

THE CORNWALL AWARD

The Cornwall Award honors the best overall County Farm Bureau program in Vermont.

It is an annual award presented at the Vermont Farm Bureau’s Annual Meeting. It is named in memory of Vermont Farm Bureau’s 1st President, Ellsworth B. Cornwall. It is in his honor, and in the tradition of leadership excellence that the truly dedicated and successful County Farm Bureaus, with their leaders and members, are proudly recognized.

County: _____

Signature: _____

County Farm Bureau President

Please return to the Vermont Farm Bureau office by **October 1, 2018**:

ATTN: Vermont Farm Bureau Awards Committee
Vermont Farm Bureau
117 West Main Street
Richmond, VT 05477
Vtfb@vtfb.org

Introduction:

County: _____

For the year: _____

This score sheet is to be used only as a checklist for County Farm Bureaus. A written report should also be submitted for evaluation. Any supporting material, photos, newspaper articles, county FB newsletters, committee reports, etc. can be submitted as long as it clearly demonstrates county leadership and overall program excellence. All material should be presented in a neat and orderly manner, such as in a binder or folder.

It is suggested that counties work with the award application form early in the year to act as a guide to planning committees and county programs. Make as many copies as needed. It is developed to show the County Farm Bureau’s areas of strength and areas that need building.

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	<u>Basic Score</u>	<u>Your Score</u>
A. <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>		
1. For annually reviewing County FB bylaws and memorandum of understanding with VFB	10	_____
2. For having Young Farmers' Chair as a voting board member	10	_____
3. For appointment of committees and reporting same to Vermont Farm Bureau by December 1	50	_____
4. For holding regularly-scheduled board meetings with quorum present	20	_____
5. For prepared agenda for each meeting, distributed to board members prior to meeting, or mailed with minutes of previous meeting	25	_____
6. For having carefully prepared and readily available minutes of all meetings, and treasurer's reports	25	_____
7. For preparing a budget for County Farm Bureau	20	_____
B. <u>MEMBERSHIP</u>		
1. For having an effective membership committee which prepares campaign plans and Includes members other than board members	50	_____
2. For having a county Membership Committee Chair	25	_____
3. For preparing a complete list of prospective members by town	50	_____
4. For making membership goal	200	_____
5. For renewing 90% or better of members	50	_____
6. For doing Member Contact Program monthly (5 points for every member contacted)	5 x #	_____
7. For holding a membership training program for town chairperson and solicitors	50	_____

C. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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| 1. For having an effective Policy Development or resolutions committee which prepares a program and presents it to the board for adoption | 25 | _____ |
| 2. For each community or county policy development meeting | 10 | _____ |
| 3. For each commodity group represented at policy development meeting (5 points ea. commodity) | 5 x # | _____ |
| 4. For every member family participating in policy development process (includes annual meeting, committee meetings, district meetings; 2 points each family) | 2 x # | _____ |
| 5. For presenting a set of proposed resolutions to members at annual county meetings | 25 | _____ |
| 6. Including policy recommendations from Young Farmers Committee | 10 | _____ |
| 7. For mailing proposed resolutions with annual meeting notice | 25 | _____ |

D. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

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| 1. For having an active legislative committee which prepares a legislative plan and presents it to the board for adoption | 10 | _____ |
| 2. For committee holding meetings with county legislative delegation (25 points each meeting) | 25 x # | _____ |
| 3. For participating in a FB legislative breakfast or legislative forum in Montpelier, or elsewhere, dealing with state issues (2 points per person) | 2 x # | _____ |
| 4. For having a Farm Bureau ACT Committee (5 points per active committee member) | 5 x # | _____ |
| 5. For having an established calling tree to contact county members | 10 | _____ |
| 6. For members writing letters to elected public officials, state and national level, to ask for support of FB position (10 points per letter; include a sample copy of letters) | 10 x # | _____ |
| 7. For naming an Achievement Award winner to represent the County Farm Bureau at VFB Annual Meeting | 25 | _____ |
| 8. For having participants in Young Farmers Legislative or Leadership Conferences | | _____ |

(10 points each participant)

10 x #

E. SERVICES FOR MEMBERS

1. For having active Service-to-Members committee

25

2. For each meeting of the committee

10

3. For each service provided as a member benefit, please list:

4. For having a Nationwide Insurance representative personally report at the county annual meeting

20

F. YOUNG FARMERS ACTIVITIES

1. For having an active Young Farmer's Committee

25

2. For a program of work prepared, presented to, and adopted by the board by January 1

25

3. For holding committee meetings during the year (5 points for each meeting)

5 x #

4. For each project carried out by this committee, either jointly with another committee or separately (25 points each project)

25 x #

5. For each other County Farm Bureau committee that includes Young Farmers (10 points each committee)

10 x #

6. For having a Discussion Meet Contestant at the VFB annual meeting (20 points each contestant)

20 x #

7. For naming an Achievement Award winner to represent the County Farm Bureau at the VFB Annual Meeting

25

8. For having participants in Young Farmers Legislative Leadership Conferences (10 points each participant)

10 x #

G. PUBLIC INFORMATION, PUBLICITY, PUBLIC RELATIONS

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| 1. For having an active county publicity chairperson or committee
(County Information Director) | 50 | _____ |
| 2. For each news story publicizing a local or County Farm Bureau event
(10 points each event and attach copies of new stories) | 10 x # | _____ |

H. PARTICIPATION IN VERMONT FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

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| 1. Last year, 5 points for each person that attended | 5 x # | _____ |
| 2. Last year, 10 points for each person other than a delegate/alternate that attended | 10 x # | _____ |

I. SPECIAL PROJECTS

Include a brief, written report to describe your program activity. This program should be something that benefits the members in your county. Examples: various commodities committees, safety, Farm/City, Ag in the Classroom, FFA and 4-H support, fair booth, etc. (50 points for each project)

	50 x #	_____
	TOTAL	_____

*** Note: It is suggested that this score sheet be completed by President, Secretary and committee chairperson. Information from the Cornwall Award applications are used not only for county recognition, but for VFB Gold Star Awards applications to American Farm Bureau Federation.**