

PERSPECTIVE

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Sen. James Lankford (left) accepts his 2022 Friend of Farm Bureau award from OKFB President Rodd Moesel on Monday, Sept. 19. Lankford visited the OKFB home office to receive his award and discuss a wide array of issues facing agriculture.

Oklahoma congressional delegation receives Friend of Farm Bureau awards

All seven members of Oklahoma's delegation in the 117th United States Congress were recently honored with the American Farm Bureau Federation's 2022 Friend of Farm Bureau award for their service to agriculture, farmers and ranchers.

Senators James Lankford and Jim Inhofe alongside Rep. Kevin Hern, Rep. Markwayne Mullin, Rep. Frank Lucas, Rep. Tom Cole and Rep. Stephanie Bice received the award after the AFBF board

of directors approved the nominations from Oklahoma Farm Bureau.

"The state of Oklahoma is fortunate to have a stellar group of senators and representatives in Washington, D.C.," said Rodd Moesel, OKFB president.

"Farm Bureau members greatly appreciate the work they put in to protect and promote agriculture and rural Oklahoma in the halls of Congress, and we are proud to recognize them with this prestigious award."

Trade show booth space available at OKFB convention

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is now accepting applications for the OKFB Expo annual meeting trade show Nov. 11-13 at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in Norman.

The OKFB Expo provides vendors an opportunity to connect with farmers and ranchers from across the state during the gathering of the largest farm organization in Oklahoma.

The OKFB Expo will be open Friday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring a variety of vendors showcasing products and services from farm equipment to jewelry.

Booths will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis upon payment of \$75 for an 8' x10' space. Setup will begin Thursday, Nov. 10, and vendors must be set up by Friday, Nov. 11, at 8:30 a.m.

Complete the form available online at okfb.news/TradeShow22 and mail it along with fee payment to OKFB Expo, Attn: Kelli Beall, 2501 N Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

For more information about the OKFB Expo or booth space, contact Kelli Beall at (405) 523-2300.

OKFB, OCA to host gubernatorial candidate forum Oct. 26

Oklahoma Farm Bureau and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association will host a gubernatorial candidate forum Wednesday, Oct. 26 in Lawton.

The forum will focus on candidates' views and policies regarding agriculture. Republican candidate Gov. Kevin Stitt

is scheduled to attend, and democrat candidate Joy Hofmesiter has been invited, but as of press time has not been confirmed to attend.

The candidate forum will be held at the Comanche County Fairgrounds Prairie Building at 920 SW Sheridan

Road in Lawton.

OKFB and OCA members are encouraged to attend the forum, which is open to the general public.

Updates and additional information will be posted to the OKFB website at okfarmbureau.org as available.

OKFB WLC, ODAFF announce inaugural statewide school garden contest winners

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee are excited to announce the results of the first annual school garden contest for Oklahoma.

"School gardens are living laboratories that create teaching opportunities for nutrition, agriculture, and experiential education across all disciplines," said Cheri Long, ODAFF Farm to School Coordinator. "Gardening helps children discover where food comes from and helps develop healthy eating habits."

School gardens entered in the contest came in many shapes and sizes: from outdoor raised beds to in-ground farms and greenhouses. The contest was sponsored by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee.

For more information about the Statewide Garden Contest or the Oklahoma Farm to School program, visit the Oklahoma Farm to School website at www.okfarmtoschool.com.

The contest winners are listed to the right:

Best overall school garden

Union Public Rosa Parks Elementary, Tulsa
Principal: Heather Federline • Awarded \$1000

Best education-based school garden

Red Bud Farm School, Oklahoma City
Teacher: Erin Dulle • Awarded \$500

Best harvest partnership school garden

Little Axe Elementary, Norman
Teacher: Kim Hollars • Awarded \$500

Best Community Collaboration School Garden

Cleveland Elementary, Oklahoma City
Teacher: Sarah Mossman • Awarded \$500

Best start-up school garden proposal

Terra Verde Discovery School
Teacher: Emily Garman • Awarded \$500

OSU Rural Economic Outlook Conference to address supply chain issues Oct. 12 in Stillwater

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is a proud sponsor of Oklahoma State University's annual Rural Economic Outlook Conference to be held Oct. 12 in the OSU ConocoPhillips Alumni Center located on the OSU campus in Stillwater.

The conference is hosted by the OSU Department of Agricultural Economics and OSU Extension.

Hundreds of producers, ag lenders, Extension educators and policymakers from Oklahoma and across the country will meet for a lineup of guest speakers and informative sessions centered on this year's theme: supply chain issues.

Among the keynote speakers is Jim Mintert, professor of agricultural economics and director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture at Purdue University. He will discuss the challenges facing U.S. agricultural producers and provide perspective on supply chain issues impacting the national economy and economic sectors.

The registration cost is \$75 after October 5. Register by emailing Kareta Casey, kareta.casey@okstate.edu.

See the complete conference agenda and get more information online at okfb.news/OSUrec22.

OSU Rural Economic Outlook Conference Agenda

Latest agenda as of press time

8 a.m.	Breakfast and registration
8:45 a.m.	Welcome <i>Cheryl DeVuyst, OSU Agricultural Economics Department Head and Professor</i>
9 a.m.	Challenges Facing U.S. Agricultural Producers <i>Jim Mintert, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Director, Center for Commercial Agriculture, Purdue University</i>
10 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Departmental Research Update <i>Eric DeVuyst, OSU Agricultural Economics Professor</i>
10:45 a.m.	2023 Farm Bill Expectations <i>Amy Hagerman, OSU Agricultural Economics Assistant Professor</i>
11:15 a.m.	Livestock Markets and Drought <i>Derrell Peel, OSU Agricultural Economics Professor</i>
11:45 a.m.	Undergraduate and Graduate Update <i>Aggie-X Representative and GSA Representative</i>
Noon	Catered Lunch
1 p.m.	Supply Chain Issues
2 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m.	Rapid Fire Outlook Panel <i>Ag Finance Topics, Rodney Jones, OSU Agricultural Economics Professor</i> <i>Grain Markets, Kim Anderson, OSU Agricultural Economics Professor Emeritus</i>
3:15 p.m.	Wrap up/Evaluation
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn



Check out OKFB’s latest annual meeting schedule

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members will gather to celebrate 80 years of OKFB at our 2022 annual meeting Nov. 11-13 at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in Norman.

Below is the latest convention schedule available as of press time. Emphasis has been added to general sessions and main group events. Schedule updates will be posted online at okfb.news/Meeting22 as they are available. The final schedule will be published in the convention program, available at the event.

Friday, November 11

8 a.m. Credentials committee breakfast
 9 a.m. Registration, trade show and silent auction opens
 9 a.m. ... YF&R Excellence in Agriculture presentations begin
 9:30 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet orientation
 10 a.m. County board member training
 10 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet round one
 10:45 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet round two
 11:30 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet finals luncheon
 12 p.m. County board member training luncheon
 12:15 p.m. YF&R Discussion Meet finals
1:30 p.m. Opening general session
 3 p.m. AFBF Issues Advisory Committee Reports
 3 p.m. Drones and Agriculture with Loren Sizelove
 3 p.m. Women’s Leadership Committee Conference
 4:30 p.m. YF&R Dinner and Caucus
7:30 p.m. OKFB reception and derby night

Saturday, November 12

7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Financial Committee breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee breakfast
 8:45 a.m. OKFBMIC policyholders meeting
 9 a.m. Registration, trade show and silent auction opens
9:30 a.m. General session
 11:30 a.m. WLC Program of Work luncheon
 12 p.m. Credentials Committee luncheon
 1 p.m. OKFB district caucuses (districts 3, 6 and 9)
1:30 p.m. General session
 5 p.m. County presidents reception
 5:30 p.m. OKFB Ag PAC reception
7 p.m. Dinner and awards program
 8:30 p.m. Reception

Sunday, November 13

7:30 a.m. County presidents coffee talk
 7:30 a.m. WLC coffee talk
 7:30 a.m. Public policy coffee talk
8:45 a.m. Worship service and group breakfast

YF&R, high school discussion meet registration now open

Young Farmers & Ranchers members 18-35, Collegiate Farm Bureau members and high school students can now register through Oct. 24 to participate in the YF&R Discussion Meet or the High Schol Discussion Meet.

The discussion meet is a panel-type forum that provides contestants an opportunity to hone their ability to discuss top agriculture issues in a meeting-style format.

YF&R and collegiate Farm Bureau members will compete in a joint discussion at OKFB’s annual meeting in Norman on Friday, Nov. 11.

Limited to 20 participants, the high school discussion meet takes place on Thursday, Nov. 10, starting with orientation at 5 p.m. The top four participants will receive a scholarship ranging from \$1,500 to \$250.

The winner of the discussion meet

will receive an all-expense paid trip to the American Farm Bureau Convention Jan. 6-11 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and a John Deere Z355E ZTrak Mower.

The collegiate winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the American Farm Bureau FUSION Conference in Jacksonville, Florida.

Find the registration forms online at okfarmbureau.org/applications. **The deadline to register is Oct. 24.**

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Dodson selected by AFBF to participate in Women's Communications Fall Boot Camp



Karen Dodson, Caddo County member and OKFB Women's Leadership Committee Secretary, will hone her communication and advocacy skills during the AFBF Women's Communications Fall Boot Camp in Washington, D.C. Oct. 31 - Nov. 3.

Caddo County Farm Bureau member and Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee Secretary Karen Dodson has been selected to participate in the American Farm Bureau Women's Communications Fall Boot Camp Oct. 31 through Nov. 3 at the AFBF offices in Washington, D.C.

The boot camp is an intensive training process designed to build the skills needed to communicate about agriculture and Farm Bureau. Participants will enhance their leadership and advocacy skills to prepare them to strategically address Farm Bureau priority issues.

Dodson is one of 15 Farm Bureau women from across the country selected as the 17th boot camp class.

She will receive training on advocacy, public speaking, communicating with elected officials, social media strategy, targeted messaging and working with the media.