

# PERSPECTIVE

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District Four - West



District Two



District Six



District Five

## OKFB members begin grassroots policy development at annual August Area Meetings across the state

In recent weeks, members of Oklahoma Farm Bureau gathered in each of their districts for the organization's annual August Area Meetings held across the state.

Eleven meetings in total were held, including one virtual meeting, to ensure all members had the opportunity to participate.

Known as the beginning of the grassroots policy making process,

members had the chance to ask questions about topics of concern pertaining to agriculture and the rural way of life on a local, state and national level. Members also received an update from OKFB staff members on the latest organizational activities.

The most common concerns expressed by members include:

- **McGirt v. Oklahoma**
- **Beef supply chain**

- **Water issues**
- **Access to rural broadband and infrastructure**

Counties will be contacted soon about the upcoming resolutions process.

For questions regarding the grassroots policy making process, contact the OKFB public policy department at (405) 523-2300.

## Farm Bureau members reelect Fuser to OKFB board

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members in the organization's district six reelected James Fuser of Ottawa County to serve on the OKFB board of directors.

As the district six director, Fuser will represent Farm Bureau members throughout Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers, Sequoyah and Wagoner Counties.

"It's an honor for me to have the opportunity to serve Farm Bureau members in district six," Fuser said. "I look forward to continually working alongside our grassroots members to move agriculture and rural Oklahoma forward."

Fuser is a third-generation farmer and rancher who raises soybeans, corn, wheat and hay, in addition to his cow-calf operation, near Afton.



James Fuser

## ODAFF releases survey for producers to learn about struggles in labor availability

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry recognizes the need for increased labor availability in our state's agriculture industry. In an effort to work toward solutions, ODAFF would like to hear directly from farmers and ranchers about their experiences in meeting their workforce needs.

To gather more valuable information, ODAFF is inviting farmers and ranchers to respond to a short 15 question survey at [okfb.news/oklabor](http://okfb.news/oklabor).

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact JanLee Rowlett at (405) 522-6105 or at [JanLee.Rowlett@ag.ok.gov](mailto:JanLee.Rowlett@ag.ok.gov).

# Bushels for Books

Providing accurate agriculture books to educate today's youth

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE  
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## Applications for accurate agriculture books from OKFB Foundation, WLC due Sept. 18

Do you know of a teacher or librarian that could benefit from accurate agriculture books in their classroom or school library?

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee has joined with the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture to help ensure more books covering agriculture make their way into classrooms across the state.

To be eligible, a teacher must submit an application for a specific grade level

or a librarian may submit an application for books that span multiple grade levels. **Only one application can be submitted per school.**

Books will be selected from the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's book database filled with books that cover a variety of topics. Most books are elementary-age-appropriate.

**Applications are due Sept. 18.**  
To submit your Bushels for Books application, mail to:

**Oklahoma Farm Bureau  
Attn. Marcia Irvin  
2501 N. Stiles  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105**

To complete your application today, visit [okfb.news/bfb20](http://okfb.news/bfb20). Award details will be presented to the winners.

For more information about the Bushels for Books program, contact Marcia Irvin at (405) 523-2300 or [Marcia.Irvin@okfb.org](mailto:Marcia.Irvin@okfb.org).



## Registration open to attend the Women's Fall Conference Sept. 25-26

Oklahoma Farm Bureau women from across the state are invited to attend the 2020 Women's Leadership Committee Fall Conference to be held Sept. 25-26 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Edmond.

Free to all OKFB women, the conference will feature speakers, breakout sessions, a trade show, a community service project, and lots of fun and fellowship.

To register for the conference, participants must complete the registration form no later than Sept. 10, 2020. Registration forms can be found at [okfb.news/women20](http://okfb.news/women20). Hotel rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn Edmond for \$109 per night and may be reserved by contacting the hotel directly at (405) 285-0900.

For more information on the fall conference, contact Marcia Irvin at (405) 523-2300.

### Schedule

#### Friday, September 25

8:30 a.m. | Registration

8:30 a.m. - 11:45 | Community service project

11:45 a.m. | Lunch featuring guest speaker Jordan Cook

1:30 p.m. | Mini-sessions begin

- Butterfly gardens
- Program of Work
- Ag facts

5:30 | Guest speaker Mindi Clark

6 p.m. | Dinner

#### Saturday, September 26

7 a.m. - 8:15 | Breakfast buffet

8:30 a.m. | Mini-sessions begin

- Made in OK
- Christmas craft

**Registration forms must be submitted no later than Sept. 10.**

*Register today at [okfb.news/women20](http://okfb.news/women20).*

## Two Oklahoma educators awarded AFBF Foundation grants

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has awarded two Oklahoma educators with a White-Reinhardt Resource grant.

Dusti McCartney of Willard Grade Center in Ada and Debra Wood of Orvis Risner Elementary in Edmond were two of 70 educators across the country presented with a \$100 credit to the AFBF Foundation for Agriculture store.

The purpose of these grants is to provide funds to educators to purchase accurate agricultural literacy materials from the AFBF Foundation for Agriculture store for use in their classrooms. By providing this grant, AFBFA hopes to help students gain access to more accurate information about agriculture.

The White-Reinhardt Fund for

Education is a special project of the Foundation in cooperation with the AFB Women's Leadership Committee. It was established to honor two former chairs of that committee, Berta White and Linda Reinhardt, who were leaders in the national effort to improve agricultural literacy.

Learn more about the AFBF Foundation for Agriculture at [agfoundation.org](http://agfoundation.org).



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## Foundation for Ag makes donation to help feed hungry Oklahoma children

The OKFB Foundation for Ag donated more than \$11,000 to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma backpack programs to help feed hungry children across Oklahoma.

Donated by FFA members through the Oklahoma FFA's Hunger Challenge, the dollars will be doubled through a matching grant through the food banks.

Additional donations to the backpack program can be made through the OKFB Foundation for Ag at [okfbfoundationforagriculture.org](http://okfbfoundationforagriculture.org).



Members of the Oklahoma FFA state officer team along with OKFB Executive Director Thad Doye and OKFB Foundation for Agriculture Director Holly Carroll present Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Jack Miller with a check from the proceeds of the Hunger Challenge.

## Save today with new Dell member benefit

Whether you are a student headed back to school or a family in need of a new computer, Oklahoma Farm Bureau's newest member benefit is here to help you with up to 30% off.

The Dell Member Purchase Program is a **cost-free** member discount program. Receive member-only pricing on all personal purchases from Dell. OKFB members, can shop discounts 24/7 at [www.dell.com/mpp/okfb](http://www.dell.com/mpp/okfb).

All member discounts are built into the site listed above. Members are not required to log in or use any codes to qualify for discounts. Any login created will be for the member's own personal reference of Dell purchases.

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