

PERSPECTIVE

August 27, 2021

Join OKFB for 80th Annual Meeting Nov. 5-7 in Norman

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are invited to join fellow members from across the state at OKFB's 80th Annual Meeting Nov. 5-7 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman.

Each year the convention marks a time for members to celebrate Farm Bureau achievements, elect OKFB leaders, set policy for the next year, fellowship with friends from around the state and more.

Team up with fellow county members Friday, Nov. 5 for OKFB's game night in addition to a trade show, silent auction and continuing education opportunities.

Members will once again gather Saturday, Nov. 6 for the business sessions, dinner and awards, followed by a worship service Sunday morning.

A tentative schedule can be found online at okfb.news/Meeting21 and will be updated as more details and information become available.

Are you interested in attending this year? Reach out to your county Farm Bureau office for more details.



Valuable conversations had during August Area Meetings

With August Area Meetings across the state coming to an end for the year, each meeting has not only served as an opportunity for members to once again come together to fellowship, but to discuss in-person some of the

challenges and concerns facing Farm Bureau members.

Common questions from across the state have included WOTUS, updates on the McGirt case, cattle markets and the rapid growth of the marijuana industry in our state.



District One - West



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District Four - West



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District Seven



District Nine

Creek County Farm Bureau members share challenges in ag with Rep. Kevin Hern

A small group of Creek County Farm Bureau members gathered Aug. 18 in Sapulpa to discuss concerns regarding policy on a federal level with Rep. Kevin Hern.

Topics discussed throughout the evening included proposals to change the capital gains tax policy, including the elimination of the stepped-up basis, and how it would directly impact farms and ranches such as theirs.



Rep. Kevin Hern sits down with members of Creek County Farm Bureau Aug. 18 to listen to some of the challenges they are facing as producers.



Creek County Farm Bureau member Joey Varner, along with fellow members, shares his perspective on several federal issues of concern.

OKFB YF&R to host State Fair Livestock Judging Contest Sept. 16

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee will sponsor the annual Oklahoma State Fair Livestock Judging Contest on Sept. 16 at the state fairgrounds in Oklahoma City.

With a junior and senior division, the contest will include market and breeding classes of beef cattle, sheep and swine. Students in third through seventh grades will be in the junior division and students in eighth through 12th grades will be in the senior division. Each contestant will answer at least one set of questions in a class. No oral reasons will be given.

The high individual and high team members of each division will be presented a jacket and an award. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 10 in each class. Awards also will be presented to the second- and third-place individuals and first-through third-place teams.

The day of the contest, registration for both divisions will begin at 9 a.m. in Barn 3 with the contest starting at 10 a.m. in Barn 8. Each contestant should bring their social security number and pencils.

For more information on the event and details on how participants can receive complementary gate admission, visit okfb.news/livestock21.



State Resolutions Meeting to be held Oct. 19-20 in OKC

Representatives from county Farm Bureaus across the state will gather Oct. 19-20 for the State Resolutions Committee Meeting at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Downtown Medical Center.

Transitioning into county resolutions and annual meetings, the conversations had within each meeting will have a part in shaping the policy Oklahoma Farm Bureau will follow for years to come.

Counties participating in the State

Resolutions Committee this year are:

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| • Beckham | • Jefferson | • Sequoyah |
| • Blaine | • Kay | • Tulsa |
| • Bryan | • Kingfisher | • Washita |
| • Canadian | • Latimer | • Woods |
| • Cimarron | • Major | |
| • Coal | • McIntosh | |
| • Cotton | • Murray | |
| • Delaware | • Okfuskee | |
| • Dewey | • Ottawa | |
| • Garvin | • Pawnee | |
| • Harper | • Pottawatomie | |
| • Jackson | • Pushmataha | |

The meeting will serve as one of the final steps to the organization's grassroots policy development process. During the 2021 OKFB Annual Meeting to be held Nov. 5-7 in Norman, the full delegate body of Farm Bureau members will consider and vote on the proposed resolutions.

Please contact your county secretary to confirm your county resolutions committee representative for the event.

Members gather in Ponca City for District 7 Women's Luncheon

Farm Bureau women from across north central Oklahoma gathered in Ponca City Aug. 14 for the Oklahoma Farm Bureau District 7 Women's Luncheon where members shared Farm Bureau activities as they visited with women from across the region.

The day included a wheat-to-table cinnamon roll baking demonstration from local Oklahoma 4-H members Colton and Cash Tripp, a craft project led by Cindy Oard of Wonderfully Made Studio, and a lunch featuring locally made foods.

For more information on how you can become involved in a Women's Leadership Committee in your area, visit okfarmbureau.org/women.



OKFB members can now save 15% on hotel stays with IHG

On top of the organization's vast array of existing benefits, Oklahoma Farm Bureau members can now enjoy a 15% discount on qualifying stays at InterContinental Hotel Group hotels.

The offer applies to stays including Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights. If a stay includes a Thursday or Sunday night, members can take advantage of the offer. For example, a member can stay at any IHG hotel Sunday through Monday night and still receive the discount for the entire stay.

Reservations must be made at least three days in advance to be eligible for the discount.

Hotels included in IHG are InterContinental®, Crowne Plaza®, Hotel Indigo®, Holiday Inn®, Holiday Inn Express®, Staybridge Suites®, Candlewood Suites®, EVEN™ Hotels and so much more.

For more details about the IHG discount, visit okfarmbureau.org/benefits or contact Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2300.

YF&R members receive update on beef cattle markets

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers members from Grant, Kingfisher, Noble and Payne Counties had a unique opportunity to gather in Guthrie Aug. 16 for an in-depth look at the challenges facing beef cattle markets.

Dr. Derrell Peel of Oklahoma State Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources for sharing some helpful insight into the intricacies of the beef supply chain with members.



Left: Dr. Derrell Peel shares with YF&R members some of the complexities of the supply chain and potential reasons for the gap in retail beef. Above: YF&R members from Grant, Kingfisher, Noble and Payne Counties concerned about the current state of the beef market gather in Guthrie Aug. 16 for a better look at the state of the markets.

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Share the world of agriculture with 'Read an Accurate Ag Book Week' Sept. 7-10

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are encouraged to share the world agriculture with students in their community during 'Read an Accurate Ag Book Week' Sept. 7-10.

A program of Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom, agriculture leaders across the state will have the opportunity to join together in telling the agriculture story and importance of agriculture.

Producers, teachers, librarians, 4-H clubs and FFA chapters who participate can enter to win a basket of accurate agriculture books donated by Oklahoma AITC.

To participate:

- Register to participate by completing AITC's registration form at okfb.news/ReadAgBook21.
- Read an accurate ag book to a classroom near you either in person or on Zoom Sept. 7-10, 2021.
- Take pictures of you reading to the class (with permission from the school).
- Post pictures to Facebook with the hashtags #okagclass and #readagbooks2021.
- If you are not on social media, email pictures to emily.ague@ag.ok.gov.

In addition, Farm Bureau members can use #OKFBReads21 to be highlighted on OKFB's Facebook page or send photos to brianne.whitcomb@okfb.org.

In honor of Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom's 'Read an Accurate Ag Book Week', the OKFB Foundation for

Agriculture distributed 31 accurate agriculture books to producers, teachers and industry leaders across the state.

With nearly 70 applicants, recipients of the books will help spread the word of agriculture with young Oklahomans across 23 counties.

For the full list of American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture recommended books, visit agfoundation.org/recommended-pubs.

