



Top left: Pottawatomie County President John Grundmann, left, and Director John Stotts, right, visit with Representative Shane Jett during a county Farm Bureau visit to state legislators April 7. Several county Farm Bureaus had delegations come to the capitol that day. Many county leaders asked their lawmakers to support the livestock preemption bill, which would have the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture set standards for care and handling of livestock in the state.

Top Right: Representative Ryan Kiesel talks with district FBW Committeewoman Roberta Hughes while Seminole County President Syd Morgan and his wife, Norita, listen. Many lawmakers heard Farm Bureau members' views from their districts about a measure that would allow non-veterinarians to perform "equine teeth floating," which is equine dentistry that removes enamel points from teeth and the leveling of dental acrades in cattle and horses.

Bottom right: Representative Jeff Hickmann, right, speaks with FBW Chairman Clara Wichert and Major County President Dennis Flaming. Hickmann was one of many state lawmakers getting visits from Farm Bureau members when leaders from more than 10 counties converged on the capitol.

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## Seven awarded \$1,000 scholarships by OFB

Oklahoma Farm Bureau and Affiliated Companies and its Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

The seven, who must pursue a career in agriculture at an Oklahoma institution of higher learning and be a full-time student, filed applications with county Farm Bureau offices for the scholarships.

All applicants had to be from an OFB voting member family. One student in each of the nine state board of director districts was eligible to receive the \$1,000 scholarship.

**Woodward County's Kensey McNaught** received the scholarship in district one. She is the daughter of Kaplin and Denise McNaught of Mooreland. She graduated from Mooreland High School in May, and plans to attend Panhandle State University before transferring to Oklahoma State University to pursue a

veterinary degree.

**Custer County's Riley Shepherd** received the scholarship in district two. He is the son of Randy and Tammy Shepherd of Butler. He graduated from Butler High School in May. Riley plans to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University and major in management.

**Kingfisher County's McKenzie Clifton** received the scholarship in district three. She is the daughter of Shane and Mandy Clifton of Kingfisher. She graduated from Kingfisher High School in May. McKenzie plans to attend Oklahoma State University and hopes to be a veterinarian.

**LeFlore County's Garrett LaFleur** received the scholarship in district five. He is the son of Earl and Carolyn LaFleur of Spiro. He graduated from Spiro High School in May. Garrett plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in agribusiness. He hopes to become an attorney.

**Craig County's Casey Nail** received the scholarship in district six. He is the son of Monty and Tracy Nail of Vinita. He graduated from Vinita High School in May. Casey plans to attend Oklahoma State University and hopes to pursue a career as an agricultural investigator.

**Garfield County's Kalie Clickner** received the scholarship in district seven. She is the daughter of Les and Sally Clickner of Enid. She graduated from Pioneer Pleasant Vale School in May. Kalie plans to attend Oklahoma State University and then pursue a career as an Extension educator.

**Okfuskee County's Robert Maples** received the scholarship in district nine. He is the son of Mark and Janelle Maples of Okemah. He graduated from Okemah High School in May. Robert plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in agriculture education.



## IT'S OFFICIAL

Tulsa County Farm Bureau and its Women's Committee earned recognition from the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce recently for adopting Kendall-Whittier Elementary School in Tulsa. Melissa Torkleson, far left, represented the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and delivered the official Declaration of Partnership to school principal Judy Feary, who displays the document. Paul Thomas, Kendall-Whittier Community School coordinator, also attended. Representing Farm Bureau at the presentation were, from left, Field Services Representative Robin Landrum and Tulsa FBW members Muriel Hayes, Helen Keller, Lotsee Spradling and Patty Herriman. Tulsa County recently constructed a greenhouse at the school.



## Governor signs conservation bond package

Oklahoma conservation leaders praised Governor Brad Henry for his approval of the \$25 million conservation bond package in late April.

With the passage of the measure, the state will begin the process of repairing the damage to the conservation infrastructure caused by devastating floods in 2007.

In 2007, record flooding resulted in damage to flood control structures throughout the state, including two dams in Caddo County that suffered near breaches. In addition, millions of dollars of damage was done to additional conservation infrastructure statewide.

The bond issue reauthorized with the governor's signature was originally passed last session to start the process of repairing this damage. After its initial passage, the bond was struck down by the Oklahoma Supreme Court. The version approved by the governor was written to address the concerns the court expressed in its ruling.

According to Clay Pope, executive director of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, the approval of the conservation bond comes just in time to match new federal dollars being generated by the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, known as the stimulus plan.

"Oklahoma is in line to receive over \$14 million for flood control dam rehabilitation from the recently passed stimulus plan," Pope said. "To get these funds, however, we needed this bond to provide the state match to these federal dollars. With the approval of this bond we can now insure that these dollars come to our state to help us repair this damage to our flood control infrastructure."

## EPA praises Oklahoma agriculture for protecting state's water quality

Oklahoma efforts to address non-point source pollution through voluntary, locally-led means has been singled out for praise by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a recent report on agriculture activity, according to Trey Lam, president of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts (OACD).

Lam said the report once again shows the willingness of farmers, ranchers and other landowners to protect our natural resources.

"We are extremely proud of this work highlighted for praise by the EPA," Lam said. "This report helps show how, when given the chance and when given technical and financial help from the state and federal governments, Oklahoma ag producers will answer the call to protect our environment."

According to Lam, the EPA Region 6 Report on Agriculture highlighted efforts in three

priority watersheds in Oklahoma: the Fort Cobb watershed and Arkansas River watershed in western Oklahoma and the Illinois River watershed in eastern Oklahoma.

In the report EPA praised the reduction in nutrients, pesticide levels, and soil particles in these watersheds, highlighting the work of landowners, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and local conservation districts to address water quality issues through cooperative, voluntary means.

"It's always exciting when someone from outside production agriculture recognizes the good stewardship being practiced through conservation efforts. That is just what the EPA did," Lam said.

The report comes on the heels of recent data showing additional water quality success in the Eucha-Spavinaw watershed and the

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Illinois River watershed. Recent findings made by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and certified by the EPA show a reduction of 66 percent of phosphorus loading levels in the Beatty Creek sub-watershed of the Eucha-Spavinaw watershed and a phosphorus loading reduction of 71 percent in the Peacheater Creek sub-watershed of the Illinois River, reductions attributable to voluntary cost-share efforts made by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, local conservation districts and NRCS through programs such as EPA Clean Water Act Section 319, the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Oklahoma Conservation Cost-Share Program.

**T**hese programs work by having the government share the cost with landowners to install best management practices, helping offset the cost to the landowner in installing the practices necessary

to address water quality issues. Technical assistance for the programs also is provided by NRCS and Conservation Commission staff to help landowners properly design and install these improvements.

According to Clay Pope, executive director of the OACD, this is the same approach used in the past to address other natural resource concerns, most notably, the dust bowl of the 1930s.

“During the Great Depression the government decided to work cooperatively

with landowners to roll back the tide of dust choking our nation. This approach worked so well that even though we have recently seen years drier than those in the ‘dirty thirties’ we have not see the return of the massive dust storms. These latest water quality numbers show that we can use this old approach born in the New Deal to address these modern natural resource challenges. By working cooperatively with landowners we can get a handle on these issues and we are proud to be part of that solution.”



## DIVING INTO WATER ISSUES

Members of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau board of directors plus two representatives from each director district assembled April 17 and May 18 to look at the organization's policies on water. Some committee members are shown here on April 17 as they go through the OFB policy book to review existing recommendations regarding water. The group is charged with studying current Farm Bureau water policy and is asked to make recommendations for revising it to remove conflicting statements while meeting the needs of members as well as examining other issues not covered by current policy. Recommendations made

by the committee will be included in information presented at all 2009 area meetings for consideration during the policy making process. Delegates to the 2008 OFB meeting passed a resolution asking that the committee be formed to examine water issues. Those serving on the committee, in addition to state directors, were Alan Jett, Larry Crews, Matt Muller, Tom Null, Jay Fulton, Paul Freundt, Jimmy Wayne Kinder, Kitty Beavers, Brent Bolen, Tom McCain, E.J. Snider, Greg Leonard, James Fuser, J.D. Soulek, Gary Johnson, Ada Hill, Mike Argo, Karen Brewer, Macy Strom, Lindsey Grant and Dan Mackey.

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## Agriculture Secretary reveals final rule for handling of non-ambulatory cattle

**A**griculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced a final rule to amend the federal meat inspection regulations to require a complete ban on the slaughter of cattle that become non-ambulatory disabled after passing initial inspection by Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) program personnel.

The final rule amends the federal meat inspection regulations to require that all cattle that are non-ambulatory disabled (“downers”) at any time prior to slaughter at an official establishment, including those that become non-ambulatory disabled after passing ante-mortem inspection, be condemned and properly disposed of according to FSIS regulations.

Additionally, the final rule requires that establishments notify inspection program personnel when cattle become non-ambulatory disabled after passing the ante-mortem, or pre-slaughter, inspection. The rule will enhance consumer confidence in the food supply and improve the humane handling of cattle.

“This rule is designed to enhance consumer confidence and humane handling standards and will provide clear guidance that non-ambulatory cattle will not be allowed to enter the human food supply,” said Vilsack. “It is a step forward for both food safety and the standards for humane treatment of animals.”

Under the final rule, cattle that become non-ambulatory disabled from an acute injury after ante-mortem inspection will no longer be eligible to proceed to slaughter as “U.S. Suspects.” Instead, FSIS inspectors will tag these cattle as “U.S. Condemned” and prohibit them from proceeding to slaughter.

With this final rule, “downer” cattle now must be humanely euthanized.



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## OFB partners with OACD to mark Stewardship Week in Oklahoma

As part of their continuing commitment to help farmers, ranchers and other landowners protect and conserve our natural resources, the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts (OACD), and the Oklahoma Farm Bureau again partnered to

celebrate Stewardship Week in Oklahoma, April 26 through May 3.

"Stewardship Week is a time when we recognize the hard work agriculture producers and other landowners do to conserve our soil, water, air, wildlife habitats and other natural resources," said Trey Lam, OACD president.

"We're fortunate to live in a state that recognizes the need for conservation," said Mike Spradling, OFB president. "From the Dust Bowl to today we've worked with highly skilled conservation officials to protect our resources."

"It's important that we let folks know what we do to protect the environment as part of our farming and ranching operations," said Lam. "It's also important that we educate our fellow ag producers and other citizens on the importance of the stewardship ethic and the need to care for our environment. We're glad to have the Oklahoma Farm Bureau working with us to do this."

Stewardship Week is one of the world's largest conservation-related observances. Since 1955, the National Association of Conservation Districts and OACD have sponsored the national Stewardship Week program. During the week, local conservation districts worked with media outlets, communities, faith based groups and local schools to promote the concept of stewardship.

"This is a great partnership, Farm Bureau and OACD," said Clay Pope, OACD executive director. "By working together we can help ensure that all Oklahomans, both rural and urban, know the importance of protecting and conserving our natural resources."

"Farmers and ranchers were the first environmentalists and are the primary stewards of our natural resources, but we must stay vigilant and address the problems of today while avoiding the mistakes of the past," Pope continued. "Agriculture producers work hard to conserve our soil, water, air, and wildlife habitats, but we still have more to do. We appreciate the help of the Farm Bureau in helping tell the story of agriculture and helping us promote stewardship statewide."

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## FARM SHOW

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Fieldman Robin Landrum, left, shares a laugh with Nowata County brothers Jay, center, and Jack Powell, at the organization's booth at the Southern Plains Farm Show at State Fair Park in Oklahoma City. Farm Bureau was among the several hundred exhibitors that offered a variety of products and services

for the farm, ranch and home that participated in the show. The OFB booth featured brochures explaining services offered plus a continuous showing of DVDs about the organization as well as free coffee for visitors. Exhibitors filled three buildings and an outdoor lot with farm tractors and equipment, mowers, building supplies and a variety of services at the April 23-25 show.

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Washington County Farm Bureau President Macy Strom chats with Rep. Steve Martin during a recent Farm Bureau legislative breakfast. Martin, who represents district 10, was joined on the program by Eddie Fields, district 38 representative; John Ford, district 29 senator; and Earl Sears,

district 11 representative. Washington and Nowata County Farm Bureaus hosted the meeting, which was held at the Tri County Vo-Tech Center in Bartlesville. Some 55 Farm Bureau leaders attended to hear from their lawmakers and provide insight to them on state issues.

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- Fresh ground pepper
- 4 ounces Dijon mustard

1. Rub flank steak with Dijon mustard. Marinate 6 to 8 hours in refrigerator.
2. Coat both sides of steak with fresh ground black pepper.
3. Grill 6 to 8 minutes per side or to desired degree of doneness.
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## SIMPLE SPARERIBS

- 2 slabs pork spareribs, about 6 lb. total
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Kosher salt
- Coarse black pepper
- Tennessee Favorite Barbecue Sauce  
(see recipe below)

Prepare fire for indirect-heat cooking in a covered grill. Rub ribs with vegetable oil and season both sides with salt and pepper. Place ribs on rack, cover grill and open the vents halfway. Cook for 30 minutes, then turn and cook until well browned and no longer pink when cut at the bone (30-40 minutes longer). In final minutes of grilling, baste ribs with barbecue sauce. Cut and serve the ribs with remaining sauce on the side.



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