

Oregon Farm Bureau Federation

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Kevin Westfall honored with Farm Bureau Top Hand Award

At the Oregon Farm Bureau's 78th State Convention, OFB President Barry Bushue honored Kevin Westfall, president of Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau, with the OFB Top Hand Award.

"The Top Hand Award is presented to a person whose activities have made Oregon Farm Bureau the successful grassroots organization that it is today," said Bushue.

The youngest president to ever serve Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau, Westfall once worked as a lobbyist for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. He raises cattle, hay, and timber on his farm in Broadbent.

"Kevin has revitalized his county board by bringing a fresh perspective, knowledge of public policy, and a new generation of volunteers to the leadership meetings," said Bushue. "We thank Kevin for his dedication and efforts in Farm Bureau and for the betterment of Oregon agriculture."

The Top Hand Award is given to individuals or groups that have devoted an exemplary amount of time and energy toward furthering the goals of Oregon Farm Bureau. To be eligible, candidates must be nominated by their County Farm Bureau. Recipients are selected by the OFB Membership & Recognition Committee.

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Attached is a photo of OFB President Barry Bushue (left) and Kevin Westfall (right).

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The state's largest general farm organization, Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a voluntary, grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization representing the interests of the state's farmers and ranchers in the public and policymaking arenas.

First established in Oregon in 1919, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties and has more than 8,000 member families that are professionally engaged in agriculture. Barry Bushue, an east Multnomah County berry and nursery stock producer, is OFB's 15th President.