

Oregon Farm Bureau Federation

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Oregon Farm Bureau Wins National Awards for Excellence

The Oregon Farm Bureau was honored with five national Awards for Excellence and one President's Award at the 2011 American Farm Bureau National Convention in Atlanta.

The awards are designed to recognize State Farm Bureaus for superior membership achievement and for implementing outstanding programs serving Farm Bureau members in 2010.

Oregon Farm Bureau won awards in all five possible categories, including a President's Award or "Best of the Best" recognition, for Policy Implementation.

- Policy Implementation (and a President's Award)
- Agriculture Education & Promotion
- Leadership Development
- Member Services
- Public Relations & Information

American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman presented the awards to Oregon Farm Bureau President Barry Bushue, who also serves as American Farm Bureau Vice President, during the organization's 92st annual meeting.

"Our members, volunteer leaders, and grassroots structure are the heart and soul of Oregon Farm Bureau," said OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon. "As staff at the state office, it is our privilege to offer exceptional leadership development programs, provide opportunities for farmers and ranchers to meet with state and national legislators, give members the tools they need to promote agriculture to the general public, and supply them with a variety of valuable membership benefit programs."

Oregon Farm Bureau also walked away with a Navigator Award for exceptional membership growth, having 58,958 members in 2010 up from 56,913 in 2009. This is the sixth time in seven years OFB has earned this distinction.

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The state's largest general farm organization, Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a voluntary, 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 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.