

Farm Bureau Membership Dues Changes

Your enclosed Farm Bureau membership renewal comes with a new dues structure that includes an increase in dues as follows:

Farmer Members:

Farmer greater than \$10,000 in gross farm income - \$250 *

(Spouse may join as voting member for additional \$50)

Farmer less than \$10,000 in gross farm Income / Farm Employee - \$100

Retired Farmer (no farm income) - \$50

* All members previously in the \$1 – 25,000 gross farm income category have been invoiced for \$250. Adjust your dues amount to \$100 if your gross farm income is less than \$10,000.

Supporting Members:

Non-Farmer Current Use Landowner / Supporter - \$75

Student - \$30

Business Supporter / Service Provider - \$250

As President Brady outlined in a recent issue of *The Communicator*, our Farm Bureau leaders developed this new dues structure following extensive collaboration, after concluding existing programs can no longer be maintained at dues levels set in 1992.

As a current member, you already recognize the tremendous value Farm Bureau provides you, your farm business, and the entire agricultural community. This dues increase will enable us to sustain our efforts in the following key areas.

- **Government Advocacy for Farmers and Landowners** - not letting up on our “bread and butter,” our strong presence before the legislature & state agencies. As well as assisting members with local land-use issues and maintaining communications with our representatives in Congress. The foundation of our advocacy work starts with the time and resources we dedicate to our well-respected grassroots policy development process that thrives through member participation.

- **Young Farmer Program** – continued opportunities for young adults (ages 16-35) to build interpersonal and leadership skills.
- **Member Only Benefits** – including our bi-monthly publication, The Communicator (free classified advertising and producer product & service listing), public policy newsletter The Friday Review, weekly e-newsletter The Post, and numerous product benefits highlighted by special rate plans on auto, farm, & country estate policies with American National insurance.
- **Agricultural Education** -support for elementary agricultural education through our administrative support for the NH Agriculture in the Classroom program.
- **Post-Secondary Education Scholarships** – through Abbie Sargent Memorial Scholarships, controlled and administered by Farm Bureau, as well as scholarships awarded by county Farm Bureaus.
- **Providing Opportunities for Making Connections & Finding Support** – this may be the best and most valuable aspect of Farm Bureau. Through statewide and county Farm Bureau events & meetings, there are numerous opportunities to connect and develop a support group of people with similar interests. In today's world, what could be more important?

Thank you for your continued membership!