



## **Utah Farm Bureau Members Elect Farm and Ranch leaders at Annual Convention in Salt Lake City**

**SANDY, UTAH –November 27, 2007** – Members from Utah’s 28 County Farm Bureaus met November 15-16 to select leaders for the state’s largest farming and ranching organization. Delegates re-elected Tooele County hay farmer Leland Hogan to his 4<sup>th</sup> two-year term as president of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation.

Rulon Fowers, a hay grower from Hooper, Weber County, Rex Larsen, a cattle rancher and grain farmer from Spanish Fork, Utah County, and Edwin Sunderland, a dairy farmer and turkey producer from Chester, Sanpete County were all re-elected to two-year terms on the Utah Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

Garrick Hall, a dairyman from Cove, Cache County, was selected as the new chairman of the Young Farmer and Rancher Committee (YF&R). Jackson and Oralie Smith, dairy farmers from Lewiston, Cache County, Kyle & Shelly Matthews, grain and forage growers from Grantsville, Tooele County, Russell & Valerie Spencer, owners of a fertilizer application business from Duchesne, Duchesne County, were selected to on the state YF&R committee. Dustin & Harmony Cox, owners of a hay brokerage business in Alton, Kane County, were re-elected to the YF&R committee.

Waneta Fawcett, who with her husband operates a sheep operation in Henefer, Summit County, was elected to the state Women’s Committee.

### **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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