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## Matt Hines Appointed to American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Issue Advisory Market Structures Committee

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Matt Hines, a licensed commodity broker and risk management consultant with Loewen and Associates, Inc., was recently appointed to the AFBF Issue Advisory Market Structures Committee. Matt is a Jackson County Kansas Farm Bureau Board Member and Marketing Chair. As an Issue Advisory Committee member, Matt will attend the annual meeting of the committees held in late February in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the AFBF Advocacy Conference. Members are also expected to participate in additional conference calls, webinars throughout the year and are called upon to help Farm Bureau staff develop testimony, write comments on proposed federal regulations and interact with the media.

The Market Structures Committee has the following areas of responsibility...

- Marketing/Bargaining
- GIPSA
- Checkoff Programs
- Credit Markets
- Commodity Markets/Futures
- Retail Production Standards

Please stop by and visit with Matt, or you can hear him present at these upcoming events:

- Topeka Farm Show, Kansas Expocentre, Topeka, KS – January 10<sup>th</sup> thru January 12<sup>th</sup>
- Kansas Farm Bureau Commodities Conference, KFB Headquarters, Manhattan, KS – February 7<sup>th</sup>
- 2017 Kansas Commodity Classic, Four Point by Sheraton, Manhattan, KS – February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Channel Seed Market Outlook, Vesper, KS – March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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