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Status of County Extension Organization

(1). Form of Organization.

Fallon County has a Farm Bureau organization. This organization was formed primarily for the purpose of co-operating with the State and Federal Extension Service Departments, in carrying on Extension work in the county. The Farm Bureau organization is not supported by public or tax funds. The members of the organization pay a membership fee which is deposited in its treasury to be used as the organization sees fit.

Extension work is carried on in the county as a result of an agreement between the County Farm Bureau and the State Extension Service. In this agreement the Farm Bureau agrees to adopt and carry on each year a definite program of work in co-operation with the Extension Service. In order to do this it is first necessary that the Farm Bureau have an agreement and budget signed by the County Board of Commissioners to provide the necessary finances. The State Extension Service agrees to pay each year a definite sum of money towards the employment of a County Agricultural Agent to carry out the adopted program of work. The County money spent for Extension work is paid by the Farm Bureau treasurer on bills which have been approved by the State Director of Extension.

The organization of the County Farm Bureau as it relates to Extension work, is as follows: The officers are a president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. These, and five other members are elected each year at the annual meeting and constitute the executive committee. Each community that is organized for Extension work elects a community chairman and a project leader for each project adopted in the community. The county executive committee meets with the County Agent and advises relative to the general projects that are carried on in the county. The community chairman and the project leaders constitute the executive committee for each respective community.