEP 4: Advocate at the State Level

- The resolutions committee and voting delegates will consider policy recommendations, and a majority vote adopts it as state policy.

STEP 5: Beyond the State Level

- If your resolution addresses a national issue, it will be forwarded to the AFBF.
- If approved by majority vote, it becomes official AFBF policy.
- Once adopted, FB staff work to turn your policy into real-world change—through legislation, partnerships, and/or public outreach.

2025 County, District, and State meeting schedule


County Resolutions Meetings

- Albany: HELD IN JUNE
- Big Horn: Sept. 14, Hyattville
- Campbell: Sept. 23, Gillette
- Carbon: Sept. 10, TBD
- Converse: Sept. 4, Douglas
- Crook: Sept. 18, Devils Tower
- Fremont: Sept. 18, TBD
- Goshen: Sept. 30, TBD
- Hot Springs: Sept. 27, TBD
- Johnson: Sept. 10, TBD
- Laramie: Sept. 7, Cheyenne
- Lincoln: TBD
- Natrona: TBD
- Niobrara: TBD

- Park: Sept. 26, Powell
- Platte: Sept. 11, Wheatland
- Sheridan: TBD
- Sweetwater: Sept. 25, Farson
- Uinta: Sept. 8, Lyman
- Washakie: TBD
- Weston: Sept. 17, Newcastle

District Meetings

- Central: Sept. 17, Bar Nunn
- Northeast: Sept. 26, Newcastle
- Northwest: Oct. 4, Thermopolis
- Southwest: Oct. 6, Kemmerer
- Southeast: Oct. 9, Lusk



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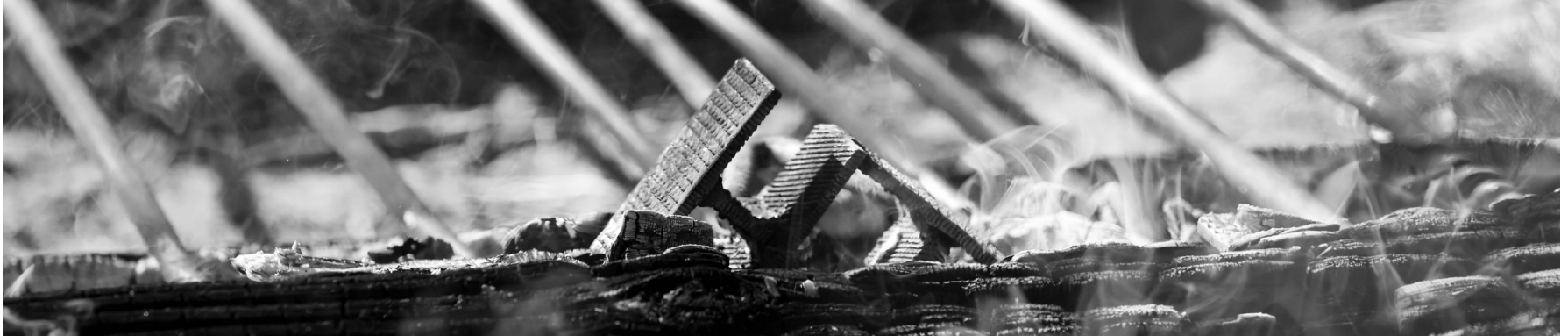


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**WYFB Mission:** The primary goals of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation are to represent the voices of Wyoming farmers and ranchers through grassroots policy development while focusing on protecting private property rights, strengthening agriculture, and supporting farm and ranch families through advocacy, education, and leadership development.

## Advocacy

We work diligently to protect property rights, reduce taxes and government spending, and limit unnecessary regulations, while ensuring government leaders understand citizen needs at the local, state, and national levels. As a grassroots membership organization, we care about your future. Together, we unite as one voice to keep agriculture strong.

## Education

We engage with food system stakeholders and advocate on behalf of farmers and ranchers. Our outreach efforts support agriculture in many ways, including the Ag Books for Kids program in elementary schools, the Wyoming Needs Agriculture event, and by sharing the unique stories of Wyoming's farmers and ranchers.

## Leadership Development

Leadership opportunities are available at every level of our grassroots organization. Members are encouraged to participate in policy development, annual and legislative meetings, county picnics, Young Farmer & Rancher events, leadership development contests, and more. Strengthening leadership skills and providing training resources for volunteer leaders remain a top priority as we work to build a strong future for agriculture.

## *A note from WyFB President Todd Fornstrom*

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation is a grassroots organization built and led by volunteer farmers and ranchers. Every day, the Federation works to protect the agricultural way of life that strengthens Wyoming and enhances the lives of all Wyomingites. Thank you for your membership. I invite you to renew and continue standing with me and my family in support of Wyoming farmers and ranchers. Nearly 30 years ago, I stepped into leadership within this organization. What has kept me involved ever since is my belief in the power of grassroots action to protect agriculture and the rural way of life we all value.

Farm Bureau has given me, as a farmer, opportunities to engage directly with how regulations and policies are shaped—and with the people making those decisions. That perspective is invaluable. Membership isn't optional for me; it's part of my business and part of my life. Being a member is about holding on to the basic values that keep communities strong and taking an active role in shaping solutions that ensure agriculture remains resilient in Wyoming and across America. Strong agriculture is essential to the security of our families and our nation.

Thank you again for supporting the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. We look forward to continuing to serve you in the year ahead.



H-2A APPLICATION... From Page 3

Starting Oct. 1, 2025, DHS will also be responsible for implementing a new “visa integrity fee”. This fee will be a minimum of \$250 for every nonimmigrant visa, including H-2A, issued. Farmers face uncertainty in the how much this new fee will truly cost, as the Secretary of Homeland Security has authority to raise this fee to any level beyond \$250, and may raise the fee yearly to accommodate inflation. However, since DHS does not issue visas, there is still logistical planning needed to coordinate payment of this new fee. Meaning there may be yet another hurdle for employers and employees added to the H-2A filing process. This fee may be reimbursed once workers return to their home country, within the confines of the visa requirement, but it is unclear how this will work for programs like H-2A where employers must reimburse employees in the first paycheck for all visa fees incurred. Especially since H-2A visas remain valid for three years, and employees may work for multiple farmers over that time period.

Once H-2A employees have been recruited in their home countries to fill a certified employment opportunity, they must apply for a visa allowing them entrance and work eligibility in the U.S. This is where the name “H-2A” comes from, as it is the visa class temporary agricultural workers receive. The

Department of State conducts all visa applications and interviews for temporary and permanent immigration seekers alike.

Each employee must submit their own DS-160 visa application and pay \$205, which must be reimbursed by the employer in their first work paycheck. This fee has also increased in the last two years. Prior to June 17, 2023, H-2A visa applications were \$190. After applications and fees have been received, each employee must travel to a U.S. embassy or consulate to conduct an in-person interview, at the expense of the H-2A employer. Each visa lasts up to three years, and returning workers may be eligible for interview waivers, but any first-time, expired or visa applicants who have not been in the U.S. in the last year must apply, pay the \$205 fee and conduct their in-person interview. Starting Sept. 2, 2025, the State Department will stop issuing interview waivers for H-2A workers, so all employees will have to attend an in-person interview before they are approved for entry to the United States.

In Mexico, where over 90% of H-2A workers are from, there are nine different locations that process H-2A visas. Most H-2A applications are directed to the consulate in Monterrey. While the State Department aims to have visa applications certified within three to-seven days of interviews, consolidation of visa processing to a few locations can lead to backups in processing capacity at the consulate in peak seasons. The

discontinuation of interview waivers means demand for in-person interviews will further increase. Unfortunately, visa backlogs also leave U.S. farmers and ranchers waiting longer for employee certification in their own top growing season. H-2A employers must pay for all travel and housing in the consulate city while employees are waiting for interviews and approval. If delays occur, this means farmers’ costs also pile up while employees must live in a foreign city for extended periods. Since employees deal with the State Department directly, there can also be a lack of communication back to sponsoring employers, leaving the farmer confused with the status of their applications as they continue to pay living expenses.

H-2A filing is a convoluted process that requires juggling three different federal agency requirements, employee responsibilities and hard-copy mailing timelines. In total, application fees for just one H-2A worker will soon cost at least \$1,350, nearly \$600 more than just two years ago, and take months to process. For an average contract for 20 workers, application fees alone will cost at least \$10,640, up over 127% in two years, and employers are advised to begin their application process 75 days before they plan to start employing workers. The application process often requires attorney assistance to navigate, meaning the total costs and time extend past the checks and paperwork mailed to the federal govern-

ment. These applications and fees are just the beginning of a long list of requirements for U.S. farmers and ranchers once employees reach the United States, including rapidly inflating wages, housing and transportation – some of which begins during the filing process.

Fruit and vegetable growers that rely most on H-2A workers have narrow windows for growing and harvesting their perishable crops, and each additional step in the process introduces potential delays that could ruin that year’s crop. H-2A employers have long called for reforms to this application process to streamline applications, and DOL recently announced a new office to assist farmers in jumping through the hoops of nonimmigrant filings. American employers are well vested in the success of their employees throughout the application process and into their work season, and any step taken to ease the H-2A program’s complexity is a step toward providing opportunity to foreign farmworkers while supporting domestic farm production. ■

*Starting Sept. 2, 2025, DOL will temporarily suspend collection of H-2A employment certification fees in order to transition to an online payment system. Any certifications during the suspension period will not be billed, and DOL will not retroactively seek payment. There is no announced end date for the suspension period.*

GRASSROOTS POWER... From Page 2

Words can’t fully express what an honor this was to speak directly with the President and share stories from Farm Bureau members. I was also grateful to be joined by Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Roll-

ins and Secretary of Labor Lori Chavez-DeRemer. They have both been strong advocates for farmers and ranchers in their roles in the administration. Secretary Rollins also joined us the next day as the keynote speaker at the American Farm Bureau’s Council of Presidents meeting.

Every summer we gather all Farm Bureau presidents from the 50 state and Puerto Rico Farm Bureaus, as well as our national committee chairs, to hear from leaders and lawmakers. This year, our policy team at AFBF worked directly with the White House to hold our meeting at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building’s Indian Treaty Room. This was the largest gathering of our state presidents at the White House ever. We heard updates from cabinet members, including Secretary Rollins and EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin, other administration officials, and senior White House staff. Each speaker took questions from Farm Bureau leaders and expressed their appreciation for the hard

work of America’s farmers and ranchers.

Each meeting, every conversation—not only at this meeting but across my time in Washington—reminds me of the power of our great federation. The American Farm Bureau, your American Farm Bureau, is the united Voice of Agriculture because of grassroots members who are committed to their farms, their families and their communities. We know that our nation is stronger when agriculture succeeds. And thanks to the tireless work across our federation—from volunteers at the local county Farm Bureau to our dedicated staff to our state and national leaders—your voice is being heard from the local chamber of commerce all the way to the White House. ■



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# Weston County Farm Bureau hosts pancake feed at county fair



**SUBMITTED BY TUCKER HAMILTON**  
**T**he Weston County Farm Bureau welcomed fairgoers with its traditional pancake feed during the Weston County Fair. Guests enjoyed a fresh, hot breakfast and contributed with a donation of their choice. The event has become a fair-week tradition, offering good food, friendly faces and a chance to celebrate community together. ■



## Cooking with the Modern Ranch Wife

### Poke Cake

Recipe by Connie Werner



#### Ingredients:


- 1 box white cake mix
- eggs
- oil
- water
- 1(3oz) box flavored Jello
- 1 small container Cool-whip

#### Instructions:

- Following the instructions on the back of the box, bake the cake in a 9x13 inch pan.
- Remove cake from oven when a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.
- While still warm poke holes in the cake with the handle of a wooden spoon or a straw.
- In a small sauce pan bring 1 cup of water and the jello packet to a boil.
- Spoon the Jello mixture into the holes of the cake and across the top.
- Cover and place in the fridge until thoroughly chilled.
- Spread the Cool-Whip across the top.
- Enjoy

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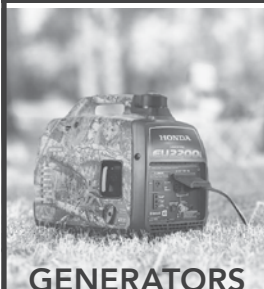
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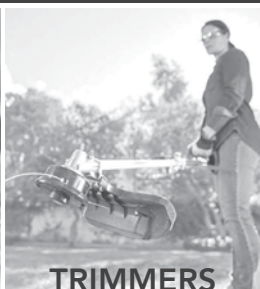


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