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### **Barry Bushue elected Vice President of American Farm Bureau Federation**

On January 15, Oregon Farm Bureau President Barry Bushue was elected Vice President of the American Farm Bureau Federation at the national organization's 89th annual meeting in New Orleans.

Bushue, who has served on the AFBF Board of Directors for six years, succeeds Steve Appel, the president of the Washington Farm Bureau, who decided not to seek reelection to the national position.

"I promise you my passion for agriculture, my pride in Farm Bureau, and an unwavering determination and unbridled optimism for what we can accomplish," Bushue told Farm Bureau delegates from around the country. "Because of you, Farm Bureau has achieved greatness, but I believe our brightest days still lie ahead."

Bushue operates a family nursery, berry, and flowering basket operation near Boring and is a member of the Multnomah County Farm Bureau. At the Oregon Farm Bureau 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary State Convention in December, Bushue was reelected for a fifth two-year term as OFB's 15<sup>th</sup> President.

Bob Stallman, President of the American Farm Bureau, was reelected in New Orleans to another two-year term. This will be the fifth term as AFBF President for Stallman, a rice and cattle producer from Columbus, Texas.

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In 2007, Oregon Farm Bureau celebrated its 75th Anniversary as the state's largest general agriculture organization. Farm Bureau has more than 8,000 member families professionally engaged in agriculture in all 36 Oregon counties.

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