

PERSPECTIVE

November 5, 2021



OKFB State Resolutions Committee reviews grassroots policy proposals for 2022

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members from across the state gathered Oct. 19-20 in Oklahoma City to review, discuss and amend proposed policies to the organization’s grassroots 2022 policy book.

Farmers and ranchers from all 77 county organizations submitted policy resolutions, which were then sorted, amended and combined by the more than 40 members serving on the state resolutions committee. Policy proposals approved by the committee will move on to the full OKFB delegate body at the organization’s annual meeting Nov. 5-7.

“This grassroots process is one

of the fundamental parts of Farm Bureau,” said Rodd Moesel, OKFB president. “There used to be a lot of grassroots organizations around the state, but there are not many left. Farm Bureau is proud to complete the grassroots work of our members.”

One of the top issues farmers and ranchers discussed was the rapid expansion of the medical marijuana industry. The grassroots membership voiced their concerns with the industry’s impact on private property rights, rural electric and water capacities, timely pesticide and fertilizer application, and much more.

Members also voted on policy

regarding the meat packing industry to encourage more competition and increased expansion of private meat packing capacity.

Private property rights, government efficiencies and H-2A worker concerns were also on the top OKFB members’ minds.

The resolutions passed through the committee will be heard by the full delegate body and will help direct the advocacy efforts the organization on behalf of its members.

For more information about the grassroots policy making process, contact the OKFB public policy department at (405) 523-2300.

Fanning joins OKFB as economic development coordinator

Oklahoma Farm Bureau recently named Megan Fanning as the organization's economic development coordinator.

Fanning will connect new agricultural enterprises across the state with funding sources to further develop rural Oklahoma.

"Most of us have been impacted by rural communities, whether we grew up in them or have grown a passion for them," said Fanning. "We always say agriculture is the lifeblood of Oklahoma, and I hope that this position will help invigorate that and keep people in rural Oklahoma."

Fanning will assist with investments in new or expanding businesses with an opportunity to change their industries for the better and create jobs in rural Oklahoma.

Fanning began her career at BancFirst in credit analysis and lending. Originally from Morrison, Oklahoma, Fanning received a bachelor's degree in agribusiness with a minor in finance from Oklahoma State University.



Megan Fanning

OKFB WLC comes together to help those in need

Members of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee gathered in Oklahoma City October 18 to present donations to the Homeless Alliance and the Lions Club of Oklahoma.

The blankets donated to the Homeless Alliance were made by Farm Bureau women from across the state

at their recent fall conference and will go on to keep those suffering from homelessness warm this winter.

Attendees of the conference were asked to bring glasses in good condition for the Lions Club of Oklahoma. The eyeglass donations will go on to help individuals across the world in need of glasses.



Members of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee delivered blankets made during the OKFB WLC Fall Conference to The Homeless Alliance in Oklahoma City.



Multiple pairs of glasses and cases were donated to the Lions Club of Oklahoma October 18. The glasses were collected by WLC members from across the state.

Are you interested in a recap of the OKFB annual meeting award recipients?

During the Oklahoma Farm Bureau's annual meeting, countless members and county organizations will be recognized for their continued efforts in serving the organization, but also spreading the word of agriculture.

Press releases will be available for those recognized for their efforts during the dinner and awards ceremony Saturday, Nov. 6, and will be available at okfarmbureau.org.

Press released will be made available for awards including:

- Leaders elected
- Distinguished Service Award
- John I. Taylor Award
- Lewis H. Munn Award
- Achievement Award
- Excellence in Ag Award
- YF&R Discussion Meets
- Charles L. Roff Award
- Journalist of the Year Award
- District Secretaries of the Year
- County Awards
- District Farm and Ranch Families



Roger Mills County Farm Bureau raises funds for local summer program

During their recent annual meeting, Roger Mills County Farm Bureau raised \$5,700 through a pie auction to benefit the local United Methodist Church women's group.

The group works diligently each summer to ensure that children within the local community who are food insecure have a reliable source for meals while not in school.

Jackson County Farm Bureau members share highlights of cotton harvest with OETA

Jackson County Farm Bureau members Matt Muller and Mike Schulz recently shared several highlights from this year's cotton harvest in an OETA story.

Cotton, Oklahoma's fourth-largest export, is currently being harvested across the state and will continue until around Thanksgiving.

"Every once in a blue moon, things (demand, prices and production) will line up," Muller said. "This year, prices are at a 10-year high, which is good."

Both Muller and Schulz explained the cotton industry fluctuates from year to year and is extremely dependent on both the world economy and weather conditions.

In regards to the volume produced in Oklahoma, only Texas and Georgia rank higher than the Sooner state.

"This year we will harvest somewhere in the neighborhood of 550,000 acres statewide, which is up considerably in the last decade and will equate to just short of a million bales of cotton," Schulz said.

Based on current pricing, Schulz estimates that between \$450 and \$500 million worth of cotton will be harvested in Oklahoma this year alone.

Just one bale of cotton can make 215 pairs of jeans, 249 bed sheets, 765 men's dress shirts, 3,085 diapers or 313,600 one hundred dollar bills.

To view the full interview, visit okfb.news/3GD5g6q.

Payne County gives back to local community through winter coat drive

Members of Payne County Farm Bureau recently rallied together to donate 50 coats, 10 winter hats and 49 pairs of gloves for patients at Grand Lake Medical Health Center in Stillwater.

In preparation for Christmas, Payne County Farm Bureau will continue their collection of winter clothing by distributing donation boxes to local businesses throughout the county.



Payne County Farm Bureau President Nancy German, center, presents the winter clothing donations to staff of Grand Lake Medical Health Center in Stillwater.



Members of Payne County Farm Bureau donated 50 winter coats, 10 winter hats and 49 pairs of gloves.



Jackson County Farm Bureau member Matt Muller shares about the 2021 cotton year with OETA.

**PUBLISHED BY
OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU**

Postmaster:

Send address corrections to:

Perspective
P.O. Box 53332,
Oklahoma City, OK 73152-3332

Oklahoma Farm Bureau
2501 N. Stiles
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3126

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 131
Okla. City, OK.

STAFF DIRECTORY

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thad Doye
(405) 523-2438

**VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS
AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Dustin Mielke
(405) 530-2640

PUBLICATIONS SPECIALIST

Brianne Whitcomb
(405) 523-2325

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Rebekah Nash
(405) 523-2457

Fall issue of Oklahoma Country now available online

Have you received your fall issue of Oklahoma Farm Bureau's *Oklahoma Country*?

From a heartwarming story following several Oklahoma and Kansas producers lending a hand to Montana producers after a devastating wildfire, sharing the passion one OKFB member has for the success of both his business and

employees, and how OKFB continues to serve communities across the state through their new fire safety house, you do not want to miss this issue.

To read this issue and many others online, visit okfarmbureau.org/publications.

Out of the Ashes



Planting Passion



Fire Smart

