

July 27, 2017

To: County Women's Committee

From: Harry Willems, Director, Organization and Member Programs

RE: 3rd Quarter Report

The third quarter of the Farm Bureau year is coming to an end and your quarterly reports are due August 15. We know there have been a lot of activities the last three months and we are excited to hear what your county has been doing to promote agriculture.

The report has changed to a simple email, answering three questions and reporting your county activities in the four areas on the attached page. This is not a fillable form. Just send an email answering the questions and describing your activities in the four areas. Please send email to <u>harry.willems@arfb.com</u> or <u>lori.croy@arfb.com</u>.

Our State Women's Committee continues to support the art supply project. Please send in your receipts by January 31 for reimbursement. We will reimburse one half of what your county spends up to \$150. If your county spends \$300 on art supplies for their schools, the committee will send your county \$150 to offset some of your costs. With the AITC Coloring Contest in November and the Safety Poster Contest in January, the donation of supplies may be an opportunity to get your schools interested in our programs. Please donate purchased items only. Cash donations will not be reimbursed.

The Women's Committee and YF&R Committee will be continuing the Backpack Program. For many children, school meals may be the only meal they eat. What happens when they go home over the weekend? For more than 15 years, the Feeding America Backpack Program has been helping children get nutritious and easy-to-prepare food they need for the weekends. With your help, we can provide more food to more children in need. We would like for you to contact your county school district and see if they are currently using this program and what you can do to help. Whether it is a monetary donation or a food supply list that is filled. This food is administered by school personnel and goes to specific children in need.

We will match one half up to \$100 that you spend for the Backpack Program or you can donate to a local county food pantry this fall and again in the spring of 2018. Receipts for the fall need to be sent to the state office by October 15 and for the spring by April 15.

Any accompanying photos should be sent to ken.moore@arfb.com

Thank you

HW/lc

cc: State Women's Committee County President MSRs

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Gold Star Awards - Women's Committee - Quarter 3

Owner: County: Date Created:	Status: Total Points:	
Comment:		
Points:		
County	Applicant	Telephone

PART I

Our county women's committee:

- 1) Assisted with the selection of youth for the Teen Challenge or MASH Program (6)
- 2) Held Organizational meetings (6)
- 3) Attended the Officers & Leaders Conference (6)

PART II

Scores will be based on activities with one point given for each. Additional points will be awarded for multiple day activities or multiple commodities.

Describe activities conducted by your county Women's Committee in each of the following areas:

Commodity Promotions/Activities

Ag-in-the-Classroom

Rural Health and Safety

Farm City and/or Other Activities

Number of hours of volunteer time compiled this quarter:

Plans for the future (tell us about any activities planned for the next quarter...give dates, places, and times if possible):