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## Marion County Farm Bureau Earns County Action Award

January 27, 2017, SALEM, OREGON: Marion County Farm Bureau was honored with a County Farm Bureau Action Award during the 84th Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Annual Meeting in Salem.

The award is given to a County Farm Bureau that has developed a successful, innovative project or program in the political or public education arena within the last two years.

“Since 2013, Marion County Farm Bureau has organized agriculture-themed bus tours to proactively connect with elected officials, candidates, and legislative staff,” said OFB President Barry Bushue.

The county hosts a full-day bus tour highlighting different agricultural commodities, processors, distributors, and ag research facilities in the Willamette Valley. The goal is to help decision-makers have a greater understanding of and respect for Oregon agriculture and the challenges faced every day by farm and ranch families.

County Farm Bureau members help plan the tour, host tour stops, and work to build relationships with lawmakers while on the tour. Attendance has been excellent every year.

“These ag tours have successfully established Marion County Farm Bureau as a go-to resource when local government officials have questions about Oregon agriculture and the impacts of public policy on farmers and ranchers,” said Bushue. “The program has excited members, the media, and the public. It has been a successful program by any measure.”

PHOTO: Marion County Farm Bureau was honored with the County Farm Bureau Action Award during the 84th Oregon Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Salem. Marion County Farm Bureau President John Zielinski (right) and Genoa Ingram accepted the award from Mike Dillard (left) of the OFB Membership & Recognition Committee.

- 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.

