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Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau's Sharon Waterman elected OFB 2nd VP

Sharon Waterman of Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau was elected as Oregon Farm Bureau 2nd Vice President by the OFB House of Delegates, a grassroots body comprised of family farmers and ranchers, during the 83rd OFB Annual Meeting in Sunriver, Dec. 8-10, 2015.

As OFB 2nd Vice President, Waterman will focus on national legislative activities for the organization.

"Sharon has served on the OFB Board of Directors for over 15 years and has done award-winning work as a determined, tenacious advocate for family farmers and ranchers in Southern Oregon," said OFB President Barry Bushue. "Sharon will do a great job as 2nd vice president for Oregon Farm Bureau."

"My goals are to enhance the level of activity of the volunteer-led OFB Governmental Affairs Committee, promote more Farm Bureau member contact with Congressional leadership, listen to the membership on issues impacting agriculture operations, and carry out the duties as determined by the OFB president and board of directors," said Waterman. "I am looking forward to working with both OFB and American Farm Bureau staff and getting more engaged in the many federal and state issues directly impacting Oregon agriculture."

Waterman is the third generation of her family to work in agriculture. She raises cows, calves, sheep, hay, and timber with her husband Charlie in Bandon.

PHOTO CAPTION: Sharon Waterman was elected as 2nd Vice President of Oregon Farm Bureau during the 83rd OFB Annual Meeting in Sunriver, Dec. 8-10, 2015. She is shown here with her husband Charlie.

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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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