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## **Malheur County Farm Bureau's Piercy Earns Outstanding County Secretary Award**

January 27, 2017, SALEM, OREGON: Rita Piercy, secretary/treasurer for Malheur County Farm Bureau, was honored with an Outstanding County Farm Bureau Secretary Award during the 84th Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Annual Meeting in Salem.

"A good secretary is essential for the effective operation of any strong County Farm Bureau," said OFB President Barry Bushue. "I can think of few more deserving of this award than Rita, who has served Malheur County Farm Bureau for an incredible 30 years."

Piercy began as a secretary for the local Northwest Farm Bureau Insurance office, and later with Country Financial. She helped farmers and ranchers learn about their Farm Bureau membership, its benefits, and the legislative work the organization does to protect and strengthen Oregon agriculture.

Piercy keeps the grassroots organization on track by monitoring the status of Farm Bureau memberships, doing the county's books, taking meeting minutes, serving on the budget and scholarship committees, and helping organize meetings and events.

"Malheur County Farm Bureau appreciates her excellent dedication and service for the past 30 years. And I am grateful for such a prime example of what it means to have an effective County Farm Bureau secretary," said Bushue.

PHOTO: Rita Piercy (middle) of Malheur County Farm Bureau was honored with an Outstanding County Farm Bureau Secretary Award at the 84th OFB Annual Meeting in Salem. She is pictured with Mike Dillard of OFB's 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.

