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Daryl Hawes inducted into Farm Bureau Hall of Fame

At the 2007 Oregon Farm Bureau 75th Anniversary State Convention in Pendleton, Dec. 4-6, OFB President Barry Bushue inducted Daryl Hawes of Baker County Farm Bureau into the OFB Hall of Fame in recognition of his years of exemplary service and volunteer leadership.

The Hall of Fame, established in 1996, is the highest award given by the Oregon Farm Bureau. To be eligible, candidates must be nominated by their county Farm Bureau and must have at least 35 years of active involvement in the organization. Inductees are selected by the OFB Membership & Recognition Committee. Hawes is the 18th Farm Bureau member to be inducted into the OFB Hall of Fame.

“Farm Bureau and the Oregon agriculture industry as a whole are better off because of the decades of involvement, passion, and dedication of Daryl Hawes,” said OFB President Barry Bushue. “We are honored to induct him into the Oregon Farm Bureau Hall of Fame.”

Hawes got his start in Farm Bureau in 1963 while living in California. There he served as Shasta County President and later on the state California Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

After moving to Oregon, he served as Baker County President from 1980 to 1982, and was elected as a member of the state OFB Board of Directors in 1982. Recognizing his leadership capabilities, Farm Bureau members elected him as OFB 3rd Vice President from 1992 to 1995, and then as OFB 2nd Vice President from 1995 to 1999.

At the national level, Hawes served on the American Farm Bureau Public Lands Advisory Committee. In the 1990s, he became the complainant in the federal Hawes Clean Water Case, which centered on how the state could not apply the Clean Water Act to non-point-source pollution. For his efforts in that difficult case, Hawes was awarded the OFB Top Hand Award in 1997.

In 2002, Hawes earned the OFB Meritorious Service Award for his years of dedication and commitment to the goals of Farm Bureau and the betterment of the agriculture industry.

A member of the Oregon Cattlemen Association, Hawes is also active in his community as a member of numerous organizations: the Burnt River Community Church, his local school board and budget committee, the Weed District Board, the Baker County Republican Central Committee, the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Access for Habitat Committee, and Habitat for Humanity.

Born in 1942, Hawes is a 4th generation agriculture producer. He operated a cattle ranch in Hereford, raising both commercial and purebred lines of cattle. He sold the operation and retired from full-time ranching in 2005.

He and his wife Barbara have been married for 45 years and have raised three children: Eugene and his wife Christine, Mindi and her husband Mark Shelton, and Becki and her husband Erik Green. Hawes currently has nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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Editors: Attached is a high-resolution digital photo of the award presentation. From left is OFB President Barry Bushue, OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon, and new OFB Hall of Famer Daryl Hawes.

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Other 2007 Farm Bureau members honored at the OFB state convention:

Paul Kovash of Benton County was inducted as the 19th member of the **OFB Hall of Fame** to recognize and thank him for his decades of volunteer leadership and efforts on behalf of Farm Bureau at the state and county level and for the betterment of the entire Oregon agriculture industry.

Don Schellenberg, OFB Associate Director of Governmental Affairs, was honored with the **President's Award**, in recognition of his tireless service, leadership, dedication, and advocacy for Farm Bureau members and the Oregon agriculture industry.

Paul Thorp of Polk County received a **Top Hand Award** for his efforts in Farm Bureau and for promoting agriculture education and safety at the county and state level.

Gary Harris of Jefferson County was given a **Distinguished Service Award** for his years of excellent work, particularly in tax and land use issues, on behalf of Oregon agriculture.

Bernie Faber of Marion County received a **Service to Agriculture Award** for his passionate commitment to advancing the agriculture industry and furthering the interests of Oregon's farming and ranching families.

Mickey Killingsworth of Jefferson County was honored with the **Outstanding County Farm Bureau Secretary Award** for her volunteer work and commitment to the Jefferson County Farm Bureau.

Bill Austin of Douglas County was honored with a **Memorial Award** for having made a significant difference to the Farm Bureau organization and agriculture industry during his lifetime. The award was accepted by friend and former Douglas County Farm Bureau President Rick Epp.

Press releases and photos of all honorees are available.

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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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