

**ASSESSMENT NOTICE PRESS RELEASE
2018**

The 2018 Assessment Notices for Fall River County are being mailed out by March 1st. Property owners need to verify that all of the information on the assessment notice is correct, such as the legal description, number of acres, owner's name, and address. Another thing to verify is the property classification. If we have made any changes in class such as owner occupied, AG, non-AG, commercial; this assessment notice is your official notification of such changes. Anyone who does not receive their notice within the next week, or finds information that needs to be corrected, should contact the Equalization Office at 745-5136.

By law, all counties in South Dakota must demonstrate to the Department of Revenue each year that the assessed values are between 85% and 100% of fair market value based on the sales of properties in the county.

*****REMEMBER***** You will always see some kind of change in your value EVERY year, as properties depreciate or as sales fluctuate. These annual changes should be minimal now that reassessment has occurred. The only time you will see a significant change in your value will be the addition or removal of structures.

The Department of Equalization is responsible for assessing and valuing property in a fair and equitable manner. If a property owner feels that their assessed value is greater than market value, please contact the Equalization Office so the property can be reviewed. You will find information on the appeal process at the bottom of your assessment notice. **This year's appeal deadline is March 15, 2018 for the three LOCAL BOARDS (Argentine Township, Provo Township, and City of Oelrichs), and April 3, 2018 for the rest of the County.** REMEMBER, you cannot appeal your tax bill. Taxes are billed a year behind. You must appeal in March if you do not agree with your assessed VALUE. Anyone having questions regarding the assessment process can find additional information on our website – fallriver.sdcounties.org or you can contact the Equalization Office at 745-5136.

We have included a Building Notification Form, the green sheet, with the Assessment Notice. Please use this form if you have made changes to any structures on your property. You may also come into the DOE office, call or go online to complete this form.