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American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall to speak at OKFB Annual Meeting

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall will be a keynote speaker at the 2017 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, held Nov. 10-12 in Norman, Oklahoma. Duvall will speak in the general session Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Serving as AFBF president since January 2016, Duvall is a third-generation farmer from Georgia. In addition to a 400-head beef cow herd for which he grows his own hay, Duvall and his wife, Bonnie, also grow more than 750,000 broilers per year.

Prior to being elected AFBF president, Duvall served for nine years as president of Georgia Farm Bureau. Duvall's long leadership history in his home state

includes service on the Georgia Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee and the Georgia Farm Bureau board of directors.

He was also recognized with several state appointments, including then-Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue's Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Georgia Development Authority. His many state honors include Georgia Dairy Family of the Year.

As GFB president, Duvall's service on the AFBF board of directors included roles on the Trade Advisory Committee, including several international trade missions, and on the Finance Committee.

For more information about the OKFB Annual Meeting, visit the OKFB website at www.okfarmbureau.org.



Above: AFBF President Zippy Duvall will speak to OKFB members at the organization's annual meeting Nov. 10-12 in Norman, Okla.

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YF&R to host discussion meet at OKFB Annual Meeting

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers will host its annual discussion meet at the organization's annual convention Nov. 10 in Norman, Oklahoma.

The discussion meet is designed to replicate a committee meeting in which all participants are expected to discuss and actively contribute. Participants are evaluated on the exchange of ideas and information on a predetermined topic in three rounds of debate-style discussion. Participants are judged on their ability to offer constructive criticism, cooperation and communication while analyzing agricultural problems and developing solutions.

The overall winner will receive a prize package including a trip to compete in the national discussion meet at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in January.

Contestants may find a list of potential topics on the AFBF website.

To be eligible to compete, participants must be an Oklahoma Farm Bureau member between the ages of 18 and 35. Participants must return the registration and information packet to the OKFB home office by Nov. 3. For more information, contact OKFB YF&R Coordinator Zac Swartz at 405-523-2406



Above: Jennifer Howard, Jackson County member and state YF&R committee member, competes in the 2016 YF&R discussion meet.

Join OKFB for OSU homecoming tailgate in Stillwater

Headed to Stillwater to cheer on the Oklahoma State Cowboys for homecoming? Stop by and see OKFB at the corner of Knoblock St. and Athletic Ave., just south of Boone Pickens Stadium. As the game sponsor, OKFB will host a tailgate with food, fun and fellowship.



Comanche County Farm Bureau hosts successful annual meeting



Left: Comanche County Farm Bureau President Kerry Givens encourages members to be involved and engaged in advocating for agriculture at the county annual meeting Sept. 26 in Lawton. More than 150 members, community leaders and students attended the meeting. Right: Comanche County Farm Bureau recognizes Damon and Georgia Doye for more than 40 years of service to the county Farm Bureau.

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Stay updated on all things convention

The 2017 OKFB Annual Meeting is quickly approaching! As you prepare to join us Nov. 10-12 in Norman, keep an eye out for new updates on convention schedules, entertainment and more. Find all the updates under the "News" page at www.okfarmbureau.org.



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Farm Bureau women, OKF&R Foundation to donate books to teachers

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee and the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation have partnered to sponsor the 2017 Bushels for Books program, which awards teachers and school librarians bushel baskets of accurate agriculture books to be used in their classrooms and libraries across the state.

"Today's students are our state's future leaders," said Kitty Beavers, OKFB WLC chairman. "As farmers and ranchers, we're proud to provide teachers and students

with the opportunity to learn more about their food through the Bushels for Books program."

Selected by the OKFB WLC, the books will cover various agriculture topics based on the grade levels receiving the books. Most books are elementary-age appropriate.

Only one application may be submitted per school. To be eligible for consideration, a teacher can submit an application for a specific grade level or a school librarian can submit an application for books that range multiple grade levels.

The books will be presented during the Bushels for Books Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast at the OKFB Annual Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Applications are now available on the OKFB website, and must be submitted no later than Monday, Oct. 23 to Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Attn: Marcia Irvin, 2501 N. Stiles Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

For more information, contact Marcia Irvin by calling the OKFB home office at 405-523-2300.

OKFB supports youth at Tulsa State Fair Junior Livestock Auction



Above: An Oklahoma FFA exhibitor participates in the Tulsa State Fair Junior Livestock Auction Oct. 5. Top Right: OKFB Interim Executive Director Thad Doye (left) and District Seven Director Keith Kisling evaluate the auction lineup. Bottom Right: OKFB Director Keith Kisling (far left) and his family pose with his granddaughter Bree Kisling at the livestock auction.



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YF&R award applications due

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Contact: Zac Swartz 405-523-2406

State Resolutions Meeting

Oct. 18-19 • Oklahoma City
Contact: Tasha Duncan 405-530-2681

OKFB Annual Meeting

Nov. 10-12 • Norman
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Take a trip back in Oklahoma Farm Bureau's history to some of the key moments of the formation of state's largest agricultural organization.

OKFB 75th Anniversary commemorative edition of Oklahoma Country in mailboxes this week

In honor of the organization's rich 75-year history, Oklahoma Farm Bureau is proud to release its 75th Anniversary commemorative issue of *Oklahoma Country* magazine.

Hitting mailboxes this week, the magazine completes a yearlong effort to highlight OKFB's victories and accomplishments over the organization's past seven decades.

Inside the cover, learn about OKFB efforts to build for the future throughout the 1990s in the final segment of the organization's history. Read about the dedication of Farm Bureau members to create an organization that speaks for rural Oklahoma and stands

up for those who help feed the world.

Find stories of Oklahoma agriculture's hope and resilience through the wildfires that devastated farmers and ranchers in northwest Oklahoma this spring.

The issue also features a preview of the OKFB Annual Meeting in November, and explores how the grassroots organization's policy has remained consistent through the years. Discover bits of OKFB history peppered throughout each part of the issue.

Can't wait for it to arrive in your mailbox? Make sure to view it on the OKFB website on the Publications page at www.okfarmbureau.org.

