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OFB welcomes two new staffers

Salem, Oregon, December 28, 2015 — Oregon Farm Bureau is proud to welcome two new staffers to its team.

- **Tyler Alexander, Government Affairs Associate**

This month, Tyler Alexander joined our Government Affairs team as an associate. Tyler attended Lewis & Clark Law School, where he is a recent graduate. While in law school, Tyler worked in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Office of Counsel, as a clinical intern for the Western Resources Legal Center, and at Dunn Carney, a Portland law firm. Additionally, Tyler was OFB's law clerk this past spring and has worked on a variety of issues for OFB prior to joining the team this December.

Tyler's responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, lobbying members of the Oregon legislature, building relationships with agency staff, and assisting OFB's policy counsel with legal research.

- **Jacon Taylor, Regional Coordinator**

Introduced to Harney Co. Farm Bureau as a reluctant volunteer leader, Jacon fell in love with the structure of Farm Bureau, the values of the people, the principles and the work individuals do to preserve the way of life agriculture shares and contributes to the community. Jacon's experience and background has primarily been in the area of team building because he enjoys helping others become their own best version of themselves. It's the spirit of supporting and helping others achieve worthwhile goals through the Farm Bureau system that most excites Jacon and will ensure our county Farm Bureau's will continue the growth and success they enjoy.

Jacon is a regional coordinator/field representative and will be traveling to meetings at Benton, Coos-Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath-Lake, and Lane County Farm Bureaus to assist those volunteers in bringing new policies forward and addressing the many

challenges to agriculture.

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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 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 7,000 member families that are professionally engaged in agriculture.

Oregon Farm Bureau President Barry Bushue is a third-generation farmer raising a variety of vegetables and berries at a nearly century-old farm near Boring, Oregon. He is OFB's 15th president.