



## MARION COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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### **Marion County Farm Bureau recognized for outstanding programs**

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation honored Marion County Farm Bureau for outstanding programs at the Federation's annual meeting Oct. 8-10, 2008 at The Peabody in Orlando.

Marion County Farm Bureau was recognized in all five categories, Public Relations/information, legislative/policy implementation, education/agriculture promotions outreach, organization and management and leadership development. Marion County Farm Bureau President Charlie Hofer accepted the award from Florida Farm Bureau President John L. Hoblick.

"We are pleased to recognize so many of the 61 county Farm Bureaus in Florida for their good work on behalf of their members," Hoblick said. "The County Recognition Program allows counties to be recognized in front of their peers."

Marion County Farm Bureau is headquartered in Ocala and serves more than 4,400 member-families. It is affiliated with the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, headquartered in Gainesville. More than 400 leading farmers and ranchers attended the annual meeting in Orlando. Florida Farm Bureau has approximately 140,000 member families. Farm Bureau is a nonprofit trade organization that advocates on behalf of agriculture and agricultural producers.

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**PHOTO CAPTION:** Marion County Farm Bureau President Charlie Hofer receives a plaque recognizing achievements during 2008 from Florida Farm Bureau President John L. Hoblick at the state annual meeting Oct. 8-10, 2008 at The Peabody in Orlando.