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## **Baker County's Hawes wins Service to Farm Bureau Award**

Eugene Hawes of Baker County Farm Bureau was recognized with a Service to Farm Bureau Award at the 83rd OFB Annual Meeting in Sunriver, Dec. 8-10, 2015.

"Eugene Hawes has been an active Farm Bureau member for 25 years and comes from a long line of Farm Bureau leaders in his family," said Bushue.

At the state level, Hawes served on the OFB Board of Directors from 2000 to 2013 and took on leadership roles in the OFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee in the 1990s.

At the county level, Hawes has served as both Baker County Farm Bureau president and vice president. He still serves on the county board of directors and helps with Farm Bureau events, including the popular Farm to Fork program for local students.

"Eugene is a mentor to many and we hope his service to Farm Bureau has many more years ahead," said Bushue.

Hawes is a fifth-generation farmer and rancher and raises hay, cattle, and wheat in Baker County.

PHOTO CAPTION: Baker County Farm Bureau's Eugene Hawes (middle) was given the Service to Farm Bureau Award by OFB President Barry Bushue (right) and OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon (left) during the 83rd OFB Annual Meeting in Sunriver, Dec. 8-10, 2015.

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The state's largest general farm organization, Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization representing the interests of the state's family farmers and ranchers in the public and policymaking arenas.

First established in Oregon in 1919, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties and has 7,500 member families that are professionally engaged in agriculture. Barry Bushue, an east Multnomah County berry and nursery stock producer, is OFB's 15th president and also serves as vice president of American Farm Bureau.

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