

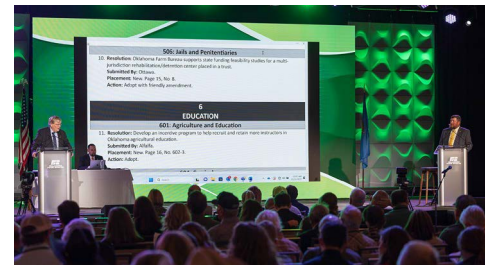
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2023 ANNUAL MEETING

November 17, 2023



American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall announces the organization's plans to bring the 2028 AFBF Convention to Oklahoma City as OKC Mayor David Holt, AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Chairman Matt Fimon, AFBF Women's Leadership Committee Chair Isabella Chism and OKFB President Rodd Moesel look on.



OKFB voting delegates set OKFB's 2024 policy during the grassroots business sessions on Saturday, Nov. 11.



Friday night featured a special Farm Bureau version of The Price is Right game show, which gave members, such as Jordan Cook, an opportunity to win prizes.

OKFB members gather to celebrate a year of Ag Impact at 2023 OKFB annual meeting in OKC

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members gathered in Oklahoma City Nov. 10-12 for the organization's 82nd annual meeting where they elected new leaders, set organizational policy for the coming year, recognized outstanding members and learned from inspiring speakers and presenters.

"Our convention is a chance for farmers and ranchers to get together, visit with one another, renew their friendships and learn how much they have in common with their farming and ranching counterparts from across the state," said Rodd Moesel, OKFB president. "There is a special camaraderie that develops from gathering together and a reassurance that you're not the only person out there who is facing issues. There is comfort, encouragement and inspiration that

comes from togetherness, so I think that gathering in person is very important."

Members set 2024 grassroots policy

OKFB voting delegates considered 73 policy resolutions throughout the weekend's business sessions, including topics such as emergency drought commission funding, cooperative extension service funding, ad valorem taxes on unmanufactured farm products, surface water rights and more.

The grassroots policies adopted by OKFB members during the annual meeting will help to guide the work of the organization at the state Capitol for years to come.

OKFB members also voted to approve changes to the organization's bylaws. The changes update, clean up and modernize the governing document.

Members inspired by presenters

OKFB members heard from American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall, Oklahoma State University Vice President and Dean of Agriculture Dr. Jayson Lusk, Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt, AFBF WLC Chair Isabella Chism and Vivayic's Tobin Redwine throughout the weekend.

Breakout sessions on Friday, Nov. 10, included reports from Oklahoma's AFBF Issue Advisory Committee members, a mental health workshop with Tobin Redwine and an update on OKFB's new business accelerators program.

Outside of the general sessions, OKFB members heard inspirational messages from Maj. Ed Pulido of the United States Army (Ret.) during the Saturday awards banquet and LaDonna Gatlin during the Sunday morning worship service.



Okmulgee County Farm Bureau President Jim Meek (left) accepts the 2023 John I. Taylor award from OKFB President Rodd Moesel.

Okmulgee County named top county Farm Bureau

O kmulgee County Farm Bureau was presented with the 2023 Oklahoma Farm Bureau John I. Taylor Award on Saturday, Nov. 11 during the organization's annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

Named after OKFB's first president, the award serves as the organization's highest county honor, recognizing the county Farm Bureau with the most effective programs and activities.

Okmulgee County was honored for excelling in the program areas of public policy, service to members, public relations, membership, Women's Leadership Committee and Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee.

"This award reflects a lot of hard work by our members," said Jim Meek, Okmulgee County Farm Bureau president. "It reflects community involvement, it reflects leadership, and it is just a good feeling knowing we have made a major difference in the agriculture community in Okmulgee County and that we are also laying the groundwork for a lot of the young people in the future to be successful in agriculture."



Garfield County Farm Bureau President Joe Peeper (left) accepts the 2023 Lewis H. Munn award from OKFB President Rodd Moesel.

Garfield County Farm Bureau takes home Lewis H. Munn award

G arfield County Farm Bureau was honored with the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Lewis H. Munn Award on Saturday, Nov. 11 during the organizations 82nd annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

Also known as the Farm Bureau Builders Award, this award is presented each year to the county that conducts the strongest program in a chosen area. This year, the program area was county leadership development.

"This award is a fantastic achievement based upon the hardworking people in our county, and not just the board members, but everybody who pitches in and does the hard work it takes to get things done," said Garfield County Farm Bureau President Joe Peeper. "We have a great board, and great people in the county, so it is really a thrill to achieve this award."

The Lewis H. Munn award is named after the second president of Oklahoma Farm Bureau, whose philosophy centered on building strong county programs.

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Members of the 2023 OKFB Women's Leadership Committee had the opportunity to network with and learn from AFBF WLC Chair Isabella Chism during the 2023 OKFB annual meeting. Chism attended numerous sessions and meetings during convention.



Dr. Jayson Lusk, vice president and dean of the Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, provided OKFB members with an update of the teaching, research and extension efforts at OSU.



Rodd Moesel was re-elected by Oklahoma Farm Bureau members to serve his final two-year term as president of the state's largest general farm organization.

OKFB president, leaders elected

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members elected the organization's grassroots leaders for the coming year at the 2023 OKFB annual meeting in Oklahoma City Nov. 10-12.

Rodd Moesel was re-elected to serve his final two-year term as OKFB president. Moesel has served as OKFB president since 2017.

Three OKFB members were re-elected to serve three-year terms on OKFB's board of directors, including Leon Richards of Texas County, who was re-elected to represent District One; Kerry Givens of Comanche County, who was re-elected to represent District Four; and Stacy Simunek of Kay County, who was

re-elected to represent District Seven.

Jacey Fye of Cotton County was elected to represent District Four on the OKFB Women's Leadership Committee.

OKFB Young Farmers and Ranchers elected Jacob and Chastity Beck of Logan County to serve a one-year term as YF&R chair and re-elected Katie Richards of Texas County to serve as the District One representative. Additional members elected include Ethan and Allison Theis of Comanche County, District Four; Garrett Haskins of Kay County, District Seven, Tommy and Chalaynna Salisbury of Tulsa County, at-large; and Taylor Fent of Ottawa County, collegiate Farm Bureau representative.

OKFB recognizes county Farm Bureau staff

Oklahoma Farm Bureau presented its District Administrator of the Year Awards at the organization's 2023 convention Nov. 10-12 in Oklahoma City.

The District Administrator of the Year Award is presented to one county Farm Bureau administrator from each OKFB district for their contributions to the overall success of their county Farm Bureau organization. County administrators conduct the daily operations of the county Farm Bureau and help meet the needs of members.

The 2023 District Administrator of the Year recipients are:

District One

Joy Fitts, Beaver County

District Two

Makayla Ellifritz, Greer County

District Three

Rachel Uhlenhake, Kingfisher County

District Four

Nancy Minyard, Love County

District Five

Melissa Edwards, Haskell County

District Six

Cody Morgan, Ottawa County

District Seven

Laura Yunker, Grant County

District Eight

Bobbie Sneed, Seminole County

District Nine

Kristin Story, Okmulgee County

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Young Farmers and Ranchers discussion meet competitors participate in the final round of the contest. A total of three discussion meets were held during convention, including contests for high school students and collegiate Farm Bureau members.



Adam and Rachel Bohl of Comanche County visit the silent auction during the 2023 OKFB convention. Through the silent auction, a rifle raffle and a handgun drawing fundraiser, OKFB members raised \$23,430 for the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture.

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County Farm Bureaus honored for excellence with OKFB Presidential Star Awards, quota recognition

Several county Farm Bureaus were recognized for their efforts to further agriculture and rural Oklahoma on Saturday, Nov. 11 during Oklahoma Farm Bureau's 82nd annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

Each year, OKFB recognizes county Farm Bureaus that have excelled in program areas such as membership, public policy, local affairs, service to members, Women's Leadership Committee and Young Farmers and Ranchers with a Presidential Star Award.

Six-Star Presidential Awards

The Six-Star Presidential Award was presented to Cherokee, Comanche, Mayes, Okmulgee, Ottawa, Payne

and Rogers County Farm Bureaus for excelling in six program areas.

Five-Star Presidential Awards

Creek, Garfield, Grant, Greer, Kingfisher, LeFlore, Major, Noble, Okfuskee, Stephens, Texas, Washita and Woodward County Farm Bureaus each received the Five-Star Presidential Award for excelling in five program areas.

Four-Star Presidential Awards

Four-Star Presidential Awards were presented to Alfalfa, Caddo, Haskell, Jackson, Kay, Logan, Love, Muskogee, Nowata, Oklahoma, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Seminole, Tulsa and Washington County Farm Bureaus.

Three-Star Presidential Awards

Atoka, Choctaw, Cleveland, Cotton, Hughes, Kiowa, Lincoln, McClain, McIntosh, Sequoyah and Woods County Farm Bureaus were awarded the Three-Star Presidential Award.

Counties reach membership quota

OKFB also recognized 25 county Farm Bureaus for reaching their membership quotas for the 2023 membership year, including Atoka, Beaver, Carter, Comanche, Creek, Custer, Garvin, Hughes, Jackson, Jefferson, Latimer, LeFlore, Logan, McClain, McIntosh, Major, Mayes, Noble, Nowata, Okmulgee, Pushmataha, Rogers, Wagoner, Washington and Woods County Farm Bureaus.



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