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## **Wasco County's Dean McAllister Earns County Farm Bureau Service Award**

January 27, 2017, SALEM, OREGON: Dean McAllister, a wine-grape and cherry grower and member of Wasco County Farm Bureau, was honored with a County Farm Bureau Service Award during the 84th Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Annual Meeting in Salem.

The County Farm Bureau Service Award is for Farm Bureau members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, exceptional work, and unparalleled dedication to Farm Bureau.

"Dean McAllister is a leader who has served with distinction and effectiveness at both the county and state Farm Bureau level," said OFB President Barry Bushue.

From coordinating a grassroots effort in response to a large land acquisition by the state in the Columbia Gorge that did not involve local landowner input, to actively campaigning against Measure 97 last year, McAllister is a leader who gets things done and makes a difference for fellow farm and ranch families.

"Dean's effectiveness, thoughtfulness, and tireless efforts have benefited Wasco County Farm Bureau, Oregon Farm Bureau, and thereby Oregon agriculture as a whole," said Bushue. "We are grateful for his service."

- 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.