



## **Cache County Dairy Couple Earns Top Ten Finish at 2008 American Farm Bureau Convention in New Orleans**

**January 22, 2008 – LEWISTON, Utah** – Garrick and Holly Hall of Lewiston, Cache County were recognized in the ‘Top 10’ in the Young Farmer & Rancher ‘Achievement Award’ at the American Farm Bureau Federation’s national convention held in New Orleans, Louisiana this past week.

“We’re really happy to have made it as far as we did in the competition,” Garrick Hall said. “There were some really great competitors from throughout the country. Making it in the top 10 is really an honor.”

Having won the Utah Farm Bureau’s ‘Achievement Award’ in November, the Halls qualified to compete with 35 other state winners from around the country.

‘Achievement Award’ winners from 35 state Farm Bureau competed at the national level in the American Farm Bureau Convention. The convention was hosted by Salt Lake City last year, and switches locations every year. Winners of the national award received a 2008 Dodge Truck, while ‘Top 10’ finalists each received \$500 worth of products courtesy of Valvoline.

For their Utah Farm Bureau award, Garrick and Holly received a 2008 Polaris Ranger ATV, a \$500 check from Dodge and a year’s insurance policy from Farm Bureau Financial Services for the ATV.

Garrick and Holly were recognized for the achievements they have made in the agriculture industry in Utah. The ‘Achievement Award’ recognizes young farmers and ranchers who have excelled in their farming or ranching operations and exhibited superior leadership abilities.

The award is considered Farm Bureau’s top honor given to young farmers and ranchers. Participants are evaluated on a combination of their agricultural operation’s growth and financial progress, and demonstrated leadership both in- and outside the Farm Bureau.

“It’s fantastic to have a young ranching couple from Utah recognized among our country’s finest,” said Leland Hogan, president of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation. “We don’t have the same numbers involved in agriculture as they traditionally do in states like California, Iowa and Tennessee, so it’s great to see Utah’s young people recognized.”

The Halls are known in the region as quality dairy farmers, who have built their Jersey dairy from the ground up just after getting married. While also being active in their participation with Farm Bureau and USU College of Agriculture Alumni activities, the Halls find time to serve in their community and enjoy time working with their family.

### **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 6.5 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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