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OKFB wraps up 2022 August Area Meetings, grassroots policy development process moves forward

Another year of August Area Meetings has come to a close. Farm Bureau members from every corner of the state gathered for a total of 11 districtwide meetings during the weeks of August 8 and August 15.

August Area Meetings serve as the beginning of Oklahoma Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development season

where members bring forth top issues facing farmers and ranchers. Members who attended the 2022 meetings discussed a variety of topics, including medical marijuana, private property rights, agriculture labor, school vouchers, climate issues, the 2023 farm bill and more.

Members will now take what they

discussed to their county resolutions meetings in the coming weeks to draft resolution language to be considered at the state resolutions meeting in mid-October. Resolutions from the state meeting will be heard and voted on at OKFB's annual meeting in November. These resolutions will guide the work of the organization in the upcoming year.

Upcoming policy development dates

**Resolutions due
to home office**

**October
10**

**State resolutions
meeting**

**October
18-19**

**OKFB Annual
Meeting**

**November
11-13**

County Farm Bureau Fire Department Matching Program deadline extended to Sept. 30

The deadline for county Farm Bureaus to complete the Fire Department Matching Program has been extended to Sept. 30.

The OKFB Fire Department Matching Program will match county Farm Bureaus' donations to one or multiple fire departments. Each county Farm Bureau can receive up to a total of \$450 in matching funds for donations they make to local fire departments.

Counties interested in participating in the program must fill out the form on the OKFB website at okfb.news/FireMatch22 to receive matching funds. Counties will not obtain the matching funds until OKFB Foundation for Agriculture Director Holly Carroll receives the form.

The Fire Department Matching Program form, available on the OKFB website, must be submitted to Holly Carroll by September 30 for the chance to receive up to \$450 in matching funds.

For more information, contact OKFB Director of Membership and OKFB Foundation for Agriculture Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2300.

The matching funds are provided by Oklahoma Farm Bureau, the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture and OKFB Insurance.

Find the matching form on the OKFB website at okfb.news/FireMatch22.

How your county Farm Bureau can receive Fire Department Matching Program funds

- 1** Decide as a county board if you will donate to one or multiple fire departments in your county
- 2** Select the departments you would like to support, and determine how much your county will donate to each
- 3** Fill out the online form available on the OKFB website at okfb.news/FireMatch22 and submit it to Holly Carroll one of the following ways:

Email: holly.carroll@agsgiving.org

Mail: Oklahoma Farm Bureau
Attn: Holly Carroll
2501 N Stiles
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
- 4** Wait for a check totaling up to \$450 from the three entities with OKFB providing \$150, the foundation providing \$150 and the insurance company providing \$150
- 5** Present checks to the fire departments at a county board meeting or at the fire department. If you take a photo of the donation, please send it to the OKFB Communications Department at news@okfarmbureau.org

OKFB members asked for input in drought survey

The American Farm Bureau Federation is asking Oklahoma Farm Bureau members to share their experience with the ongoing drought in the state.

AFBF is collecting data from Farm Bureau members around the country regarding the persistent drought conditions the western and central plains portions of the United States are experiencing. The goal of the survey is to gain a better understanding of the conditions and challenges Farm Bureau members face.

Complete the online survey at okfb.news/DroughtSurvey22.

County Farm Bureau assignments for resolutions committee

The counties listed below will serve on the Oklahoma Farm Bureau state resolutions committee, which reviews and approves county-submitted policy resolutions before the proposals are considered by the delegate body at the OKFB annual meeting.

The OKFB state resolutions committee meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 18 and Wednesday, Oct. 19 in Oklahoma City.

For questions about the resolutions process or the state resolutions meeting, please contact the OKFB public policy department at (405) 523-2300.

Alfalfa	Custer	Marshall	Pontotoc
Caddo	Ellis	Mayes	Texas
Carter	Greer	Noble	Tillman
Cherokee	Hughes	Nowata	Wagoner
Choctaw	LeFlore	Okmulgee	
Cleveland	Lincoln	Osage	
Comanche	Logan	Pittsburg	



Share agriculture during Read an Accurate Ag Book Week Sept. 6-9

All Farm Bureau members are encouraged to share the world of agriculture during Read an Accurate Ag Book Week September 6-9.

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 sharing the importance of agriculture.

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

To participate:

1. **Register** to participate by completing the online form available at okfb.news/AgBookForm22
2. **Read** an Accurate Ag Book to a classroom near you Sept. 6-9
3. **Take pictures** of you reading to the school/class (with permission from the school)
4. Post pictures on social media with the hashtags **#okagclass** and **#readagbooks2022**
5. If you are not on social media, **email pictures** to emily.ague@ag.ok.gov

The OKFB Women's Leadership Committee donated the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Book of the Year, *How to Grow a Monster*, to all 77 county Farm Bureaus. Contact your county office to ask about checking out their copy.

Find all of the AFBF foundation's accurate agriculture book recommendations on their website at agfoundation.org/recommended-pubs.

Register today for the 2023 AFBF Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico Jan. 6-11

All Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are invited to attend the 2023 American Farm Bureau Convention January 6-11 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The 104th AFBF convention will feature general sessions, grassroots policy development, educational workshops, a trade show, competitive events and more.

Visit AFBF's annual meeting website at annualconvention.fb.org to learn more about the event.

An extended trip option is available to OKFB members for January 11-15. Members will have the opportunity to see agriculture in Puerto Rico including cattle research facilities, fruit farms and much more.

For more information and to register for AFBF Convention, contact OKFB Senior Executive Assistant and Event Coordinator Melisa Neal at (405) 523-2475.

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OKFB YF&R to host state fair livestock judging contest Sept. 15 in OKC

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee is set to host the 2022 Oklahoma State Fair Livestock Judging Contest Thursday, Sept. 15 at the state fairgrounds in Oklahoma City.

The annual competition offers 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to showcase their livestock judging skills in both market and breeding classes of beef, sheep and swine. While no oral reasons will be given in the competition, participants will be asked to answer at least one set of questions.

Students in third through seventh

grades will compete as juniors, and eighth through 12th grade students will compete as seniors. Students can compete as both individuals and teams.

Jackets and banners will be awarded to each division's high individual and high team, and plaques will be given to second- and third-place individuals and teams. Ribbons will be given to the top-10 placings in each class.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in Barn 3 on the day of the event with the competition kicking off at 10 a.m. Participants should come prepared with a pencil.



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Second Generation Bridge Summer Series event held in Enid

Nearly 30 Oklahoma Farm Bureau members ages 35-50 met in Enid Friday, Aug. 18 at Enid Brewing Company for the second event in the OKFB Generation Bridge Summer Series.

The group enjoyed agriculture-related trivia, a meal and a conversation with Brady Sidwell, co-owner of Enid Brewing Company, who shared his experience in adding value to Oklahoma agricultural commodities through a variety of ventures including Enid Brewing Company and Chisholm Trail Milling.

Generation Bridge is a program for Farm Bureau members ages 35-50 to gather and share their agricultural experience while learning more about the industry. The summer series events were held as an informal opportunity to fellowship and discuss the future of the Generation Bridge program, which was launched earlier this year.

For questions about the Generation Bridge program and opportunities to get involved, contact Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2300.



Farm Bureau members test their knowledge with agriculture trivia during the Generation Bridge Summer Series event in Enid Friday, Aug. 18 at Enid Brewing Company.



Brady Sidwell shares his experience with adding value to agricultural commodities and connecting with consumers during the Generation Bridge Summer Series event in Enid.