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Douglas County's Roger Collis Earns County Farm Bureau Service Award

January 27, 2017, SALEM, OREGON: Roger Collis, a shepherd and member of Douglas 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 effort, and unparalleled dedication at the County Farm Bureau level year after year.

Collis has been an active Farm Bureau member for over 35 years, serving in numerous leadership capacities for Douglas County Farm Bureau, including as president and treasurer.

One of his lasting contributions was his steady leadership when Douglas County Farm Bureau was selling its building in the late 1980s.

Collis's experienced financial acumen kept Farm Bureau members informed about the complicated details of the transaction – and helped guide the county to make smart decisions that left a legacy of strong financial standing lasting to this day.

"Because of Roger's efforts, Douglas County Farm Bureau is able to consistently offer generous scholarships for students and remain a major contributor to local agricultural programs and projects," said OFB President Barry Bushue.

A raiser of purebred sheep, Collis's decades of advocacy earned him lifetime achievement awards from the Douglas County Livestock Association and Oregon Sheep Growers Association. He is also a recipient of the prestigious Diamond Pioneer Award from Oregon State University.

- 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.

