USDA Names Trump Administration Appointees to the Montana Farm Service Agency State Committee

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Full Committee Now Seated

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Bozeman, Mont. - April 16, 2026 - The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced the appointment of five leaders in agriculture to serve on the Montana USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) state committee.

Members of the FSA state committee are appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins and, in support of the Trump Administration's Farmers First commitment, members of the FSA state committee are responsible for the oversight of farm programs and county committee operations, resolving program delivery appeals from the agriculture community, maintaining cooperative relations with industry stakeholders and keeping producers informed about current FSA programs.

Each FSA state committee is comprised of three to five members including a designated chairperson. The individuals appointed to serve on this committee for Montana are:

- **Carl Raabe Mattson, Chair** (Chester) - Mattson is a longtime operator of a no?till dryland grain farm that produces small cereal grains. Mattson has led the farm as chief executive officer and board chairman for over two decades. He previously served as chairman of the Montana FSA state committee during the first Trump Administration. *****
- **Gene Raymond Curry, Member** (Valier) - Curry is founder and president of a livestock operation as well as a livestock trucking enterprise. The ranch includes farmland, pasture, hay meadows, and a 500?head backgrounding lot with plans for expansion. He previously served on the Montana FSA state committee during the first Trump Administration from 2020-2021. *****
- **Brian Dale Eggebrecht, Member** (Belgrade) - Eggebrecht is owner and operator of a large operation that produces wheat, barley, dry peas, lentils, and oilseeds in rotation in Phillips County. He also leases pastureland to cow?calf producers, and provides custom farming, chemical sales, and commercial spraying as a licensed ag chemical dealer and applicator. *****
- **Chaley Harney, Member** (Billings) - Harney is an agricultural leader with more than 15 years of experience in producer representation and program oversight. As executive director of the Montana Beef Council, she has managed the state's beef checkoff program including promotion, research, and education under USDA Agricultural Marketing Service compliance. She has previously served on the USDA FSA state committee in Montana and has held leadership roles with the California Cattlemen's Association, national beef organizations, and state agricultural boards.

- **Constance Ione Iversen, Member** (Culbertson) - Iversen is a fourth?generation farmer and rancher who manages a cow?calf operation with irrigated hay, pasture, and cropland along the Missouri River. She is responsible for herd management, calving, feeding, and hay production. Iversen previously served on the Richland FSA County committee. *****

  Mattson, Curry, Eggebrecht and Iversen were appointed, previously announced and have been serving on the Montana FSA State Committee since January 2026.

"These individuals, selected by Secretary Rollins in partnership with key stakeholders in each state, are held in high regard in the agriculture industry and are entrusted to ensure FSA programs are delivered in a manner consistent with federal farm policy and in the best interest of all agricultural producers in their state," said FSA Administrator Bill Beam. "Their appointment to the FSA state committee is a testament to their standing in the industry and their dedication to the agriculture industry, rural America and President Trump's America First, Farmers First policies."

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

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