

Oregon Farm Bureau Federation

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Oregon Farm Bureau recognized for program excellence

During the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention, Jan. 7-11 in Salt Lake City, Utah, Oregon Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership achievement and for implementing exceptional programs serving Farm Bureau members in 2006.

AFBF President Bob Stallman gave the organization Awards for Excellence in each of the five available categories: Education and Agriculture Promotion, Leadership Development, Member Services, Policy Implementation, and Public Relations and Information.

“Oregon Farm Bureau has an exceptional staff,” said OFB President Barry Bushue. “Their skill and professionalism, along with the effort of our many dedicated volunteer leaders, allow OFB’s programs to effectively serve, educate and motivate both ag producers and the general public.”

Thirty-six other state Farm Bureaus also received awards.

Also during the convention, Benton County Farm Bureau member Chris Vandenberg represented the OFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee in the national Discussion Meet. The Discussion Meet simulates a committee meeting in which active discussion and participation are expected. Participants are evaluated on their ability to exchange ideas and information on a predetermined topic. Vandenberg participated in the first round of the competition.

Vandenberg is a sheep and cattle rancher in Monmouth full time, and works part-time as a seed purity analyst for Tangent Seed Labs Inc.

The 88th AFBF Convention attracted more than 5,000 attendees from around the country. For more press releases from the event, visit:

<http://www.fb.org/index.php?fuseaction=newsroom.newsarchives>

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Oregon Farm Bureau is Oregon’s largest agricultural advocacy organization. Founded as a statewide voluntary membership organization in 1932 and with county roots dating to 1919, Oregon Farm Bureau today represents more than 8,500 Oregon farm and ranch families.