

PERSPECTIVE

July 11, 2025



OKFB WLC members attend National Ag in the Classroom conference in Minneapolis

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee members, along with Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom teachers, traveled to Minneapolis for the National Ag in the Classroom conference June 23-26.

WLC members and Oklahoma teachers attended numerous breakout sessions where they learned about new accurate agriculture books, received new curriculum to use in their own classrooms and participated in hands-on

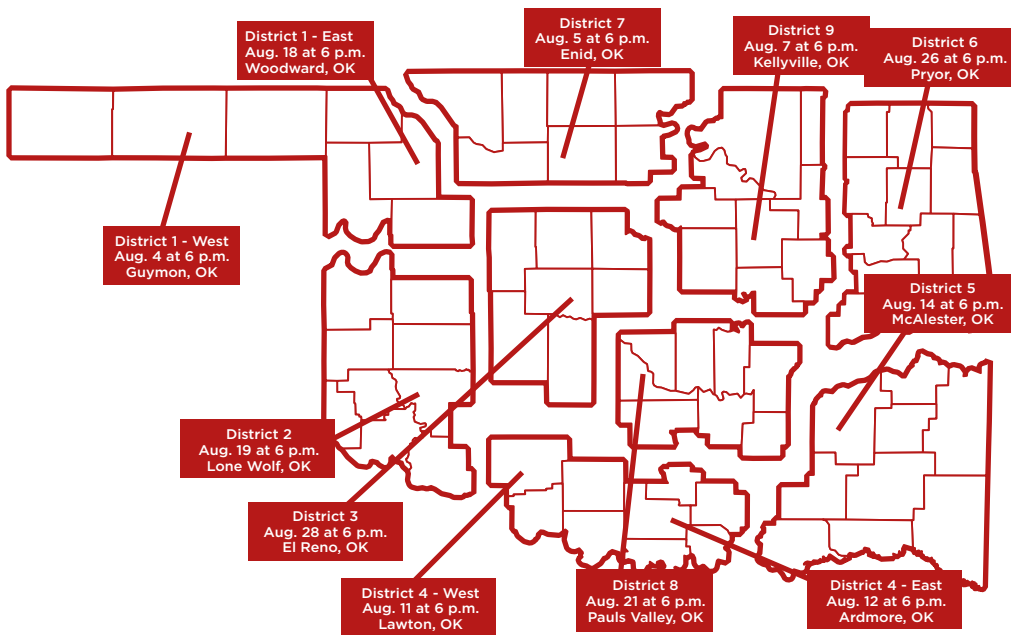
workshop activities.

WLC members had the opportunity to participate in traveling workshops during the conference. Members followed the journey of milk to the Square Deal Dairy where they learned about milk production. Members also toured Galewoods Farm, which is an educational farm that provides visitors with a hands-on learning experience about food and animal production. The final traveling workshop took place at

the University of Minnesota College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Sciences where members learned about extension education programs in Minnesota.

WLC members toured to Duluth's canal park to see the Aerial Lift Bridge and Lake Superior, the largest Great Lake, and visited Target Field, home of the Minnesota Twins.

OKFB's Grassroots policy development season is set to kick off with 2025 August Area Meetings



Oklahoma Farm Bureau's grassroots policy development season is fast approaching with the organization's slate of upcoming August Area Meetings.

August Area Meetings serve as the beginning of Farm Bureau's policy development season. OKFB members are encouraged to bring their ideas for potential changes and updates to the organization's policy that will help agriculture and rural Oklahoma.

Eleven total meetings will be held across all nine Farm Bureau districts. Each meeting begins at 6 p.m. and will include a meal. Members can attend the area meeting that is most convenient for them.

Following the area meetings, OKFB members will write grassroots policy solutions to submit to their county resolutions committee. Resolutions that pass the county resolutions process must be submitted to the OKFB home office by October 1.

The state resolutions meeting will be held October 22-23 at the Embassy Suites Downtown Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

The state resolutions committee will consider the resolutions submitted by counties to the home office and will

discuss and vote upon the county-submitted policy resolutions.

State resolutions committee members will be divided into subcommittees where they will consider and discuss the resolutions by subject area. Subcommittee members will vote to pass, delete or amend resolutions.

Resolutions that are passed out of subcommittees will be considered in a full group setting during the morning and evening setting of the state resolutions meeting.

The resolutions that advance through the state committee process will be presented to the full delegate body for consideration at the 2025 OKFB Annual Meeting Nov. 7-9 in Oklahoma City. The resolutions that are passed by the delegate body will be adopted into OKFB's policy book, which guides the work of the organization at the state Capitol and beyond.

August Area Meeting locations, date and times are listed on the right and on the map above. For questions about August Area Meetings, members can contact their field representative or the OKFB public policy department at **(405) 523-2300**.

2025 August Area Meeting Schedule:

District 1 West - Guymon

Monday, August 4 • 6 p.m.
Hunny's
103 N Main, Guymon

District 1 East - Woodward

Monday, August 18 • 6 p.m.
Red Prairie Steakhouse
3113 Williams, Woodward

District 2 - Lone Wolf

Tuesday, August 19 • 6 p.m.
Quartz Mountain Lodge
Caddo Room
22469 Lodge Rd, Lone Wolf

District 3 - El Reno

Thursday, August 28 • 6 p.m.
Redlands Community College
1300 South Country Club Rd, El Reno

District 4 West - Lawton

Monday, August 11 • 6 p.m.
Comanche County Fairgrounds
Prairie Building
920 SW Sheridan Rd, Lawton

District 4 East - Ardmore

Tuesday, August 12 • 6 p.m.
Murray Event Center
106 E Main St, Ardmore

District 5 - McAlester

Thursday, August 14 • 6 p.m.
Southeast Expo Center
4500 West US - 270, McAlester

District 6 - Pryor

Monday, August 25 • 6 p.m.
Moore Farm's Event Barn
9353 W 500 Rd, Pryor

District 7 - Enid

Tuesday, August 5 • 6 p.m.
Crosspoint Church
2500 N Van Buren St, Enid

District 8 - Pauls Valley

Thursday, August 21 • 6 p.m.
Garvin County Fairgrounds
Community Building
16900 N Willow St, Pauls Valley

District 9 - Kellyville

Thursday, August 7 • 6 p.m.
Creek County Fairgrounds
17808 OK-66, Kellyville

Application now open for the 2025 Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is proud to join the Sand County Foundation to recognize Oklahoma agriculturists who work to improve soil health, water resources and wildlife habitats within their operation through the Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award. Award applications and nominations are now through Aug. 1.

Recipients receive a \$10,000 award for their dedication to conserving and preserving soil, water resources and wildlife habitats.

Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may apply themselves. Applications are

reviewed by an independent panel of agricultural and conservation leaders from Oklahoma. The application can be found on Sand County Foundation's website.

The Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award application deadline is Aug. 1, 2025. Applications must be emailed to award@sandcountyfoundation.org.

The recipient will be revealed in early 2026 at the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts' Legislative Evening in Oklahoma City.

For more information about the award, visit leopoldconservationaward.org.

Capitol Camp Applications due Aug. 15

Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Capitol Camp applications are now open through Thursday, Aug. 15.

Capitol Camp is an immersive two-day legislative experience for incoming high school juniors and seniors to learn about Oklahoma's legislative process.

Capitol Camp will be held at the state Capitol in Oklahoma City Sept. 3-4.

The application is available online at okfarmbureau.org/applications.

Mark your calendars with OKFB's remaining 2025 programs and events

Be sure to make plans to attend Oklahoma Farm Bureau events and programs throughout 2025. Below you will find dates of many of our planned events, but be sure to check out our website for more event dates and details. Keep an eye out on OKFB's social media platforms for more dates, details and information.

July

15-17

OSU Big 3 Field Days, Stillwater

21

OKFB FFA Communications Conference, Edmond

25-27

State YF&R Conference, Sulphur

August

7

Oklahoma Women in Agriculture Conference

15

YF&R Shotgun Shoot Fundraiser, Guthrie

September

2-5

Read an Accurate Ag Book Week

3-4

OKFB's Capitol Camp, Oklahoma City

15

YF&R State Fair Livestock Judging Contest, Oklahoma City

October

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State Resolutions due to Home Office

7

County Farm Bureau Awards application packet due

10

WLC Report of Events Due

22-23

State Resolutions Meeting, Oklahoma City

November

7-9

OKFB Annual Meeting, Omni Hotel, Oklahoma City

Find more information about upcoming events at okfb.news/calendar.

AFBF is now accepting nominations for the 2026 Farm Dog of the Year contest

Farmers are invited to submit nominations for the 2026 Farm Dog of the Year contest.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, with support from Nestlé Purina PetCare, will recognize a grand prize winner — 2026 Farm Bureau Farm, Dog of the Year — as well as People's Choice Pup Winner.

A panel of judges will select the Farm Dog of the Year. Members of the public will be invited to vote online for their favorite dog in the People's Choice Pup Contest as part of the overall competition.

The owner of the Farm Dog of the Year receives a \$5,000 cash prize, a year's supply of Purina Pro-Plan dog food, a \$500 travel stipend and two free adult registrations to attend the 2026 AFBF Convention, a trophy plate and a Purina products basket. The owner of the People's Choice Pup receives a \$2,500 cash prize, a year's supply of Purina Pro-Plan dog food, a \$500 travel stipend and two free adult registrations to attend the 2026 AFBF Convention, a trophy plate and a Purina products basket.

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USDA Secretary Rollins appoints three Oklahomans to USDA

Sec. Rollins recently announced a new slate of political appointments to the United States Department of Agriculture, including three appointees from Oklahoma.

Beckham County Farm Bureau member Jimmy Emmons was appointed as the Assistant Chief for the Natural Resources Conservation Services. During the first Trump Administration, Emmons served as a Regional Coordinator for USDA's Farm Production and Conservation mission area.

Matthew Myers has been appointed

as the Deputy Director of External and Intergovernmental Affairs. Previous to this appointment, Myers served as the Public Policy Analyst for the American Farm Bureau Federation after being an agricultural finance undergraduate teaching assistant at Oklahoma State University.

Braxton Wenk of Altus has been appointed as the Chief of Staff in the Office of Congressional Relations. Wenk previously served as the Administrative Director and Agriculture Legislative Assistant to U.S. Sen. Tom Cotton after

serving as the Special Assistant for U.S. Sen. James Lankford.

"American farmers and ranchers work tirelessly to feed, fuel, and clothe America. The incredible team we are building at USDA will make it easier — not harder — for farmers to fulfill their calling. I welcome the latest group of appointees and look forward to continuing our work to put Farmers First at USDA," said Sec. Rollins.

Read the full list of recent USDA appointments by Sec. Rollins online at okfb.news/USDAappointments25.