



Juab County farming couple receives ‘Excellence in Agriculture Award’ at 2007 Utah Farm Bureau Convention

November 27, 2007 – Nephi, Utah – Jamison and Stacy McPherson of Nephi were honored with the “Excellence in Agriculture” award in recognition for their achievements at the 2007 Utah Farm Bureau Convention held earlier this month in Salt Lake City.

“We’re very proud of Jamison and Stacy for their achievements on the state level and are pleased they were recognized by a group of their peers,” said Wayne Jarrett, President of the Juab County Farm Bureau. “This award points to the future of agriculture in our county and shows what great work is being done by the younger generations.”

Jamison and Stacy were recognized for their hay and Angus cattle operation, and for selling John Deere equipment for the Greenline Equipment company. The “Excellence in Agriculture” award is presented annually to a Farm Bureau individual or couple under age 35 that does not earn a majority of their income from an owned production agriculture operation.

It is typically awarded to young farmers and ranchers that are striving to one-day own a production agriculture operation or who support agriculture in other ways such as agritourism, agricultural education, or in the case of the McPherson family—agribusiness.

The McPherson’s are known in the community for their continued support of the local FFA chapter, for which Jamison was also honored with the ‘FFA Leader of the Year’ award. The couple resides on a farm in Nephi and has five children.

“With more and more Utahns not having direct contact with agriculture, it’s nice to have a young couple succeeding and showing other Utahns that agriculture is still thriving here,” Jarrett said. “With a commitment to serving our younger generations, I’m confident future agricultural operations will thrive here in Juab County.”

“Excellence in Agriculture” winners from each state Farm Bureau will compete at the national level in the American Farm Bureau Convention. The convention will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 13-15, 2008. Winners of the national award will receive a 2008 Dodge Truck. For their Utah Farm Bureau award, Jamison and Stacy received a 2008 Polaris ATV, a \$500 check from Dodge and a year’s insurance policy from Farm Bureau Financial Services for the ATV.

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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