

PERSPECTIVE

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August Area Meetings wrap, policy development continues

As Oklahoma Farm Bureau's annual August Area Meetings come to an end, members will begin to gather with their counties to continue the next steps in the policy

development process through county resolutions meetings and county annual meetings.

Serving as an opportunity to gather with fellow members, the topics and

conversations had during each of the meetings will have an integral role as the state resolutions meeting is just around the corner.



District Six



District Eight

Did you grab a policy development guide at one of the recent August Area Meetings? OKFB staff created the book to serve as a helpful tool for members as they work to draft policy resolutions over the next few weeks. If you or your county would like extra copies for your resolutions meeting, contact Hannah Davis at (405) 523-2300.

USDA announces \$1 billion for CFAP 2 payments for contract growers

Oklahoma livestock and poultry producers who did not previously qualify for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 can now apply to receive aid.

With up to \$1 billion made available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, coverage has now been expanded to include chickens, poultry eggs, turkeys, hogs and pigs, ducks, geese,

pheasants and quail including eligible breeding stock and eggs of all eligible poultry types produced under contract.

Livestock and poultry producers who experienced financial losses from Jan. 1, 2020, to Dec. 27, 2020, are encouraged to apply.

New or revised CFAP 2 applications are due by **Oct. 12**. For more information, contact your local Farm Service Agency office.



OKFB YF&R shotgun shoot raises more than \$11,000 to benefit foundation

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers raised more than \$11,000 at their third-annual shotgun shoot held at Quail Ridge Shooting Sports near McLoud on August 28.

The funds raised will benefit the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture, which seeks to connect consumers with accurate agriculture information as well supporting agriculture and rural communities in Oklahoma.

The group hosted 88 shooters on 22 four-person teams that tested their skills at shooting stations mimic real-life hunting scenarios.

“Our Young Farmers & Ranchers

committee is always excited to support agriculture and the work of the foundation, and being able to do it at a shotgun shoot creates a great event that people can enjoy,” said Cody Goodknight, state YF&R chairman. “We appreciate our sponsors and our shooters for coming out and making it a fun day.”

The Travis Rider team placed first, Chelsea FFA placed second and Sand Springs FFA placed third. The high individual award was presented to Curtis Mallory of the Chelsea FFA team. Door prizes were also presented to the youngest and the oldest shooters, and a raffle for a gun

safe was held at the event to raise additional funds for the foundation.

Platinum sponsors of the event included OKFB Insurance, the OKFB Women’s Leadership Committee, Jackson County Farm Bureau, Pottawatomie County Farm Bureau, Rogers County Farm Bureau, Tulsa County Farm Bureau and Woodward County Farm Bureau.

Gold sponsors included the American Agriculture Insurance Company, the Oklahoma Youth Expo, Southwest Center Pivots, Okmulgee County Farm Bureau and Washita County Farm Bureau.



Roughly 88 shooters, including members of the Chelsea FFA shooting team, gathered Aug. 28 for the OKFB YF&R shotgun shoot in McLoud.



Kay County Farm Bureau member Will Cabbage walks his son, William, through the process of properly loading a shotgun, as he prepares for another station at the OKFB YF&R shotgun shoot.

Okfuskee County Farm Bureau WLC hosts fire safety day



Students in Okemah had the opportunity to learn about what to do in case a fire broke out and how to prevent a fire during a school safety day Sept. 2. Following an interactive lesson, Okmulgee County Women’s Leadership Committee provided snacks to the students. To schedule a safety program for an upcoming county or community event, contact the OKFB safety division at (405) 523-2300.

OKFB women gather for WLC Fall Conference

More than 70 Oklahoma Farm Bureau women from across the state gathered for the annual WLC Fall Conference Aug. 27 and 28 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Edmond to learn more about bridging the gap between the generations in agriculture.

The two-day event featured several educational sessions, including Oklahoma Agritourism, Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom and OKFB Safety Services. Members also participated in crafts, games, a trade show and a service project.

Attendees also had the opportunity to hear from leaders within the organization including OKFB President Rodd Moesel, OKFB District 2 Director Monte Tucker and OKFB Young Farmers and Ranchers committee member Brittany Hukill.



Students participate in Payne County YF&R bucket calf contest Aug. 27



More than 20 exhibitors from throughout Payne County recently participated in the Payne County Young Farmers and Ranchers Bucket Calf Contest. Through this annual event, participants learn about the proper care and nutritional requirements of a calf, management skills and record keeping. During the contest, each student went through an interview process with a panel of judges to discuss their project, followed by a showmanship class.

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OKFB and Oklahoma 4-H to host Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Oct. 15



Oklahoma Farm Bureau and Oklahoma 4-H have partnered to sponsor a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the OKFB/Oklahoma 4-H ATV Training Facility near the Logan County Fairgrounds in Guthrie.

Open to students in grades third through sixth, safety program topics will include ATV and UTV safety, electrical safety, fire safety, rollover prevention, tractor safety, grain elevator safety and much more.

Free to all schools and students, the event will be limited to the first 150 students. Lunch will be provided.

The safety day is a program of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and is the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America.

To register, parents, teachers or administrators must complete the online form by **Oct. 8** at okfb.news/SafetyDay21. Attendees must bring signed copies of both release forms on the day of the event.