



UTAH FARM BUREAU

Utah Farm Bureau Receives National Industry Awards at 2007 American Farm Bureau Convention in Salt Lake City

January 18, 2007. Sandy, Utah – The Utah Farm Bureau was recently honored for excellence in all five program areas of work at the American Farm Bureau Convention in Salt Lake City last week. Additionally, the Utah Farm Bureau received the ‘President’s Award’ in three of the five categories, recognizing the “best of the best” in each of the five program areas.

“We are honored to have been recognized by the premier agricultural organization in the country for our work in furthering the cause of agriculture in our state,” said Leland Hogan, president of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation. “In addition to the five Excellence Awards, the three President’s Awards really stand out. And to have received all this while hosting the convention really makes us proud.”

Awards for Excellence and President’s Awards were presented in five program areas, including education and agriculture promotion, leadership development, member services, policy implementation, and public relations and information.

Having secured the five Excellence awards, the Utah Farm Bureau was also awarded the President’s Award in the categories of education and agriculture promotion, leadership development, and policy implementation.

Additionally, the Utah Farm Bureau was awarded the ‘Navigator Award’ in recognition for its outstanding membership growth. Membership in the Utah Farm Bureau grew 6.6 percent in 2006.

State Farm Bureau’s submit details about their programs and achievements to the American Farm Bureau for consideration for ‘Excellence’ awards presented at the American Farm Bureau Convention, which was held last week in Salt Lake City. This was the first time the event has been held in Utah.

Utah was also represented in three competitions in the organization’s ‘Young Farmers & Ranchers’ program, for Farm Bureau members under the age of 35. Two Farm Bureau couples, Jared and Ginger Johnson, of Sevier County, and Brett and Nicole Herbst, of Utah County, were honored with ‘Top 10’ finishes in their respective competitions. The Johnson’s were further recognized with a ‘Runners-up’ or ‘Top 5’ recognition for the ‘Achievement Award,’ the Farm Bureau’s top award for young farmers and ranchers.

More information about the activities of the Utah Farm Bureau is available by contacting Matt Hargreaves, at 801-233-3003.

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 6 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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