

MARION COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Promoting, protecting & advancing
farm interests in Marion County

IMPORTANT DATES:

<u>Marion County Fair</u>	July 12-15, 2012
<u>Farm-City Week</u>	November 16-22, 2012
<u>OFB Annual Convention</u>	December 4-6, 2012
<u>American Farm Bureau Convention</u>	January 13-16, 2013

Don't Miss Your Newsletter!

In an effort to be careful stewards of our resources, MCFB plans to switch to e-newsletters to save money on printing and postage. Members are encouraged to forward your email address to mary@courtstreetconsulting.org at your earliest convenience so you don't miss out on MCFB news. Those members who do not have internet access can request to receive their newsletters printed and mailed to them.

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MCFB Meeting Report

Director of Agriculture to Speak at May Meeting

Katy Coba, Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture, will be the guest speaker at the May meeting of the Marion County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 pm at the Oregon Farm Bureau Association, 3415 Commercial St. SE in Salem. Members of the Marion County Farm Bureau Association are encouraged to attend.



Marion County Farm Bureau Board Action Items

The MCFB Board of Directors met on the evening of April 18th and took action on several important items of interest:

Endorsements The MCFB Board voted to endorse Channing Bennett as Marion County Circuit Court Judge and Van Khieu for Marion County Assessor.

Canola Concerns Following a lengthy and lively discussion on widening the boundaries to the restricted zones for canola crops, the MCFB, by a vote of 6-4, agreed to go on record as supporting current Oregon Department of Agriculture regulations on boundaries for canola production. The issue is concern over possible cross pollination from canola crops.

Farm Equipment Awareness As a public service, MCFB will sponsor advertisements on two radio stations in the Salem and Albany areas warning drivers to be cautious and aware of slow moving farm equipment this farming season.

MCFB Staffing Changes: Meet Mike McLaran

The team of Mike McLaran, Genoa Ingram and Mary Tucker are very pleased and honored to be working with the Marion County Farm Bureau. This team has a long and outstanding track record of excellence in association management and they look forward to providing service to the membership and assisting the volunteer leadership to accomplish the very best for the organization. In this edition, as well as the next couple of newsletters, we will profile your new staff to help you become familiar with them and the expertise that they bring to us.

Mike McLaran is President of McLaran Enterprises and will serve as the team leader. Mike served as a CEO of Chambers in Oregon for over twenty-two years. For over sixteen years, he headed the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce. He has served as President of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and currently provides legislative and administrative services to the state chamber. In 2007, Mike re-

ceived the Russel E. Pettit Memorial Excellence in Leadership Award for exemplary professionalism and contributions to other chambers of commerce from the Western Association of Chamber Executives (WACE) which represents 18 states in the Western United States.

In July 8, 2009, Mike received the Vern Miller Distinguished Service Award from the City of Salem for his long-term leadership and positive impact on numerous projects and efforts in the city. He is a member of the Salem Downtown Rotary Club and has served as a Trustee on the Salem Hospital Board, a director on the boards of the Salem Leadership Foundation, the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America and has been recognized by the Scouts with a Distinguished Citizen Award. Mike has also served twice as the campaign chairman for United Way. He was recognized as Albany's Jr. First Citizen in 1993, and Chamber Executive of the



Year in 1997. On May 5, 2012, Mike received an honorary doctorate from Corban University for his many years of positive leadership in the region. Mike is a graduate of the University of Oregon in the field of Business Management and also a graduate of the UCLA Institute for Organization Management.

Young Farmers and Ranchers
Brenda Kirsch, MCFB Board Member

MCFB invites farmers, ranchers and all those involved in Marion County's agricultural industry to become a part of our young farmer group! The MCFB's Young Farmers and Ranchers program represents the beginning of an active new county-wide group. We're off to a great start with approximately twenty people attending the April "get acquainted" event. Ages 18 to 35 and their family members are welcome.

Another meeting is planned for May to discuss possible activities such as ag tours, social meetings, political discussions, industry speakers, leadership and volunteer opportunities, etc. If you would like more information please contact Brenda Kirsch (503)508-3726 or brenda_kirsch@yahoo.com

Tractor Safety Course Offered
Troy Hadley, MCFB Vice President

The MCFB is sponsoring a certification course in tractor safety. The five-day (30 hour) course is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29 at Antique Powerland in Brooks. Individuals completing this behind-the-wheel training will receive certification from the U.S. Department of Labor for competency in tractor operation. The course is offered by Jeremiah Coop who received his instructor certification from Oregon State University in 2002. A special discount is available to members of MCFB, their family members and their employees. For more information, contact Jeremiah Coop or Genoa Ingram at genoa@courtstreetconsulting.org.



Salem to Host Annual Oregon Farm Bureau Meeting

The 2012 Annual OFB Meeting and House of Delegates will meet in Salem at the Conference Center December 3-7. It has been a number of years since it was held in Salem. The Marion County Farm Bureau and the Oregon Farm Bureau encourage all members to attend. More information to follow.

MCFB Sponsors Ag Fest

The Marion County Farm Bureau was proud to be a sponsor of the 2012 Ag Fest. The annual three-day event was held the last week of April at the Salem Fairgrounds and offered more than 17,000 attendees an opportunity to experience a taste of life on the farm.

NEW LOCATION!!

The Marion County Farm Bureau has relocated to the Capitol Mall area. Our new address is:

1284 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 07301

The new phone number is:

(503)378-0595.

Farm Bureau Meetings

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| May 16 | Marion County Farm Bureau Board Mtg—OFB office |
| May 21 | OFB Budget Committee |
| May 22-23 | OFB Board of Directors |
| June 3-6 | AFBF Board Meeting—South |
| June 3-6 | Western Region Administrators Conference—Alaska |
| June 20 | Marion County Farm Bureau Board Mtg |
| June 24-29 | SAI, Session #1—OSU, Corvallis |