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## **Jackson County's Dalton Straus Inducted into Oregon Farm Bureau Hall of Fame**

January 27, 2017, SALEM, OREGON: Dalton Straus, a cattle rancher and member of Jackson County Farm Bureau, was inducted into the Oregon Farm Bureau Hall of Fame during the 84th Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Annual Meeting in Salem.

The Hall of Fame, established in 1996, is the highest honor given by Oregon Farm Bureau. To be eligible, candidates must be nominated by their County Farm Bureau and must have at least 35 years of active involvement in the organization. Straus is the 30th member to be inducted into the prestigious OFB Hall of Fame.

"For an incredible 46 years, Dalton Straus has been a tireless grassroots leader in Farm Bureau," said OFB President Barry Bushue. "The critical issues of animal health, water, and land use have been forever impacted for the benefit of all Oregon farmers and ranchers because of Dalton's passionate, effective advocacy."

Straus's resume of leadership in Oregon agriculture speaks for itself:

- 46 years a Farm Bureau member
- 25 years on the Jackson County Farm Bureau Board of Directors
- 24 years on the National Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors
- 24 years on the Natural Resources Conservation Service State Technical Committee
- 14 years on the Farm Service Agency State Committee in Oregon, 8 years as chair
- 12 years as chair of Oregon Cattlemen's Animal Health & Brand Committee
- 9 years on the Oregon Beef Council, 5 years as chair
- 6 years as chair of Governor McCall's Livestock Advisory Committee
- 4 years as chair of Oregon's Board of Agriculture
- 3 years serving on the Oregon Farm Bureau Board of Directors

Straus's long list of accolades include being named Agriculturalist of the Year by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon AgLink, induction into the OSU Department of Animal Science Hall of Fame, Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District Conversationalist of the Year, and recipient of Top Hand Awards from both OFB and Jackson County Farm Bureau – among other honors.

Beyond all this, Straus is an Army veteran who served in the military for 35 years, retiring as a full colonel in 1986.

“Dalton’s experience, foresight, and steady hand have blessed every organization he’s been a leader in,” said Bushue. “Since 2013, he has been a dedicated, engaged member of the OFB Board of Directors. He retired from the board in 2016, and we dearly miss him and his valuable wisdom and insight, which have been sought by many and shared with many.”

PHOTO: Dalton Straus (middle) of Jackson County Farm Bureau was inducted into the Oregon Farm Bureau Hall of Fame during the 84th OFB Annual Meeting in Salem. He is pictured with OFB 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Peggy Browne and OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon.

- See full list of awards given at the 84<sup>th</sup> OFB Annual Meeting: <http://oregonfb.org/media/press-releases/>

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Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit, general farm organization representing the interests of farming and ranching families in the public and policymaking arenas. First established in Oregon in 1919, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties and has 7,000 farm and ranch family members.

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.

