

Oregon Farm Bureau Federation

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Barry Bushue reelected as OFB President

Reelected for a fifth two-year term during the annual Oregon Farm Bureau 75th Anniversary State Convention, Dec. 4-6 at the Pendleton Convention Center in Pendleton, Barry Bushue will continue to serve as OFB's 15th President. Barry is a member of the Multnomah County Farm Bureau and runs a family nursery, berry, and flowering basket operation near Boring.

"I will absolutely guarantee you that I will continue on in this job with the same passion, dedication, and belief in every one of you as I have since I was elected to this position," said Bushue in his acceptance address at the convention. "I can't tell you what an honor and what a privilege it is to serve you."

Reelected to his third two-year term as 2nd Vice President, Gary Johnson is a member of Yamhill County Farm Bureau and is a hay producer with a farm in Carlton.

Ratified to her first two-year term as 4th Vice President, Mary Grimes of Linn County Farm Bureau was elected as chair of the OFB Women's Advisory Council.

Justin Henderson was elected for a one-year term as the chair of the OFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee. He is a member of Douglas County Farm Bureau and raises a variety of produce, nursery stock, and alfalfa on a farm in Roseburg.

Dave Dillon was reappointed by the OFB Board of Directors to his position of OFB Executive Vice President. This is his sixth year in the role.

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Attached is a high-resolution photo of OFB President Barry Bushue making his acceptance speech.

* Note to Editors: "Farm Bureau" is a registered trademark; please capitalize in all cases.

Oregon Farm Bureau celebrated its 75th Anniversary at its 2007 State Convention, which took place Dec. 4-6, at the Pendleton Convention Center in Pendleton. In 1932, the organization was founded by a group of agricultural producers during a meeting at a farmhouse in nearby Pilot Rock. Farm Bureau's first state office was established soon afterward in Pendleton.

Today, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 Oregon counties and has more than 8,000 member families that are professionally engaged in agriculture. Barry Bushue, an east Multnomah County berry and nursery stock producer, is OFB's 15th president. Bushue was elected to a fifth two-year term as president at the 2007 State Convention.

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