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**NEW JERSEY FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT ELECTED TO  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Beth Pool also re-elected to AFBF Women's Leadership Committee**

**Trenton, NJ (Jan 18, 2008)** – Richard Nieuwenhuis, entering his sixth year as president of New Jersey Farm Bureau, was elected to a two-year term on the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) Board of Directors last week, during the organization's recent annual convention in New Orleans. Nieuwenhuis is one of four board members representing the northeast region, which includes New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and nine other states. The American Farm Bureau, with 6.2 million members, has four representative regions: northeast, south, mid-west and west. It is headquartered in Washington DC.

"I'm gratified that our national association saw fit to elect me," says Nieuwenhuis.

"Obviously, my priorities are focused on our region's distinctive farms. New Jersey has just over 9,000 farms, with a diverse commodity mix. Since the 2007 Federal Farm Bill has yet to be passed, I want to ensure that it addresses the needs of the northeast's family farmers. We will also be working hard on trade, immigration, energy and other issues."

"We're pleased to have Richard Nieuwenhuis continue on our board," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "He not only is diligent as a voice for the northeast's farms, but he also has a wealth of experience, both in production agriculture and with Farm Bureau."

Nieuwenhuis and his wife, Trudy, have owned and operated Scenic Valley Greenhouses in Warren County since 2002. For 22 years before that, they owned and operated

Boslands Flower Shop and Greenhouses in Wayne. Prior to being elected president of NJFB, Nieuwenhuis served on NJFB's board as first vice-president and a county director, holding positions on the finance and insurance committees. His state appointments have included the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture and a committee charged with developing options for revising the New Jersey Right to Farm Act.

Beth Pool, co-owner of Sebowisha Farms, Mickleton, Gloucester County, was re-elected to a second two-year term, representing the northeast region, on the American Farm Bureau's (AFB) Women's Leadership Committee. Pool has served on the New Jersey Farm Bureau's Women's Committee for 31 years, six of which she was state chair. She has provided hands-on leadership to the committee for projects that serve community and civic organizations, with the goal of educating people on the importance of knowing how and where our food comes from.

**American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF)** is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization representing farm and ranch families uniting to analyze problems and formulate action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity and social advancement, thereby promoting the national well-being.

**New Jersey Farm Bureau (NJFB)** is a non-profit member organization of more than 16,000 farmers and farm-related individuals within the Garden State. It is the only organization solely dedicated to representing the grass-roots interests and directives of its members to educate all levels of government and the public on the farm community's policies and positions. The Farm Bureau also takes a lead in seeking out initiatives, activities and ventures to enhance the profitability of producer members and ensure the viability of agriculture in New Jersey -- *the Garden State for Good Reason -- our farms.*

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