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Yamhill County's Dave Cruickshank Inducted into Oregon Farm Bureau Hall of Fame

January 27, 2017, SALEM, OREGON: Dave Cruickshank, family farmer and member of Yamhill 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. Cruickshank is the 31st member to be inducted into the prestigious OFB Hall of Fame.

"Dave Cruickshank is an active leader in conservation practices, land use policy, farmland protection, and the preservation of Oregon's rich rural history and culture," said OFB President Barry Bushue.

"With over 40 years of Farm Bureau membership, Dave has served 10 years as president of Yamhill County Farm Bureau, over 25 years as a county board member, as an OFB voting delegate, and as an active OFB advisory committee member," said Bushue. "We are very proud to induct Dave Cruickshank into the OFB Hall of Fame."

A farmer of seed crops, grain, and hay, Cruickshank's volunteer work outside of Farm Bureau is equally impressive.

He has been a local Soil & Water Conservation District board member since 1998, is the current vice chair, and has hosted the district's woodland tour since 1961.

Cruickshank also spent 10 years as a 4-H leader, and many years as a Small Woodlands Association member and tour host. He also served on the Farmers Creamery Co-Op board of directors.

Cruickshank was a major driver behind the establishment of the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center and in its successful operation, including two major community Farm Fest events around planting and harvesting each year. The heritage center is a 12-acre site in McMinnville with several buildings housing a saw mill, blacksmith shop, and an incredible fleet of antique farm vehicles, many acquired by Cruickshank.

A recipient of the OFB Top Hand Award in 2011, and a SWCD Cooperator of the Year in 1996, Cruickshank has been a tireless leader on land use issues and protecting Oregon's farmground at the state and local levels.

PHOTO: Dave Cruickshank (middle) of Yamhill 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 1st Vice President Peggy Browne and OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon.

- See full list of awards given at the 84th 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.

