

Pat O'Toole

Patrick O'Toole, a member of the Family Farm Alliance Board of Directors since 1998 and a former member of Wyoming's House of Representatives, was named as the organization's fifth President in March 2005. He is a cattle and sheep rancher and hay grower with strong backgrounds in irrigated agriculture and Wyoming politics. Mr. O'Toole and his wife, Sharon, live on a ranch that has been in her family since 1881. Pat O'Toole's interest in water intersected with the Alliance while he was serving on the Clinton administration's Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission. Mr. O'Toole was the only commissioner representing Western irrigated agriculture and, in the end, refused to sign the report, opting instead to prepare a dissenting alternative report. The O'Toole family and Ladder Ranch were the recipients of the distinguished 2014 Wyoming Leopold Environmental Stewardship Award. Pat and Sharon met while students at Colorado State University, where Pat graduated with a philosophy degree. They have three children and six grandchildren.