

Washington County Farm Bureau receives ‘Gold Star Awards’ at 2006 Utah Farm Bureau Convention

December 6, 2006. St. George, Utah – The Washington County Farm Bureau was recognized as the top County Farm Bureau of its size at the 2006 Utah Farm Bureau Convention held last month in Salt Lake City.

County Farm Bureaus are judged on six categories of achievement and are awarded ‘Gold Stars’ based on excellence in those categories. Washington County Farm Bureau joined Utah and Emery Counties as the only County Farm Bureau’s to earn a perfect score, earning all six ‘Gold Stars.’

The six categories include membership development, policy development, policy implementation, women’s programs, young farmer & rancher programs, and safety & rural health programs. The categories are designed to encourage leadership development, safety and active civic participation among members of the agricultural community.

“We are honored to receive all six gold stars and are proud of the work our county Farm Bureau members have achieved,” said Dennis Iverson, Washington County Farm Bureau President. “Washington County has a strong agricultural heritage and we’re happy to be able to continue that. The programs these stars represent are important because it helps us in promoting agriculture in the community.”

Washington County Farm Bureau was recognized because of its work in implementing policy and safety programs related local agriculture, as well as its plans to enhance women’s programs in the county.

County Farm Bureau’s also submit details about their programs and achievements to the American Farm Bureau for consideration for the ‘Counties of Excellence’ awards presented at the American Farm Bureau Convention in January. The convention this year will be hosted by Salt Lake City, the first time the event has been held in Utah. More information about the activities of the Washington County Farm Bureau is available by contacting LaVar Foremaster, at 435-628-1155.

About the Utah Farm Bureau

The Utah Farm Bureau is the largest general farm and ranch organization in the state with more than 21,000 member families. Its mission is to improve the net income of the state’s farmers and ranchers and the overall quality of life in the state and nation through political action, educational and informational means. The Farm Bureau is a non-partisan, voluntary organization, and its efforts are based on grassroots policies developed by members at the local, county, state and national levels. It is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation, the world’s largest general farm organization, with more than 5 million family members in 50 states and Puerto Rico. For more information, go to the Utah Farm Bureau Web site at <http://utfb.fb.org>.

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