

# PERSPECTIVE

September 23, 2022



## Join OKFB for 2022 annual meeting Nov. 11-13 in Norman

**W**e cannot wait to see all of our Oklahoma Farm Bureau members at OKFB's 81st annual meeting Nov. 11-13 at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in Norman.

OKFB's annual meeting serves as the largest yearly gathering of Farm Bureau members from across the state. Featuring general sessions, Young Farmers and Ranchers competitive events, a Women's Leadership Committee conference, organizational awards, business sessions and the opportunity to connect with like-minded agriculturalists, there is something for members of all ages and interests.

This year's theme – Production to Consumption – recognizes OKFB members' hand in every step of food production from tilling the soil to placing agricultural products on the shelf. Our farmers and ranchers understand what it takes to feed, fuel and clothe the world.

OKFB members will work to improve agriculture and the rural way of life through policy development, engaging speakers, and leadership and personal growth sessions.

The 2022 Annual Meeting will feature a wide array of events and activities for OKFB members including:

- **OKFB Derby Night** on Friday is modeled after the Kentucky Derby, where members will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to select the winner of five separate horse races. Farm Bureau members are encouraged to wear their best derby attire, and the OKFB WLC will have a booth for members to make their own derby hats.
- **Policy priorities** will be discussed, voted on and set by our grassroots membership, who drafted, amended and approved the policies throughout the process.
- **Young Farmers and Ranchers competitive events** will take place on Saturday, with winning individuals advancing to the American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Jan. 6-11, 2023, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- **The Women's Leadership Committee** will gather during the Program of Work Luncheon and

conference to provide Farm Bureau women an opportunity to connect and grow.

- **Top county Farm Bureaus and members** will be recognized for their efforts to further agriculture and rural Oklahoma during the awards program Saturday evening.

The OKFB Expo trade show will be open on Friday and Saturday, featuring a variety of vendors for members to visit, and the silent auction will return as well.

OKFB members from districts three, six and nine will each caucus to select a representative to serve a three-year term on the OKFB board of directors.

Sunday morning will feature several coffee talk sessions as an opportunity for members to visit with OKFB leaders and staff to discuss ideas and opportunities to help our organization grow.

We hope to see you at our 2022 OKFB Annual Meeting as we gather to shape the future of agriculture.

***View the latest schedule and get the most recent convention updates online at [okfb.news/Meeting22](https://okfb.news/Meeting22).***

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## OKFB set to host 2022 Evening of Impact fundraiser Dec. 2

**O**klahoma Farm Bureau will host the second Evening of Impact fundraising event supporting the OKFB Ag PAC Friday, Dec. 2 at the Petroleum Club in Oklahoma City.

The OKFB Ag PAC supports state and federal candidates for elected office who share Farm Bureau members' rural values and understand the important role agriculture plays in our state and our nation.

The event will start with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$250 per person with proceeds benefiting the Ag PAC in future elections.

To RSVP, contact Steve Thompson at (405) 523-2300.

Checks may be mailed to:

OKFB Ag PAC  
Attn: Steve Thompson  
2501 N. Stiles Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Confirmation of receipt will be sent after the check is received.

Those who are unable to attend but who wish to contribute to the Ag PAC can mail a check with their contribution of any amount to the address above.\*

Overnight accommodations are available at the Skirvin Hilton hotel in downtown Oklahoma City. Book a

room online at [okfb.news/Skirvin](http://okfb.news/Skirvin) or call 1-800-HILTONS and mention Oklahoma Farm Bureau to receive a discounted room rate.

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.\*

*\*Contributions or gifts to the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Ag PAC are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.*

## OKFB hosts AFBF Women's Leadership Program committee

**T**he American Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Program Executive Committee visited Oklahoma for one of their planning meetings Sept. 7-8.

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee hosted the group for their meeting and provided tour opportunities for the group. Tour stops included Oklahoma National Stockyards, American Plant Products with OKFB President Rodd Moesel, and Triple S farms and S&S farms in the Hydro area.

The committee also heard from Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur, who shared the vibrant Oklahoma agriculture industry with the group.





# OKFB YF&R hosts record-breaking State Fair Livestock Judging Contest

**A** record 1,694 FFA and 4-H members participated in the 2022 Oklahoma State Fair Livestock Judging Contest at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds Sept. 15 in Oklahoma City.

The contest, sponsored by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee, kicked off the 2022 Oklahoma State Fair festivities.

Students had the opportunity to evaluate several species of livestock, including market and breeding classes of beef, sheep and swine. In addition to the animal evaluation, participants answered questions in two classes.

The top three individuals in the junior

4-H division were Owen Adams, Amber-Pocasset 4-H; Kuper Schneberger, Carnegie 4-H; and Jordyn Smith, Kay County 4-H. The top three teams were Mulhall 4-H, Amber-Pocasset 4-H and Wagoner 4-H.

The top three individuals in the junior FFA division were B. Pearson, El Reno FFA; Tassi Fadely, Stillwater FFA; and Marli Williams, Tecumseh FFA. The top three junior FFA teams were Stillwater FFA, El Reno FFA and Thomas-Fay-Custer FFA.

The top three individuals in the senior 4-H division were Destyn Emerson, Tuttle 4-H; Brody Scroggins, Tuttle 4-H;

and Kobi Scroggins, Tuttle 4-H. The top three teams were Tuttle 4-H (Team 1), Tuttle 4-H (Team 2) and Kay County 4-H.

The top three individuals in the senior FFA division were Maysen Garrett, Guthrie FFA; Braeden Hopkins, Keys FFA; and Tommy Glover, Elgin FFA. The top three senior FFA teams were Keys FFA, Elgin FFA and Tuttle FFA.

Jackets and banners will be awarded to the winners at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau booth at the Tulsa State Fair in early October.

See the full list of results for the 2022 State Fair Livestock Judging Contest online at [okfb.news/LJCResults22](https://okfb.news/LJCResults22).



The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee hosted a record-breaking crowd of 1,694 participants at the 2022 State Fair Livestock Judging Contest Thursday, Sept. 15, in Oklahoma City.



Students in both senior and junior divisions of 4-H and FFA members judged eight classes of livestock and answered questions for two of the classes of animals at the 2022 State Fair Livestock Judging Contest.

## Fire matching program applications due Sept. 30

The deadline for county Farm Bureaus to submit forms for the Fire Department Matching Program is Friday, Sept. 30.

The OKFB Fire Department Matching Program will match county Farm Bureaus' donations to one or multiple fire departments. Each county Farm Bureau can receive up to a total of \$450 in matching funds for donations they make to local fire departments.

**Get the details on the OKFB website at [okfb.news/FireMatch22](https://okfb.news/FireMatch22).**

## Growing with the Foundation grant applications due Oct. 1

Applications for the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's Growing with the Foundation grant program are due Saturday, Oct. 1.

The Growing with the Foundation grant program will assist one school with \$5,000 to purchase a greenhouse. The program will also provide five classrooms with floral and vegetable grow kits valued at \$500 each.

**Get the details on the OKFB website at [okfb.news/FoundGrants22](https://okfb.news/FoundGrants22).**

## YF&R achievement, excellence and Roff award deadlines upcoming

Applications for the Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award, presented to OKFB's top young farmer or rancher, and Excellence in Agriculture Award, presented to agriculturalists not earning the majority of their income from production agriculture, are due Sept. 30.

Applications for the YF&R Charles L. Roff Award, presented to the top county program, are due Oct. 10.

**To find the awards packets, visit [okfarmbureau.org/applications](https://okfarmbureau.org/applications).**

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## OKFB Foundation for Agriculture makes 2022 hunger challenge donations to Oklahoma food banks

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture recently made its yearly FFA Hunger Challenge donations to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City and the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma in Tulsa. The funds were raised in cooperation with Oklahoma FFA members and chapters to help provide food assistance to Oklahomans who face food insecurity. The donations were made in August to capitalize on donation matching funds.

The cash donations are in addition to the ongoing donations of pork and beef sticks through the foundation's Pork for Packs and Beef for Backpacks programs, which process donated animals into protein sticks that are included in backpack programs at the food banks. The pork and beef sticks serve as a reliable source of protein supplied by the Oklahoma agriculture community for Oklahoma children who receive the backpacks.