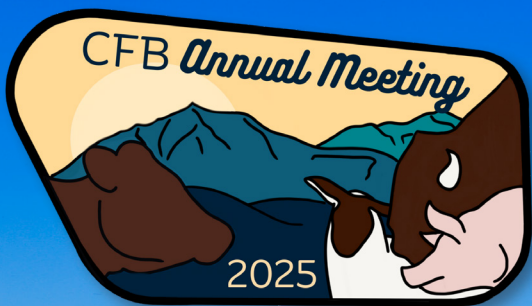




Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center
November 20 - 23

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, CARLYLE CURRIER

Members and guests,

Welcome to Colorado Farm Bureau's 107th Annual Meeting! I look forward to seeing you all and hearing about your year.



Throughout this weekend, you will hear from various speakers and staff, and you will learn more about the hard work the organization has put forth on behalf of agriculture. You will also have opportunities to make policy changes and vote for open Board seats.

I hope you spend lots of time with one another during the YF&R Cornhole Tournament, the Annual Banquet, and visit between sessions.

It is a blessing to be together and enjoy the company of good friends. Thank you for joining us.

Have a great meeting!

Sincerely,

Carlyle Currier
Carlyle Currier, President



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Thursday, November 20

3:30 p.m.	Pre-Registration Packet Pick-Up <i>ATRIUM</i>
4:00 p.m.	Council of County Presidents <i>HIGHLANDS</i>
6:00 p.m.	Auction Item Check-In <i>CHASM CREEK A</i>
6:00 p.m.	Registration Open <i>ATRIUM</i>
6:30 p.m.	Member Reception <i>Sponsored by: JBS</i> <i>ATRIUM</i>



Friday, November 21

6:30 - 8 a.m.

Auction Item Check-In

CHASM CREEK A

Last Opportunity to Donate Items

7:00 a.m.

Newcomer's Breakfast

ROOT 25 RESTAURANT

7:00 a.m.

Registration Open

ATRIUM

7:45 a.m.

Childcare Check-In

ASK STAFF FOR LOCATION

8:30 a.m.

Opening Session

Sponsored by: API-Colorado

GRAND MESA DEF

Presentation of the Colors

Introduction of the FFA, 4-H Officers

Sponsor Remarks

Keynote Speaker: Shaun Haney, RealAgriculture

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

Sponsored by: Nutrien

10:15 a.m.	General Session <i>Sponsored by: Three Corners Connector</i> GRAND MESA DEF <i>President Currier's Address</i> <i>EVP Szilagyi's Address</i> <i>Sponsor Remarks</i>
11:45 a.m.	Awards Luncheon <i>Sponsored by: Bayer</i> GRAND MESA ABC
1:15-1:30 p.m.	Credentials Committee BRISTLECONE
1:30 p.m.	District Caucuses <i>District 1: WIND RIVER A</i> <i>District 3: WIND RIVER B</i> <i>District 5: MESA VERDE C</i> <i>District 7: MESA VERDE A</i> <i>District 9: WIND STAR</i>
2:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Federal Briefing: Programs/Policy WIND STAR Agrivoltaics WIND RIVER B Communicating the Value of Membership MESA VERDE B Livestock and Wolves HIGHLANDS

2:45 p.m.	Coffee Break <i>Sponsored by: Coloradans for Energy Access</i>
3 - 3:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Federal Briefing: Programs/Policy <i>WIND STAR</i> Agrivoltaics <i>WIND RIVER B</i> Communicating the Value of Membership <i>MESA VERDE B</i> Livestock and Wolves <i>HIGHLANDS</i>
4:00 p.m.	Delegate Business Session <i>GRAND MESA DEF</i> <i>State Elections</i>
5:00 p.m.	Childcare Ends
5:00 p.m.	YF&R Discussion Meet <i>MESA VERDE B & WIND RIVER</i>
7:00 p.m.	ELA Reception (<i>Invitation Only</i>) <i>Sponsored by: PacWest</i> <i>CENTENNIAL BALLROOM</i>
7:30 p.m.	YF&R Cornhole Tournament (<i>or dinner with your county</i>) <i>ATRIUM</i>

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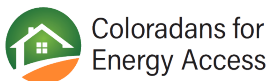
**PURCHASE FROM YOUR YF&R REPRESENTATIVE
OR CONTACT KACIE@COLORADOFB.ORG**

Saturday, November 22

7:00 a.m.	YF&R Discussion Meet Round 2 <i>WIND STAR A & B</i> Collegiate Discussion Meet Round 1 <i>WIND RIVER A, B, AND MESA VERDE C</i>
7:45 a.m.	Childcare Check-In
8:00 a.m.	Wake-Up Breakfast <i>Sponsored by: CFB Insurance</i> <i>GRAND MESA ABC</i> <i>Flint Rasmussen</i>
9:30 a.m.	County President Delegate Check-In <i>GRAND MESA DEF</i>
9:45 a.m.	Voting Delegate Session <i>Sponsored by: Tallgrass Energy</i> <i>GRAND MESA DEF</i> <i>Collegiate Farm Bureau Presidents</i>
11:45 a.m.	Advocacy Luncheon <i>GRAND MESA ABC</i> <i>Ronald McDonald House Representatives</i>
11:45 a.m.	PAC Luncheon (<i>for \$100+ Contributors</i>) <i>CENTENNIAL BALLROOM</i>

12:30 p.m.	Collegiate Discussion Meet Round 2 <i>WIND RIVER A & B, MESA VERDE C</i>
1:30 p.m.	Voting Delegate Session <i>GRAND MESA DEF</i>
2:15 p.m.	Collegiate Seminar <i>HIGHLANDS</i>
3:15 p.m.	Collegiate Discussion Meet Final Four <i>MESA VERDE B</i>
4:00 p.m.	Childcare Ends
4:30 p.m.	YF&R Discussion Meet Final Four <i>MESA VERDE A/B</i>
5:30 p.m.	Reception Sponsored by: American Ag Credit <i>ATRIUM</i>
5:45 p.m.	Childcare Opens
6:00 p.m.	Pizza Party
6:30 p.m.	Annual Banquet and Live Auction Sponsored by: Chevron <i>GRAND MESA BALLROOM</i>
7:30 p.m.	Silent Auction Closes <i>GRAND MESA BALLROOM</i>
9:00 p.m.	Childcare Ends

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



Sunday, November 23

7:30 a.m.

Devotional Breakfast

GRAND MESA DEF

8:45 a.m.

County President Delegate Check-In

(if necessary)

9:00 a.m.

Continue Policy Development

(if necessary)



YF&R LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

COLORADO AND WYOMING ARE JOINING TOGETHER!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

CASSIDY JOHNSON, OPEN HORIZONS AND AARON ALEJANDRO, BUILDING BRIDGES



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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

FEDERAL BRIEFING: THE LATEST ON AG POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Brian Glenn, AFBF

Join us for a timely update on federal actions shaping U.S. agriculture. This session will provide a recap of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act agricultural provisions passed in July, an overview of the current state of the farm economy, and the status of recent economic assistance efforts and emerging policy solutions to support farmers. We'll also discuss the path forward for a Farm Bill—what's in motion, what's still on the table, and how these developments could affect farmers and rural communities in the months ahead.

COMMUNICATING THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

Elise Cruce, AFBF

What makes joining Farm Bureau “worth it?” and how do we make sure potential members and partners see it too? In this workshop, we will explore practical techniques for communicating the value of membership in clear and compelling ways. Participants will walk away with the tools to tailor their message for different audiences, highlight real-world benefits, and connect membership to impact. We'll look at examples of Farm Bureau's value proposition- from advocacy wins to member services – so that you have what you need to be confident in your next membership “ask”.

ON-FARM ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

NREL

This session will provide an overview of on-farm energy technologies options, including solar, wind, geothermal, micro-hydro, anaerobic digesters, and energy efficiency measures. The session will begin with an educational presentation that outlines the technologies, typical development processes and project timelines, key cost drivers influencing adoption, and benefits and challenges of implementing these technologies on farms. Following the presentation and Q&A, attendees will engage in interactive focus groups designed to foster farmer-to-farmer learning and discussion. These will explore real-world experiences, address barriers to adoption, and identify the types of resources and supports farmers may need to successfully adopt on-farm energy systems.

LIVESTOCK AND WOLVES

Jesse Lasater

Jesse will be highlighting tools and resources available free of charge through the Colorado Department of Agriculture's Non-Lethal Conflict Reduction Program. This program is designed to assist Colorado livestock producers mitigate conflict between their livestock and wolves, in conjunction with other state and federal agencies.

SPEAKERS



Elise Cruse

As the Managing Director of Leadership Development, Elise sets the strategic direction for the leadership development team at AFBF. Elise joined the AFBF team in 2017 from the Florida Farm Bureau Federation. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in agriculture education and communications from the University of Florida and holds an MBA from Louisiana State University.



Carlyle Currier

Carlyle Currier was raised on his family's ranch in Molina, CO. He received a BS degree in Agriculture Economics/Farm Management from CSU in 1976 before returning home to become the fourth generation on the ranch. Carlyle has been actively involved in water issues across Colorado and other organizations such as the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and Plateau Valley Fire Protection District. He served as CFB Vice President for 10 years before being elected President in 2020.



Meghan Dollar

Meghan Dollar joined the Colorado Chamber of Commerce as its new Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs and Political Operations on November 1, 2022. Before joining the Chamber, Meghan worked for over a decade at the Colorado Municipal League, where she has served as lead lobbyist beginning in 2020. Meghan has extensive experience at the statehouse advocating for housing providers, local governments, and now businesses.



Brian Glenn

Brian Glenn grew up on a small farm in Highland, Maryland, where his family raised Hereford beef steers. In addition to showing beef cattle, Brian also exhibited Jersey and Holstein dairy heifers. He earned a degree in Agricultural Resource and Economics from the University of Maryland and began his career in agricultural policy with CropLife America, where he served on the government affairs team for more than six years, including an internship. In June, Brian joined the American Farm Bureau Federation's government affairs team, where he works on behalf of farmers and ranchers across the country on farm policy.



Shaun Haney

Shaun Haney is the founder of RealAgriculture, a leading North American ag media platform delivering news and insights on policy, agronomy, and farm management. He hosts RealAg Radio on SiriusXM's Rural Radio Channel 147 and RealAg on the Weekend across Saskatchewan and Alberta. Shaun is also a regular contributor to RFD-TV, Agritalk, and US Farm Report, and co-leads RealAgristudies, a farmer-focused market research initiative launched in 2019.



Jesse Lasater

Raised on a family sheep ranch in southwest Colorado, Jesse brings decades of experience managing sheep and bison operations to his current role with the Colorado Department of Agriculture. He and his wife are proud Colorado Farm Bureau members and Jesse currently serves as the La Plata County Farm Bureau president. He is also a Colorado Farm Bureau Elite Leadership Academy Class X graduate and a 2025 Denver Business Journal "Leaders in Agriculture" honoree. Jesse will present on the Colorado Department of Agriculture's Non-Lethal Conflict Reduction Program designed to assist Colorado livestock producers mitigate conflict between their livestock and wolves.



Jordan Macknick

Jordan Macknick is a Member of the Research Staff and the Lead Energy-Water-Land Analyst for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). Over the past 15 years at NREL, his research has addressed the environmental impacts of energy technologies, while seeking opportunities for energy, economic, and ecological synergies. Since 2015, he has led the InSPIRE (Innovative Solar Practices Integrated with Rural Economies and Ecosystems) project, the United States' largest, longest-running, and most comprehensive agrivoltaics research project. He serves as the Co-Chair of the International Energy Agency's Agrivoltaics Action Group, helping to unify agrivoltaics research across countries.



Sam Milam

For more than 17 years, Sam has served as Development Director for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado, helping ensure critically ill children and their families stay together during times of unforeseen medical crisis. For 18 years, Sam served as Executive Director and instructor of FULLPOWER, teaching men and women in our community self defense and empowerment workshops. At Fox 21, Sam produced and hosted the Fox 21 Kids Club and ViewPoint (a weekly community affairs program) for 12 years, winning the first AME (Achievement in Media Excellence) Award from AWRT (American Women in Radio and Television).



Flint Rasmussen

After graduating from Western Montana College and teaching high school math, history, and coaching for two years, Flint Rasmussen decided to pursue a full-time career as a professional rodeo entertainer. By 1998, he began an impressive run of eight consecutive years as the ProRodeo Clown of the Year and Wrangler National Finals Rodeo Barrelman. During this period, he also worked as an arena entertainer for the PBR, eventually signing an exclusive contract with them from 2006 to 2023. Today, Flint hosts the popular western lifestyle talk show, "Outside the Barrel with Flint Rasmussen," and the "According to Flint Podcast."



Brittany Staie

Brittany Staie is an agrivoltaics and food-energy-water nexus researcher at the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colorado. Her research focuses on evaluating crop production and farmer compatibility in agrivoltaic (solar + agriculture) systems. Additionally, Brittany leads the Agricultural Pathways Catalyzer where she collaborates with external institutions to access the opportunities and challenges for adopting on-farm energy technologies. Brittany also has an M.S. in Environmental Policy and Management and five years of experience as a small-scale organic vegetable farmer.



Taylor Szilagyi

Taylor is the current Executive Vice President of Colorado Farm Bureau. She grew up on her family's cattle ranch in the San Luis Valley, where they raised market beef and show cattle. Growing up, Taylor was active in 4-H and spent summers raising her own show cattle and was a champion beef showman at the Colorado State Fair. Prior to her current role, she served as CFB's vice president of strategy and operations, where she directed Farm Bureau's communications and membership departments, external partnerships and special initiatives and programs.



Doug Zurek

Doug Zurek serves as the Events and Corporate Partnership Manager at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado (RMHCSC), a role he began in October 2023 following a distinguished 20+ year career in law enforcement. In his current position, Doug is responsible for organizing and executing both internal and external fundraising events, as well as developing and maintaining corporate partnerships and sponsorships. His passion for building relationships and creating meaningful impact has made him a key contributor to the charity's mission.

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POLICY WATCH

Policy Watch is an email newsletter that goes out every Tuesday during the Legislative Session to keep you abreast of the happenings at the Capitol.



SERVICE TO AG AWARD WINNERS

INSIDE FARM BUREAU

1975.....	Herman Bresser
1976.....	Ross Chambers
1977.....	Floyd Hale
1978.....	Dick Martin
1979.....	Eda Musser
1980.....	Emma Michell
1981.....	Charles & Gracemary Hobson
1982.....	George R. Benton
1983.....	Eddie & Florence Fuller
1984.....	Francis Bee
1985.....	Wm. E. "Tommy" Rose
1986.....	Donald Bottom
1987.....	Lester & Doris Boswell
1988.....	Otto Maul
1989.....	Joe Fettes, Jr.
1990.....	Dean R. Kittel
1991.....	Robert Jones
1992.....	Keith Propst
1993.....	Hildegard Aeschlimann
1994.....	Andy Mair
1995.....	Bernice Musser
1996.....	Harvey & Beverly Young
1997.....	Leo Large
1998.....	Forrest & Marilyn Frentress
1999.....	Buford Rice
2000.....	Harold Kravig
2001.....	Roger Bill Mitchell
2002.....	Robert Wiley, Jr.
2003.....	John Schweizer, Jr.
2004.....	Lynn Shook
2005.....	Art Andersen, Jr.
2006.....	Jimmy Porter

2007.....	Leon Allen
2008.....	Ivan Grein
2009.....	Barbara Lamborn
2010.....	Dr. Alan Foutz
2011.....	Ken Morgan
2012.....	Phyllis Snyder
2013.....	Charles McMurdy
2014.....	Angela Ryden
2015.....	Calvin Roberts
2016.....	Patty Cook
2017.....	Melvin and Maurine Rettig
2018.....	Donald Shawcroft
2019.....	Richard Connell
2020.....	Hugh Sanburg
2021.....	J. Paul Brown
2022.....	Leah Braton
2023.....	Chad Vorthmann
2024.....	Brant Harrison

2025: Marc Arnusch

OUTSIDE FARM BUREAU

1975	C.G. Staver
1976	Fay DeBerard
1977	Clarence Quinlan
1978	Kenneth Kinnie
1979	James Read
1980	"Dugan" Wilkinson
1981	Dave Hamil
1982	Mel Haines
1983	John Vanderhoof
1984	Fred Anderson
1985	Robert Welborn
1986	Dan Noble
1987	Sam Haslem
1988	Paul Hoshiko
1989	Stan Pilcher

1990	William Armstrong
1991	Carl “Bev” Bledsoe
1992	Sally Schuff
1994	Senator Don Ament
1995	Senator Ray Powers
1996	Dean Preston
1997	Representative Lewis Entz
1998	Hank Brown
1999	Chuck Hudson
2000	Kirvin Knox
2001	Richard Woodfin
2002	John B. Shawcroft
2003	Dr. Al Yates
2004	Ben Nighthorse Campbell
2005	Casey Brown
2006	Representative Diane Hoppe
2007	Michael Martin Murphy
2008	Senator Jack Taylor
2009	Mark Leachman
2010	Barney Visser
2011	Jody Davis
2012	Jim Miller
2013	Bob Sakata
2014	Bette Blinde
2015	Justice Gregory Hobbs
2016	Senator Cory Gardner
2017	Phil Seng
2018	Lisa Drake
2019	Brian Allmer
2020	Congressman Scott Tipton
2021	Dr. Tony Frank
2022	Robert Sakata
2023	Les Owen
2024	Senator Perry Will

2025: CJ Mucklow

