

# South Dakota Farm Bureau records

## Finding Aid

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## Collection Summary

### *Identifier*

MA 26

### *Title*

South Dakota Farm Bureau records

### *Creator*

South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation

### *Dates*

1914-1995

### *Extent*

1.0 linear feet -- 1 records center box

### *Language*

English

### *Repository*

South Dakota State University Archives and Special Collections, Hilton M. Briggs Library, Brookings, South Dakota.

### *Access note*

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### *Abstract*

South Dakota Farm Bureau is an agriculture organization that serves its members by working to improve the personal, social, economic and political interests of South Dakota's farm and ranch families. The collection is composed of records of the South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation and associated groups. Records include minutes, publications, reports, and other materials.

## **Historical Note**

The South Dakota Farm Bureau is one of the oldest farmers' organizations in South Dakota. Work at the county level began as early as 1913, and the state Farm Bureau Federation was formed in 1917. At first, the Farm Bureau was closely associated with the Cooperative Extension Service, but by 1935, the association dissipated.

The South Dakota Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company formerly provided another member service of the Farm Bureau Federation. This federation owned company provided insurance to members. In July 1999, it merged with the Iowa Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and ceased to exist.

The South Dakota Farm Bureau Service Company is a for-profit corporation owned and operated by the South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation.

## **Arrangement**

This collection is arranged into four series:

Series 1. County Farm Bureau records

Series 2. Federation records

Series 3. Mutual Insurance Company records

Series 4. Service Company records

Folders are arranged alphabetically within each series.

## Contents Note

This collection is composed of records of the South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation and associated groups.

The County series consists of a small amount of material from the Brookings County, Codington County and Hamlin County Farm Bureaus. Included are reports and minutes.

The Federation records are composed of committee files, minutes, publications, clippings, bylaws, financial records and historical information. The Committees material is composed mainly of minutes of the various committees within the Farm Bureau Federation. Included are minutes of the Executive Committee, Women's Committee, and Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee. The General files include bylaws of the Federation, clippings, financial material, and histories of several county Farm Bureaus throughout South Dakota. Folders are arranged in alphabetical order. The Meeting minutes are composed of meeting minutes of the Farm Bureau Federation dating from 1964-1995. Minutes from several smaller committees are also included. The Publications are composed of *Ag Leader*, a monthly periodical published by the Farm Bureau that reports on activities of the Bureau.

The Mutual Insurance Company series consists of minutes for a meeting held in 1968, bylaws and agreements. The General files are composed of bylaws and agreements between the South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation, Rural Security Life Insurance Company and the South Dakota Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. The minutes are composed of minutes from a meeting held in 1968.

The Service Company series consists of meeting minutes.

## Related Resources

South Dakota Bureau farming, South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation  
Huron, S.D., South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation, 1946-  
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South Dakota Farm Bureau's Ag leader, South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation  
Huron, S.D. : South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation, 1982-  
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## Key Words

American Farm Bureau Federation

South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation

South Dakota Farm Bureau Insurance Company

South Dakota Farm Bureau Service Company

Agriculture, Cooperative -- South Dakota

Agriculture -- South Dakota -- Societies, etc.

Insurance companies -- South Dakota

## **Administrative Information**

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### *Arranged and Described by*

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## Container List

<b>Series</b>	<b>Sub-series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1. County Farm Bureau records	1. Brookings County	1	1	Annual report of county extension workers	1927-1928
1. County Farm Bureau records	2. Codington County	1	2	Annual report of county extension agent	1926
1. County Farm Bureau records	2. Codington County	1	3	Annual report of county extension workers	1925-1926
1. County Farm Bureau records	2. Codington County	1	4	Minutes	1930-1934
1. County Farm Bureau records	3. Hamlin County	1	5	Annual report of county extension agent	1925
1. County Farm Bureau records	3. Hamlin County	1	6	Annual report of county extension workers	1927-1928
1. County Farm Bureau records	3. Hamlin County	1	7	Narrative report of county extension work	1917-1928
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	8	Executive committee	1975-1978
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	9	Farm P.A.C.	1978, 1980
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	10	Lewis and Clark Marketing Association	1983-1984
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	11	Marketing committee	1970-1971
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	12	Missouri Basin Cattle Marketing Association	1982-1984
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	13	Nominating committee	1971, 1974

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2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	14	Project '80 committee	1976
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	15	Service Board committee	1967
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	16	State Resolutions committee	1968
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	17	West Sioux Cattle Feedlot Marketing	1982
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	18	Women's committee	1967-1975
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	19	Women's committee	1976-1979
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	20	Women's committee	1980-1985
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	21	Women's committee	1986-1990
2. Federation records	1. Committees	1	22	Young Farmers and Ranchers committee	1965-1993
2. Federation records	2. General	1	23	Bylaws	1967-1980
2. Federation records	2. General	1	24	Clippings	1969-1970
2. Federation records	2. General	1	25	Financial	1954-1969
2. Federation records	2. General	1	26	History	1967
2. Federation records	2. General	1	27	Meeting minutes	1964-1967

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2. Federation records	3. Meeting minutes	1	28	Meeting minutes	1968-1969
2. Federation records	3. Meeting minutes	1	29	Meeting minutes	1970-1974
2. Federation records	3. Meeting minutes	1	30	Meeting minutes	1975-1979
2. Federation records	3. Meeting minutes	1	31	Meeting minutes	1986-1990
2. Federation records	3. Meeting minutes	1	32	Meeting minutes	1991-1995
2. Federation records	4. Publications	1	33	Ag Leader	1981-1984
3. Mutual Insurance Company records	1. General	1	34	Agreements	undated
3. Mutual Insurance Company records	1. General	1	35	Bylaws	1967
3. Mutual Insurance Company records	2. Minutes	1	36	Meeting minutes	1968
4. Service Company records	1. Minutes	1	37	Meeting minutes	1971-1989