



# FELLOWS

## Excellence in Leadership & Service Award

Presented by American AgCredit & RMFU



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### FELLOWS PROGRAM

The future of American agriculture and our communities lies in the hands of those involved. Our greatest assets are individuals who are invested in developing leadership abilities and a commitment to influencing the future. The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Fellows Program helps to ensure that communities, both rural and urban, agricultural producers, and consumers have leaders who understand the complex system that connects us to ensure agricultural prosperity, food security, and innovation.

### PROVEN LEADERS

Agriculture needs leaders who are proactive and progressive. They must have both commitment and skills to be effective. The RMFU Fellows program was created to help individuals develop and hone the skills needed to effectively create and sustain vibrant communities. The Fellows program offers emerging leaders a foundation in key areas such as agriculture, farm policy, food systems, cooperation, and advocacy.

### NOMINATION GUIDELINES

In partnership with American AgCredit, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union announces the **Fellows Excellence in Leadership & Service Award**. This award honors an RMFU Fellow who has demonstrated personal growth, provides leadership within various communities, and is an advocate for agriculture. All former and current RMFU Fellows are eligible and can be nominated by a Farmers Union member, Fellow alum, American AgCredit customer, or self-nominate.

Guidelines for nomination include:

- Must have completed all sessions within the year-long program
- Have demonstrated what they have used since their Fellows experience within their community, cooperative development project, advocacy work, or within their personal businesses
- Have continued to be an active member of Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
- Application due by October 30, 2021
- American AgCredit will present the award and cash prize during the Harvest Moon Gala on November 19, 2021.

### SPONSORS

American AgCredit, founded in 1916, provides loans and other financial services to agricultural and rural customers throughout Colorado, California, Hawaii, Kansas, New Mexico, Nevada and Oklahoma, as well as to capital markets customers in all 50 states.

American AgCredit is a proud member of the Farm Credit System, created more than 100 years ago with the sole purpose of serving the financial needs of farmers and ranchers. They are truly “built for agriculture”.

American AgCredit and Rocky Mountain Farmers Union are excited about honoring RMFU Fellows who have utilized the tools and resources through the program to grow and work for the betterment of agriculture and their communities.