

PURPOSE OF YOUNG FARMERS AND RANCHERS COMMITTEE

The Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee was created to increase young farmers' involvement in Farm Bureau, to get young members acquainted with Farm Bureau, to develop capable rural leadership and to build enthusiasm in Farm Bureau.

COMMITTEE

The Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee should be composed of five to 10 couples or single men and women between the ages of 18 and 45. This committee is to give direction to any projects or program that will encourage participation of young farmers in the total Farm Bureau program.

The committee is appointed by the county Farm Bureau president with approval of the county Farm Bureau board of directors. Members of the committee are appointed for a one-year term, and may be re-appointed at the pleasure of the county president until they reach age 45.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. Responsibilities of the county Farm Bureau president:
 - A. Appoint the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee
 - B. Select a chairman and get a commitment to serve
 - C. Notify all committee members of their appointments
 - D. Outline the responsibilities of the committee and chairman
 - E. Ask for reports on committee activities and plans

- II. Responsibilities of the county Farm Bureau board of directors:
 - A. Approve the appointment of the committee
 - B. Appropriate funds for committee activities
 - C. Support the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee by assisting when asked.

- III. Responsibilities of the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee chairman:
 - A. Appoint a recording secretary
 - B. Appoint a publicity chairman
 - C. Report to the county Farm Bureau board of directors on committee activities
 - D. Attend statewide leadership conference and encourage other young farmers to attend
 - E. Appoint subcommittees as needed
 1. Commodity Promotion Subcommittee
 2. National Leadership Forum Subcommittee
 3. Teen Challenge Week Subcommittee
 4. Young Farmers Award Subcommittee

IV. Responsibilities of the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee:

- A. Plan and carry out programs and activities that will benefit young farmers and ranchers of the county, such as:
 - 1. Policy development
 - 2. Policy execution
 - 3. Other special activities

- B. Keep in mind that the county Farm Bureau office can be of assistance in getting out notices of meetings or other things needed by the committee

- C. See that publicity is obtained in the local newspaper and on local radio stations before and after each activity.

- D. Recommend to the county Farm Bureau president young farmers who are willing to serve on other county committees, such as:
 - 1. Membership
 - 2. Legislative
 - 3. Commodity Divisions
 - 4. Women' Committees

- E. Be aware that several resources are available for the committee's use, such as:
 - 1. The state committee – made up of one young farm couple/individual from each of the seven board districts
 - 2. Other county committees
 - 3. Cooperative Extension personnel
 - 4. Farm Bureau personnel
 - 5. Other agricultural organizations or agencies