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## Cooperative Extension membership alert

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AGRICULTURE  
AND HOME ECONOMICS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
Miss. State College and U. S. Extension Service, County Agent  
Dept. Agriculture Cooperating and Home Demonstration Work

State College, Mississippi  
April 16, 1954

UNDER STAMP

TO WHITE COUNTY AGENTS:

I am enclosing an up to date breakdown of the active white Farm Bureau members compared to last year and the same information for the Negroes.

The Mississippi Farm Bureau has really gone all out for our state and Federal appropriation. We know they have done a great, great deal of good; proof of this is the action already taken by the Legislature on the state level and Congress on the National level. Now it adds up to this: We can't afford to let them down with their membership. You can readily see where the work needs to be done. Now fellows, an excuse is easy but it is going to be mighty hard to get up good reasons why you should not get ahold of your leadership and quickly get your pro-rata share of the membership into the Jackson office. This should be done this month. This can be done if you will make it a person to person call.

A look at the records will show a few counties over the top and they are to be congratulated but most counties need to do some work on whites and Negroes. Some counties merely have to bring up a few to equal what they had last year, others need to put forth more effort.

I will greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*M. S. Shaw*  
M. S. Shaw  
Associate Director

Enclosure

Same letter sent to all counties but lists sent to counties by districts.

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IN  
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1308 Lynch Street  
Jackson 3, Mississippi  
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CIRCULAR LETTER

TO ALL NEGRO EXTENSION WORKERS IN MISSISSIPPI

Dear Co-Worker:

Enclosed you will find a sheet showing the Farm Bureau membership by counties for 1953 and 1954. You will note that our 1954 membership is considerably lower in most counties than in 1953.

We sent out a special letter some weeks ago on the importance of the Farm Bureau membership. We cannot afford to have fewer members this year than last year. The Farm Bureau has carried out its pledge in its fight to maintain our present budget. This letter is to solicit your wholehearted cooperation in securing more Farm Bureau members. We should at least bring our State membership up to equal what it was last year. However, it is our hope to exceed last year's membership. You will find the county Farm Bureau officials ready and willing to give you any information or assistance needed. We are sure you know better than we just how to solicit this membership, but we are urging that you ask every farmer or farm wife whom you can possibly contact within the next thirty days for their 1954 Farm Bureau dues. Be prepared to receive these dues and see that they get into the State Office as fast as possible.

If you can give any reason why this membership in your county is so low, or why you cannot get farmers to join this year, please let us know. If we can be of further service to you, please notify us.

We are depending on you and are confident that you will come through with flying colors as usual.

With best wishes, we are

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Daisey M. Lewis

/s/ W. E. Ammons

Daisey M. Lewis  
Negro Dist. Home Dem. Agent

W. E. Ammons, Leader  
Negro Men's Work

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU

L. P. WRIGHT'S DISTRICT

THROUGH THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 12, 1954

COUNTY	1954 QUOTA (Active)	WHITE		NEGRO	
		1953	1954	1953	1954
Adams	103	108	107	6	10
Amite	446	418	439	99	69
Claiborne	218	229	176	102	60
Copiah	530	506	385	118	68
Franklin	283	158	174	10	7
Hinds	739	781	739	341	187
Jefferson	189	203	151	39	21
Lawrence	389	294	298	35	39
Leake	796	473	409	53	58
Lincoln	694	661	652	41	31
Madison	497	524	526	420	236
Pike	788	829	667	183	101
Rankin	489	238	222	70	23
Scott	584	379	275	67	51
Shannon	647	356	314	22	18
Smith	759	397	367	4	5
Walthall	513	492	490	44	18
Warren	263	277	236	111	90
Wilkinson	139	71	73	0	1
Yazoo	625	659	644	309	180
TOTAL	9,691	8,053	7,344	2,074	1,273

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU

## SAM THOMPSON'S DISTRICT

THROUGH MONTH ENDING APRIL 12, 1954

COUNTY	1954	WHITE		NEGRO	
	QUOTA (Active)	1953	1954	1953	1954
Attala	667	702	520	165	100
Bolivar	1193	1193	1281	2236	1295
Carroll	376	388	250	78	52
Coahoma	571	604	475	389	224
DeSoto	386	406	351	174	51
Grenada	203	214	274	54	56
Holmes	590	621	659	218	142
Humphreys	423	459	390	238	134
Issaquena	88	93	97	28	35
Leflore	574	586	575	128	52
Montgomery	533	566	397	88	54
Panola	616	609	601	72	142
Quitman	504	531	558	339	202
Sharkey	217	228	258	105	61
Sunflower	1061	1061	1062	237	35
Tallahatchie	491	367	335	111	100
Tate	428	451	439	82	81
Tunica	184	194	194	28	32
Washington	621	621	616	494	378
Yalobusha	537	565	536	111	63
TOTAL	10,263	10,459-9,938		5,375	3,309

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT MISSISSIPPI FARM BUREAU

## BENNETT SMITH'S DISTRICT

THROUGH THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 12, 1954

COUNTY	1954 QUOTA (Active)	WHITE		NEGRO	
		1953	1954	1953	1954
Clarke	494	526	407	66	70
Covington	532	180	171	49	29
Farract	487	513	497	21	19
George	343	209	159	2	•
Greene	259	119	89	3	1
Hancock	191	76	70	0	•
Harrison	318	207	208	1	0
Jackson	296	93	77	0	•
Jasper	490	516	413	121	65
Jeff Davis	369	292	267	150	100
Jones	978	1029	923	79	38
Kemper	390	193	157	30	14
Lamar	454	272	249	0	0
Lauderdale	750	794	711	49	38
Marion	594	348	305	57	25
Neshoba	996	690	603	43	17
Newton	691	449	446	34	40
Pearl River	529	400	359	2	2
Perry	265	161	106	14	0
Stone	163	148	144	0	2
<u>Wayne</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL	10,072	7,414	5,475	740	473

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S. D. CRAIG'S DISTRICT

THROUGH THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 12, 1954

COUNTY	1954 QUOTA (Active)	WHITE		NEGRO	
		1953	1954	1953	1954
Alcorn	838	344	343	17	11
Benton	348	370	355	23	28
Calhoun	765	687	680	17	24
Chickasaw	597	633	525	54	39
Choctaw	399	93	94	8	0
Clay	467	428	414	137	81
Itawamba	924	574	453	5	11
Lafayette	523	482	432	102	80
Lee	1082	747	806	94	58
Lowndes	503	529	453	45	43
Marshall	323	262	233	22	49
Monroe	788	800	654	123	83
Noxubee	375	395	394	53	0
Oktibbeha	485	511	485	72	54
Pontotoc	1010	845	792	18	19
Prentiss	902	526	476	4	5
Tippah	747	632	713	12	11
Tishomingo	682	427	435	4	3
Union	931	597	685	20	13
Webster	511	410	421	10	14
Winston	602	529	507	89	101
TOTAL	13,742	10,781	10,449	929	727