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# Perspective

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OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU'S 77TH ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16-18, 2018

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## Join fellow members at OKFB's 77th Annual Meeting in Norman

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members from across the state are invited to gather with fellow members at OKFB's 77th Annual Meeting to be held Nov. 16-18 at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center in Norman, Oklahoma.

As the organization's largest annual gathering, the annual meeting provides an opportunity to celebrate Farm Bureau achievements, elect OKFB leaders, set policy for the next year, fellowship with

friends from around the state and more.

This year, OKFB leaders and staff are eager to incorporate a few exciting changes to the convention's schedule.

On Friday, Nov. 16, a Foundation Night Out will allow members to enjoy an evening of fellowship with a concert by the Jason Young Band, a movie night and a trade show extravaganza.

Members will gather on Saturday evening to celebrate Farm Bureau achievements

and efforts with a dinner, annual awards presentation and entertainment. County representatives will not be charged for the event this year, but make sure to RSVP by Nov. 5.

A tentative agenda and more details will be announced in the coming weeks. For more information about attending the OKFB Annual Meeting, contact your county Farm Bureau office.

## County Farm Bureau annual meeting dates now online

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members will gather for annual county meetings over the next few months. The meetings are an opportunity for members to celebrate the year, discuss agriculture issues, create grassroots OKFB policy for the next year and more. Find details on your county Farm Bureau annual meeting at [www.okfarmbureau.org](http://www.okfarmbureau.org) or by contacting your county Farm Bureau office.

# OKAgFund Voter Guide: How to vote for ag and rural Oklahoma

**M**any voters across Oklahoma will head to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 28 for primary runoff elections to determine the candidates who will advance to the general election in November.

The OKAgFund, the political action committee of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, has met over the past few months to identify the candidates who best represent the values of rural Oklahoma.

Below, find the candidates funded by the OKAgFund. Candidates receiving an endorsement – the highest level of support – are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

Following the runoff elections, the OKAgFund will re-evaluate its support of candidates in the general election.

## STATEWIDE

Mike Hunter* <i>Attorney General</i>	Bob Anthony* <i>Corporation Commissioner</i>
Randy McDaniel* <i>State Treasurer</i>	Glen Mulready* <i>Insurance Commissioner</i>
Leslie Osborn <i>Labor Commissioner</i>	

## SENATE

Marty Quinn <i>SD 2</i>	Kim David* <i>SD 18</i>
Mark Dean Allen <i>SD 4</i>	Chuck Hall <i>SD 20</i>
Roger Thompson* <i>SD 8</i>	Stephanie Bice <i>SD 22</i>
Bill Coleman <i>SD 10</i>	Darrell Weaver <i>SD 24</i>
James Leewright <i>SD 12</i>	Darcy Jech <i>SD 26</i>
Frank Simpson* <i>SD 14</i>	Jason Smalley <i>SD 28</i>

## SENATE (CONT'D)

John M. Montgomery <i>SD 32</i>	Joe Howell <i>SD 40</i>
Brent Howard* <i>SD 38</i>	Kay Floyd <i>SD 46</i>

## HOUSE

Johnny Tadlock <i>HD 1</i>	Bobby Cleveland <i>HD 20</i>
Josh West <i>HD 5</i>	Dustin Roberts <i>HD 21</i>
John L. Myers <i>HD 6</i>	Charles McCall* <i>HD 22</i>
Ben Loring <i>HD 7</i>	Terry O'Donnell <i>HD 23</i>
Tom Gann <i>HD 8</i>	Steve Kouplen <i>HD 24</i>
Mark Lepak <i>HD 9</i>	Dell Kerbs <i>HD 26</i>
Travis Dunlap <i>HD 10</i>	Danny Sterling <i>HD 27</i>
Derrell Fincher <i>HD 11</i>	Zack Taylor <i>HD 28</i>
Kevin McDugle <i>HD 12</i>	Kyle Hilbert <i>HD 29</i>
Avery Frix <i>HD 13</i>	Mark Lawson <i>HD 30</i>
George Faught <i>HD 14</i>	Garry Mize <i>HD 31</i>
Scott Fetgatter <i>HD 16</i>	Kevin Wallace* <i>HD 32</i>
Jim Grego* <i>HD 17</i>	Ty Burns <i>HD 35</i>
Donnie Condit <i>HD 18</i>	Sean Roberts* <i>HD 36</i>
Justin J.J. Humphrey* <i>HD 19</i>	Ken Luttrell <i>HD 37</i>

## HOUSE (CONT'D)

John Pfeiffer* <i>HD 38</i>	Rande Worthen <i>HD 64</i>
Ryan Martinez <i>HD 39</i>	Toni Hasenback <i>HD 65</i>
Chad Caldwell <i>HD 40</i>	Carol Bush <i>HD 70</i>
Roxanne Pollard <i>HD 41</i>	Cheryl Baber <i>HD 71</i>
Jay Steagall <i>HD 43</i>	Monroe Nichols <i>HD 72</i>
Bryan Vinyard <i>HD 46</i>	Ross Ford <i>HD 76</i>
Marcus McEntire <i>HD 50</i>	Todd Blackburn <i>HD 77</i>
Brad Boles <i>HD 51</i>	Mike Ritze <i>HD 80</i>
Charles Ortega <i>HD 52</i>	Mike Osburn <i>HD 81</i>
Mark McBride <i>HD 53</i>	Tammy West <i>HD 84</i>
Kevin West <i>HD 54</i>	Matt Jackson <i>HD 85</i>
Todd Russ* <i>HD 55</i>	Jon Echols* <i>HD 90</i>
Harold Wright* <i>HD 57</i>	Chris Kannady <i>HD 91</i>
Carl Newton <i>HD 58</i>	Lewis H. Moore* <i>HD 96</i>
Mike Sanders <i>HD 59</i>	Ajay Pittman <i>HD 99</i>
Rhonda Baker* <i>HD 60</i>	Tess Teague* <i>HD 101</i>
Jeff Coody <i>HD 63</i>	

## Oklahoma Farm Bureau Online



Why are August Area Meetings important?  
OKFB members explain

As Oklahoma Farm Bureau has hosted August Area Meetings across the state the past several weeks, members have shared the significance of the meetings that provide an update on various Farm Bureau programs and an opportunity to discuss current and upcoming ag and rural issues. Hear directly from various members on the OKFB Facebook page.



Apply for state YF&R awards by Oct. 1

Each year, the OKFB Young Farmers and Ranchers committee recognizes members ages 18 to 35 for outstanding achievements and efforts with awards including the YF&R Achievement Award, YF&R Excellence in Agriculture Award and the YF&R Charles Roff Award. Applications may be found at [www.okfarmbureau.org/applications](http://www.okfarmbureau.org/applications) and are due no later than Oct. 1.



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## OKFB women promote WLC at Oklahoma Women in Agriculture Conference

*Right: Members of the state Women's Leadership Committee passed out information and encouraged women to get involved during the 2018 Oklahoma Women in Agriculture and Small Business Conference held Aug. 8 and 9 in Oklahoma City. Women from across the state gathered to learn more about successfully managing their farms and businesses.*



## CFTC chair visits Oklahoma agriculture with OKFB, OCA



*Left: Commodities Futures Trading Commission Chairman Christopher Giancarlo (far right) tours Xcel Feedyard in Watonga with OKFB and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association during a visit to Oklahoma on Aug. 7. Pictured (L-R): OCA's Michael Kelsey, OKFB's Zac Swartz, Ron Justice and Marla Peek, CFTC Office of Legislative Affairs Director Charlie Thornton, Henry Giancarlo, Xcel Feedyard Manager Bill Roser and Chairman Giancarlo. Top Right: Chairman Giancarlo (left) visits with Xcel Feedyard's Bill Roser during the tour.*

## Member Benefits

### Air Evac Lifeteam

Emergency service for rural areas is here! OKFB members receive a reduced annual fee for the Air Evac Lifeteam. In an emergency situation, AEL will fly directly to members' residences, farms, fields or the location of an accident by members calling AEL's toll-free number. Applications are available at county Farm Bureau offices. Learn more about AEL services by visiting [www.lifeteam.net](http://www.lifeteam.net).

[www.okfarmbureau.org/benefits](http://www.okfarmbureau.org/benefits)

## Calendar

### OKFB August Area Meetings

August 6-23

Contact: Ron Justice 405-523-2344

### YF&R State Fair Livestock Judging Contest

September 16 • Oklahoma City

Contact: Zac Swartz 405-205-0070

### OKFB Women's Leadership Committee Fall Conference

September 28-29 • Edmond

Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

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## WLC Fall Conference registration due Aug. 27

Oklahoma Farm Bureau women are invited to gather for the OKFB Women's Leadership Committee Fall Conference to be held Sept. 28-29 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Edmond, Oklahoma.

The two-day conference will feature special speakers, educational breakout sessions, a trade show, entertainment, fellowship and more.

Find a tentative agenda and the conference registration form on the OKFB

website at [okfarmbureau.org/applications](http://okfarmbureau.org/applications).

To attend the conference, complete and return the registration form to OKFB WLC Coordinator Marcia Irvin by Aug. 27.

Hotel rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn through Aug. 27. To make a reservation, call 405-285-0900 and mention OKFB Women's Leadership Conference.

For more information, please contact WLC Coordinator Marcia Irvin at 405-523-2405 or 405-323-7602.

## Join OKFB for final August Area Meetings next week

### District Five

August 21 | 12 p.m.

Pete's Place  
Krebs

### District Six

August 21 | 6 p.m.

Moore Farms Event Barn  
Pryor

### District Eight

August 20 | 6 p.m.

Seminole County Farm Bureau  
Seminole

### District Nine

August 23 | 6 p.m.

Creek County Fairgrounds  
Kellyville