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Oregon Farm Bureau welcomes new staffer

February 20, 2018, SALEM, OREGON: Oregon Farm Bureau is proud to announce a new addition to the OFB Government Affairs team: Jonathan Sandau.

Sandau joins OFB after serving as a field representative for Congressman Kurt Schrader for the last three years, and experience in state-level politics before that.

Sandau is also the fifth generation of his family to farm in Marion County. Since graduating from the University of Portland, he has helped manage the family grass seed, blueberry, and field crop operation near Pratum.

“Jonathan’s personal experience on the farm coupled with his extensive public policy experience make him a great advocate for our members. Jonathan brings knowledge, background, and a passion for agriculture that are hard to match. We are excited to have him working for farm and ranch families as part of the Farm Bureau team,” said OFB Executive Vice President Dave Dillon.

“Being part of a fifth-generation farming family, I understand very well the hardships and the challenges of making a living in agriculture, and also the opportunities and successes,” said Sandau.

“Working for the Farm Bureau is giving a voice to Oregonians who tend to be overlooked and under-appreciated in terms of the hard work they do and contributions they make to the state’s economy and to both urban and rural communities,” said Sandau.

Farm Bureau works alongside its grassroots membership, comprised of nearly 7,000 farm and ranch families, in the state capitol — but oftentimes those members are too busy raising crops or tending to animals to make a trip to Salem during the legislative session. They rely on Farm Bureau to give them professional, informed representation with lawmakers and state agencies.

“We’re happy Johnathon has joined OFB to help further our century-old mission of giving Oregon’s farm and ranch families an effective, strong, and united voice in the legislature,” said Dillon.

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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 pumpkins, u-pick produce, and flowering baskets at a nearly century-old farm near Boring. He is OFB’s 15th president.