

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
YAKIMA-KLICKITAT COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC.

We, the undersigned, all of whom are residents and citizens of the State of Washington, engaged in the production of agricultural products, do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a nonprofit, cooperative association, without capital stock, under the laws of the State of Washington, and for such purposes we do hereby make, execute and adopt the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation, previously known as “Yakima County Farm Bureau, Inc.”, shall hereafter be YAKIMA-KLICKITAT COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC.

ARTICLE II

The period of the existence and the duration of the life of this corporation shall be perpetual. ~~fifty years from the date of its incorporation.~~

ARTICLE III

The principal office and place of business of this corporation shall be at the City of Yakima, in the County of Yakima, State of Washington.

ARTICLE IV

The seal of this corporation shall be circular, with the name of the corporation around the border and the date of incorporation in the center.

ARTICLE V

The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be:

- A. To create a county-wide organization for the advancement and improvement of agricultural, livestock, commercial, manufacturing and general interests for the benefit of farmers and of farming in Yakima and Klickitat Counties and any other areas called for.
- B. To strengthen and correlate the activities of the Farm Bureau Units.
- C. To affiliate with the Washington State Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation, if the affiliation is in the best interests of the organization and its members.
- D.—To encourage, promote and foster advocacy, either in its own name as agent for its members or through associated or subsidiary corporations, either currently existing entities or with organizations formed by the Yakima-Klickitat County Farm Bureau, including:
  - i. financial assistance to such organizations, or through persons with which it is under contract
  - ii. carry on and conduct through its own efforts or through an agent organization formed by Yakima-Klickitat County Farm Bureau or cooperatively with another agricultural entity the activities and operations connected with and including lobbying, initiating and supporting legal action and forming a Political Action Committee.

- iii. advocacy and associated activities that pertain to government actions, proposed, under review or in effect, at local, state or the federal level which affects the members or has the possibility to affect them. The advocacy and associated activities also may include cooperating with other interested county farm bureaus and any other organizations with similar goals,
- iv. To cultivate alliances and form coalitions to broaden and increase the voice of its members
- v. To foster improved voter awareness regarding issues affecting agriculture.
- vi. To foster better understanding within the education system (for students and educators) about issues affecting agriculture.

- E. To encourage, promote and foster cooperative handling and marketing organizations among farmers, or either in its own name as agent for its producing members or through associated or subsidiary corporations, or through persons with which it is under contract, carry on and conduct cooperatively the activities and operations connected with the producing, handling, and marketing of agricultural products.
- F. To encourage, promote and foster cooperative organizations for the mutual benefit of its members, or either in its own name as agent for its patron members, or through associated or subsidiary corporations, or through some person with which it is in contract, carry on and conduct cooperatively the activities and operations connected with the manufacturing, buying, purchasing, selling or supplying to its members of machinery, equipment or supplies.
- G. To cooperate with the Extension Service and the Experiment Station of the State and Federal Governments.
- H. To do each and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any one of the objects or purposes, or the attainment of any one or more of the subjects herein enumerated, conducive to or expedient for the interest or benefits of members of the corporation, and to contract accordingly; and in addition, to exercise and possess all powers, rights and privileges necessary or incidental to the purposes for which the corporation is organized or to the activities in which it is engaged.

## ARTICLE VI

The powers of this corporation shall be:

Section 1. As principal or agent, to manufacture, buy, sell, distribute, exchange and deal in merchandise, provisions and supplies of any kind, nature and description.

Section 2. As principal or agent, to manufacture, buy, sell, distribute, exchange and deal in machinery, tools, conveyances, devices and implements of all kinds and for all purposes, including agricultural machinery and tools of all kinds and the repair parts therefor.

Section 3. As principal or agent, to manufacture, buy, sell, distribute, exchange and deal in insecticides, poisons and in any materials, supplies or products which may be used for any domestic, agricultural, manufacturing, commercial or personal purposes.

Section 4. To act as agent or representative, in any lawful manner, of corporations, firms and individuals.

Section 5. To do a general business as commission merchant, selling agent and factor in the

manner and to the same extent as natural persons may do.

Section 6. To purchase, sell as owner, agent or consignee, and generally deal in poultry, all kinds of livestock, all kinds of cereals and grains, fruit, all kinds of farm and dairy produce and all articles, goods and merchandise prepared or manufactured from any of such products and livestock.

Section 7. To purchase, lease, or in any lawful manner acquire, build and equip warehouses for the proper storage of any merchandise, supplies, machinery, agricultural produce of all kinds, grains, livestock and any or all of the articles above referred to; and to operate the same on commission, and as owner, with full power to act as general warehousemen with the right to issue proper receipts and certificates as such.

Section 8. To loan money for agricultural purposes and to borrow money for any corporate purpose and to pledge the faith and credit of this corporation therefor.

Section 9. To transact business with or for nonmembers of the association in an amount not greater than that made permissible by federal income tax law or state law, whichever is lesser.

Section 10. To do any lawful act necessary to carry out the purposes aforesaid or incidental thereto, including the purchase, lease, acquisition, control, sale and mortgaging of real and personal property; the issuance and acceptance of bills of exchange, notes, checks, and drafts; and to make and enter into all kinds of contracts, agreements and obligations with any person or corporation necessary or proper for the purposes herein mentioned.

#### ARTICLE VII

Such business as this corporation shall engage in shall not be conducted for profit, and only for sufficient margin to cover the expenses of operation and maintenance and any other authorized deductions for expansion and necessary reserves.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. This association shall not have any capital stock, but shall admit applicants to membership upon such uniform conditions as may be prescribed by the board of directors of the association, or in its bylaws. This association shall be operated on a cooperative basis for the mutual benefit of its members as producers, and membership in the association shall be restricted to producers, who shall patronize the association. The voting rights of the members of the association shall be described in the bylaws. ~~equal and no member shall have more than one vote.~~ The property rights and interests of each member in the association shall be unequal; and shall be determined and fixed in the proportion that the patronage of each member shall bear to the total patronage of all members with the association. In determining property rights and interests all amounts allocated to each patron or evidenced by certificates of any kind shall be excluded. New members admitted to membership shall be entitled to share in the property of the association in accordance with the foregoing general rule.

#### ARTICLE IX

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed in the manner designated in the by-laws, where the by-laws so provide, and such officers as the by-laws shall prescribe shall be chosen in the manner and for the term or terms of office as set forth in the by-laws with such power, authority and duties given them thereby.

ARTICLE X

The business and affairs of this corporation shall be managed and controlled by a board of not less than five. The incorporating directors named in these articles shall serve not less than two months and not more than six months from the date of the filing of these articles. The first annual meeting of the corporation shall be held at Yakima, Washington, on the day of September, 1953, and the annual meeting of the members of this association may be held at such place in Yakima County, Washington, and on such date as the board of directors shall designate at least thirty days in advance thereof. At the first annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected to succeed the incorporating directors and to serve for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, the advance notice requirement of annual meetings and the length of the terms of the directors shall be set by the bylaws.

ARTICLE XI

The names and addresses of the incorporating directors of this corporation, who shall serve until the first annual meeting of the corporation, as above provided, are the following:

Name	Address
C. A. Brazil	Route 1, Selah, Washington
H. C. Thompson	Route 1, Cowiche, Washington
Richard Van Driel	Route 2, Selah, Washington
George Leuning	Rt. 1, Box 200, Selah, Washington
C. E. Van Winkle	Route 1, Sunnyside, Washington

ARTICLE XII

The names and addresses of the incorporators hereof are the following:

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C. A. Brazil	Route 1, Selah, Washington
H. C. Thompson	Route 1, Cowiche, Washington
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ARTICLE XIII

The articles of incorporation may be altered or amended and such shall be done as provided by law.

ARTICLE XIV

A code of by-laws shall be adopted as provided by law, for the government and management of this association, and the by-laws may be altered or amended and such shall be done as provided by law.