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Oregon Farm Bureau Honors Rep. Boshart Davis with Top Hand Award

Oregon State Representative Shelly Boshart Davis, member of Linn County Farm Bureau, was honored with the 2019 Oregon Farm Bureau Top Hand Award on Dec. 12, 2019, during the 87th Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Convention at the Salishan Resort in Gleneden Beach.

The OFB Top Hand Award recognizes a Farm Bureau member who has contributed an extraordinary amount of time, energy, and leadership in the furtherance of Farm Bureau’s goals during the past membership year. Candidates for this award are submitted by their County Farm Bureaus to the OFB Membership & Recognition Committee for consideration.

Said outgoing OFB President Sharon Waterman as she presented the award, “As a freshman legislator in 2019, Rep. Boshart Davis engaged in nearly every policy that impacted farmers and ranchers this session, sharing an agricultural perspective and working to improve policies for Oregon’s farmers and ranchers. In her role as a legislator, she brought a proud, passionate, and powerful voice to the capitol, a voice that speaks up tirelessly for farmers, ranchers, foresters, loggers, truckers, and rural Oregonians.”

Said Rep. Boshart Davis, “I ran for office to bring my knowledge of the agricultural industry to the forefront of policymaking. If we want to maintain our national and global competitiveness, it is imperative that the state government empower farmers to do what they do best: feed Americans and people around the globe all the while taking care of the land that has taken care of us. To be awarded the Top Hand Award from the Oregon Farm Bureau is an honor. If I can be part of bettering Oregon family agriculture, then I will have done my job.”

Rep. Boshart Davis’s background in the transportation industry gave her leverage to work with her colleagues on a diesel bill that protects farm and ranch families and small businesses. She also worked across the aisle to negotiate pregnancy protection legislation that considers the needs of small businesses, seasonal employers, and employees. These bills are workable for farm families because of her engagement.

“Rep. Boshart Davis was also a vocal advocate for farm and ranch families in the cap-and-trade debate. She constantly brought forward her constituents’ concerns and worked closely with Farm Bureau on issues that would negatively impact our membership. Her work this session was invaluable to Oregon’s agricultural community and her level of influence was unprecedented as a freshman legislator,” said outgoing OFB President Waterman.
PHOTO: Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis (middle), member of Linn County Farm Bureau, was honored with the 2019 Oregon Farm Bureau Top Hand Award during the 87th OFB Convention. She was presented the award by outgoing OFB President Sharon Waterman and OFB EVP Dave 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 at the county level in 1919 and the state level in 1932, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties.

Oregon Farm Bureau President Barb Iverson, elected on Dec. 12, 2019, comes from a multigenerational family farm from Woodburn, raising industrial hemp, grass seed, squash, vetch seed, hazelnuts, wine and table grapes, and operating the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival, which attracts over 160,000 visitors each year.