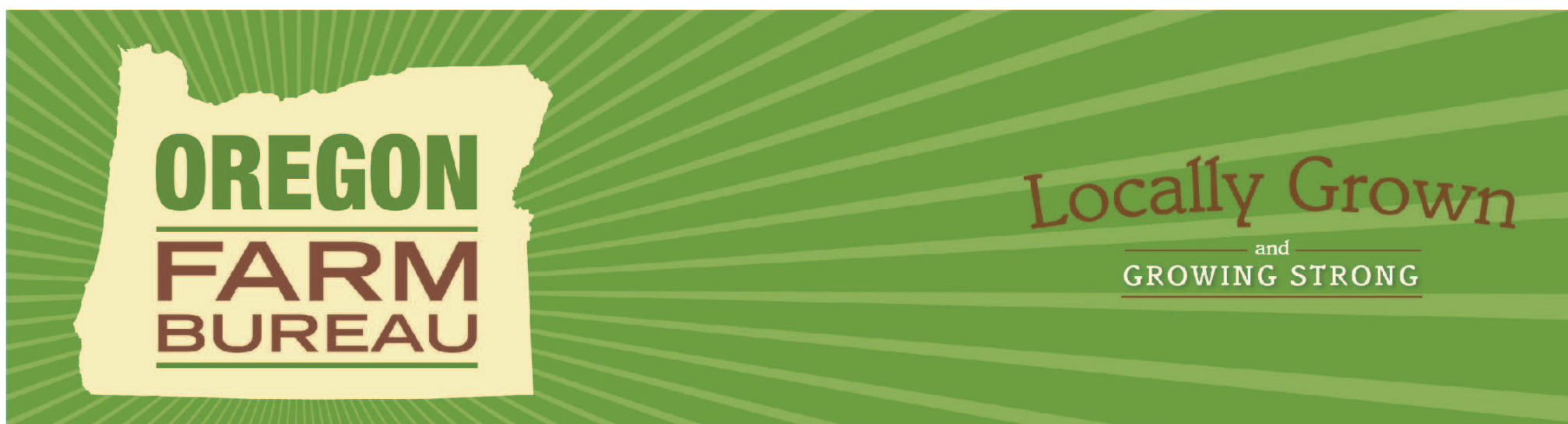




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Dear Farm Bureau Members:

The 2018 Oregon Legislative Session begins on February 5.

Though a short session, there is much work to be done. Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) staff will be at the state capitol every day to make sure lawmakers understand the perspective of farmers and ranchers — and how proposed legislation would impact Oregon agriculture.

At the top of our agenda is opposition to cap-and-trade. This California-inspired carbon cap will only reduce the competitiveness of Farm Bureau member families, who are already facing low commodity prices, higher input costs, and compliance with expensive regulations.

Learn about cap-and-trade, and other OFB priority issues, on our page in this issue of the Capital Press.

We will need your help this session! You can quickly and easily take action on critical ag-related legislation when it's needed most by signing up for emailed OFB Action Alerts at **oregonfb.org/advocacy**.

When you sign up, you'll also receive a weekly update about progress made during session and the OFB Update enewsletter.

See our page in this issue to read about Farm Bureau members honored recently, including **Jenny Freeborn**, chair of the OFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee, who was the runner-up in the National Farm Bureau Discussion Meet — and **Sharon and Charlie Waterman** of Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau, who were inducted into the OFB Hall of Fame.

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Your Farm Bureau membership helps OFB protect and strengthen Oregon agriculture at the state capitol, in Washington D.C., and in your local community. Thank you!

