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## **Peter Jensen honored with Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award**

At the annual Oregon Farm Bureau Convention in December in Gleneden Beach, OFB President Barry Bushue presented Peter Jensen of Linn County Farm Bureau with the Distinguished Service Award for his years of invaluable service to the organization.

“For decades, Peter has continuously given of his time and energy for the advancement of the organization and Oregon agriculture, while at the same time running a family dairy farm,” said OFB President Barry Bushue. “Farm Bureau is grateful for his contributions and is honored to give him the Distinguished Service Award.”

Within Farm Bureau, Jensen has served on the Linn County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and on numerous statewide issue-oriented advisory committees focusing on legislative policy. In 2007, the Linn County Farm Bureau awarded him the Linn County Farm Bureau Family Award.

“Really I have done very little for Farm Bureau, but Farm Bureau has done so much for me,” said Jensen as he accepted the award.

A dairy farmer in Linn County for 43 years, Jensen also has served as president and a board member of the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association, secretary for the Corvallis Milk Producers Association, board member of the Dairy Gold Cooperative in Oregon and Washington, and chair of the Confined Animal Feeding Operation Committee.

He was also a founder of the Ag-PAC Political Action Committee, an advisor to the diagnostic lab at Oregon State University Veterinary School, and a steering committee member of the Calapooia River Watershed Council.

Recently, Jensen had an award named after him by the Linn County Soil and Water Conservation District in recognition for his years of service on the board of directors.

Jensen has volunteered on the Central Linn School Board and is an elder and trustee of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Peter Jensen was born to a farm family in Denmark and served in the Danish Army. He came to America in 1953 on the American/Scandinavian Foundation Vocational Training Program.

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*Attached is a high-resolution digital photo of the award presentation. From left is Distinguished Service Award recipient Peter Jensen of Linn County Farm Bureau, OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon, and OFB President Barry Bushue.*

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The Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a voluntary, grassroots, nonprofit organization representing the interests of the state's farmers and ranchers in the public and policymaking arenas. As Oregon's largest general farm organization, its primary goal is to promote educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement for its members and the farming, ranching, and natural resources industry as a whole. "The voice of Oregon agriculture," OFB works to find solutions that will benefit all of the state's agriculture producers.

In its 78<sup>th</sup> year, 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.

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