

Common Ground Digest Week of November 11, 2024

NEW FAQ's for COUNTRY Reps & Illinois Farm Bureau

Q: What's happening with Illinois Farm Bureau associate memberships that renew in October, November or December related to combined bill?

A: Eligible associate membership dues can be combined with a COUNTRY premium bill that generates between 90 days ahead and 60 days after the membership renewal date. For example, a membership renewing December 1 can bill with a COUNTRY premium bill generating between September 1 through January 31. To prevent memberships that renew in October, November or December from invoicing with a COUNTRY policy that renews January 1, 2025 or later, COUNTRY stopped generating combined bills for monthly payers on November 5, and will stop generating all combined bills on November 22. Any combined bill that has not generated by that date will be separately invoiced by the Illinois Farm Bureau. Because of the timing of this, it's possible that:

- Someone who is used to a combined bill will receive a standalone invoice
- Memberships could be invoiced after the membership effective date

Previously, we indicated that all membership renewals beginning January 1, 2025 and after would be stand-alone billed.

Q: Does the 2024 membership bill need to be paid?

A: Clients who have policy renewals in 2024 must maintain an active Illinois Farm Bureau membership for this policy term. COUNTRY will not require Illinois Farm Bureau memberships for non-farm policies or rates for policy terms beginning January 1, 2025, and after. Illinois Farm Bureau is a separate organization, and members can always choose to maintain their memberships.
