

PERSPECTIVE

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U.S. Sen. James Lankford shared insight from his time serving in Washington, D.C., with Farm Bureau members at OKFB's Evening of Impact in Oklahoma City Friday, Dec. 2.



Farm Bureau members visit with Sen. James Lankford at OKFB's second-annual Evening of Impact fundraiser in Oklahoma City, which raised funds for the OKFB Ag PAC.

Lankford highlights OKFB's second-annual Evening of Impact fundraiser

Senator James Lankford highlighted Oklahoma Farm Bureau's second-annual Evening of Impact fundraising event on Friday, Dec. 2 at the Petroleum Club in Oklahoma City.

Sen. Lankford shared with more than 70 Farm Bureau members and guests his experience in agriculture and his time in Washington, D.C. through an informal Q&A with OKFB President Rodd Moesel.

Throughout the Q&A, Lankford gave his thoughts on international trade, the state of Oklahoma's marijuana industry, the 2024 presidential election and more.

Members in attendance also had the opportunity to hear from Pat McFerron of Cole Hargrave Snodgrass and Associates during dinner as he recapped highlights and trends from the November 2022 general election.

The night concluded with an auction featuring two bar stools signed by Gov. Kevin Stitt.

Proceeds from the 2022 Evening of Impact will benefit the OKFB Ag PAC, which supports state and federal candidates for office who share Farm Bureau members' values and

who understand the important role agriculture plays in our state and nation.

The OKFB Ag PAC is supported solely by individual contributions, which come primarily from Farm Bureau members who elect to make voluntary contributions when renewing their membership dues. Members can also donate at any time by mailing a check to the Ag PAC at 2501 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.*

**Contributions or gifts to the OKFB Ag PAC are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.*

OKFB Ag PAC achieves 93% success rate in 2022 elections

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau AgPAC, OKFB's grassroots-driven political action committee, achieved a 93% success rate of candidates supported in the 2022 election cycle.

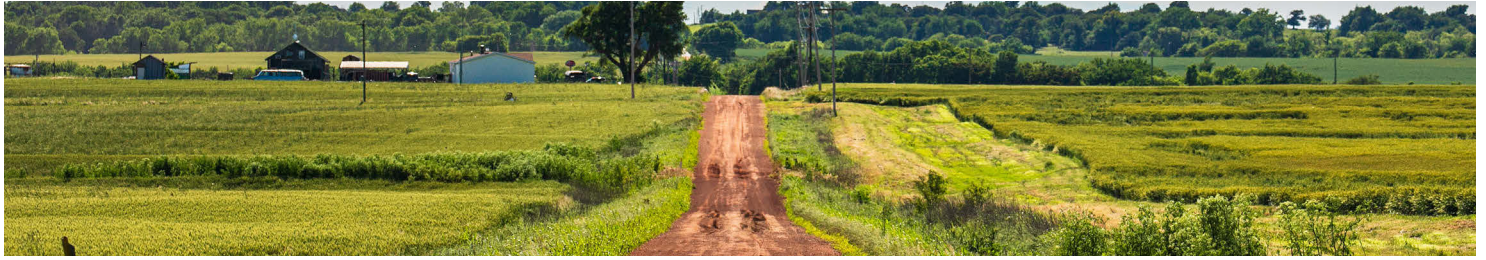
The Ag PAC gave \$97,300 in financial support throughout the election cycle,

providing funds to 64 candidates. The Ag PAC gave endorsements, the highest level of support possible, to 19 candidates running for office.

The Ag PAC is supported by donations and voluntary contributions from OKFB members.*

Candidate financial support and endorsements are decided upon by the Ag PAC board, which is comprised of Farm Bureau members from each region of the state. The board solicits input from local Farm Bureau members to determine support levels.

OKFB members encouraged to verify internet speed by Jan. 13 to help secure broadband funding



Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are encouraged to check and verify the listed broadband internet service available in their areas on a coverage map recently released by the Federal Communications Commission.

The Oklahoma Broadband Office is encouraging all Oklahomans to check the services available at their address for accuracy to ensure the state will receive the grant money needed to provide adequate high-speed internet access to all of Oklahoma.

“We have reason to believe that some of the information listed on the site, especially in rural areas, is not accurate,” said Kirk Martin, interim director of the Oklahoma Broadband Office. “In many cases, the map lists service that is simply not available.”

To verify service in your area, enter your address in the FCC Broadband

Map accessible on the FCC’s website at broadbandmap.fcc.gov and check the listed coverage options. If you believe the listed information is inaccurate, click “Location Challenge” to dispute the listing(s) for your location.

The map covers residential and commercial addresses, as well as schools, churches and libraries.

The Oklahoma Broadband Office stressed the importance of accurate listings as the finalized map will determine how much money will be distributed to each state for broadband expansion. Currently, the office plans to invest more than \$1 billion in both federal and state funding.

“If the final map contains bad information, thousands of Oklahomans could be left out,” Martin said.

The deadline to verify service is January 13, 2023.

How to verify your broadband internet speed online

- 1** Access the FCC’s broadband map online at broadbandmap.fcc.gov
- 2** Check the coverage options for your area listed on the FCC’s website
- 3** If the information listed is inaccurate, click “Location Challenge,” and dispute the listing(s)

Please note: The broadband map tool is provided by the FCC, and Oklahoma Farm Bureau makes no guarantees about the tool’s availability or accuracy.

OKFB board donates 10 hams as part of Pork Council’s annual Give a Ham challenge

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau board of directors donated 10 hams to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City as part of the Oklahoma Pork Council’s annual Give a Ham Challenge.

The challenge serves as a call to Oklahomans to donate a ham or make a monetary donation to local food assistance programs to help battle food insecurity in our state during the holiday season.

The challenge is passed on through social media to a person, group or organization who then creates a photo or video of them with their donation as they pass the challenge along.

The OKFB board of directors was challenged by Oklahoma Pork Council Vice President Robert Peffley, and they passed the challenge along to farm broadcaster Ron Hays.



The Oklahoma Farm Bureau board of directors donated 10 hams to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City as part of the Oklahoma Pork Council’s annual Give a Ham Challenge, which calls upon Oklahomans to donate a ham or make a monetary donation to support Oklahomans facing food insecurity.

OKFB President Rodd Moesel also called Farm Bureau members to donate a ham or make a monetary donation in their local community to provide food

assistance to their neighbors in need during the holiday season.

To learn more about the Give a Ham Challenge, visit okpork.org/giveaham.

OKFB hosts booth, provides seminar for members at Tulsa Farm Show



Oklahoma Farm Bureau met with current members, signed up new members and shared the benefits of an OKFB membership with attendees at the 2022 Tulsa Farm Show Dec. 8-10.

OKFB was a title sponsor of the show, which brings together the northeastern Oklahoma agriculture community.

The booth featured OKFB information, giveaway items, information on the Oklahoma Farm Bureau/Oklahoma 4-H ATV Safety Facility and more.

In addition to the organization's booth, OKFB hosted a lunchtime event

on Friday featuring presentations from Oklahoma State University Extension specialists. Earl Ward, northeast area livestock specialist, shared strategies for ensuring proper livestock nutrition with short hay supplies. Scott Clawson, northeast area agriculture economics specialist, discussed business and management decisions agriculture producers should take into account after dealing with drought during 2022.

A lunch was provided to members, and door prizes were given away to those attending the event.

Can't make it to Puerto Rico? Join AFBF annual meeting online with virtual meeting registration

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members will head to Puerto Rico Jan. 6-11 for the 2023 American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting where they will meet with fellow Farm Bureau members, learn and grow together, compete in events and set national Farm Bureau policy for the coming year.

If you are not able to travel to Puerto Rico to attend the event in-person, you can still be part of this incredible event with a virtual event registration.

Virtual attendees will be able to watch general sessions featuring keynote speakers Bert Jacobs, the co-founder and Chief Executive Optimist of Life Is Good, and Big Kenny of country music duo Big & Rich. Farm Bureau members can also listen in on a selection of eight workshops and hear from a variety of agricultural leaders from the Cultivation Center Stage.

Content can be accessed with an internet-connected device, and events can be viewed live or later through on-demand viewing, which will be available for three months after convention ends.

Virtual convention registrations cost only \$25. Register online today at annualconvention.fb.org/virtual to virtually attend the 2023 AFBF annual meeting in Puerto Rico from the comfort of your couch, pickup or tractor.

Ornaments still available to support OKFB foundation

Brighten your holiday season while supporting the future of agriculture with a commemorative 2022 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Christmas ornament to support the work of the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture.

Introduced at the 2022 OKFB annual meeting, ornaments are still available for a \$30 donation to the foundation. Proceeds will help support the foundation's critical mission of sharing agriculture with Oklahomans while supporting Oklahoma's farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

The three-dimensional ornaments are made in the USA, and are a perfect way to celebrate the season.

To purchase your own 2022 OKFB ornament while supplies last, email Holly Carroll at holly.carroll@okfb.org.



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Meet the 2023 OKFB state board



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Stacy Simunek, Dist. 7; Mike Leverett, Dist. 8; Leon Richards, Dist. 1; Monte Tucker, vice president, Dist. 2; Rodd Moesel, president; David VonTungeln, secretary, Dist. 3; Roger Moore, Dist. 6; and Kerry Givens, Dist. 2.

Front Row: (L to R):

Alisen and Jared Anderson, YF&R chair; Jim Meek, treasurer, Dist. 9; Mike Clark, Dist 5; Mignon Bolay, WLC chair.

Mark your calendar with OKFB's early 2023 events

January

6-11 • AFBF Annual Meeting
Puerto Rico

February

21 • State Leadership Conference
Oklahoma City
20-24 • Farm Bureau Week

March

3-6 • AFBF FUSION Conference
Jacksonville, FL
20-21 • Farm City Festival
Oklahoma State Capitol
27-31 • Congressional Action Tour
Washington, D.C.

April

11 • Ag Day at the Capitol
Oklahoma State Capitol
21-22 • State WLC Conference
POSTOAK Lodge, Tulsa