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# Perspective

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## AFBF 2020 Convention in Austin a success for OKFB members

**M**ore than 50 Oklahoma Farm Bureau members traveled to Austin, Texas, Jan. 17-22 to attend American Farm Bureau's 101st Annual Convention. To view more pictures from convention, visit [okfb.news/afbf2020](http://okfb.news/afbf2020).



## OKFB members help set AFBF national policy in Austin, Texas



*Above: Five Oklahoma Farm Bureau members joined fellow Farm Bureau members from throughout the country to set policy that will guide the organization's work in 2020 at the American Farm Bureau Federation's 101st Annual Convention. Oklahoma delegates included (left to right) Jimmy Kinder, District Four Director and Cotton County member; OKFB President Rodd Moesel, Canadian County member; Cindy Shoenecke, OKFB WLC member and Lincoln County member; Nocona Cook, OKFB YF&R Chair and Washita County member; and John Grundmann, District Eight Director and Pottawatomie County member.*

# Key speakers named for OKFB Leadership Conference Feb. 17-18



Above: Key speakers scheduled to address members at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Leadership Conference Feb. 17-18 include (left to right) Rep. Kendra Horn, Gov. Kevin Stitt, Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell and Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur. The two-day conference will also feature a panel of candidates vying for Oklahoma's Fifth Congressional District seat. For more information about the conference, please contact OKFB Senior Director of Public Policy Steve Thompson at (405) 523-2300.

## OKFB recognized for member programs, achievement

Oklahoma Farm Bureau was recognized for excellence in implementation of outstanding member programs and membership achievement during the American Farm Bureau Federation's 101st Annual Convention held Jan. 17-22 in Austin, Texas.

OKFB received four Awards of Excellence for demonstrating outstanding achievements in the program areas of advocacy, engagement and outreach, leadership and business development, and membership value.

The state organization was also recognized with the Leader Award for exemplary financial support of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture at convention.

## New clean water rule provides certainty

Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Rodd Moesel released the following statement after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced a new clean water rule to replace the 2015 Waters of the United States rule.

"Oklahoma Farm Bureau members deeply value clean water because it is crucial to our very livelihoods as farmers and ranchers. Today, we applaud the announcement of a new clean water rule that brings clarity and certainty to farmers and ranchers across the country.

"We're grateful that the new regulation frees farmers and ranchers to continue protecting our valuable water resources without drastically hindering our ability to produce healthy and affordable food and fiber for the world."

## Calendar

### OKFB Campaign Management Seminar

Feb. 6-7 • Oklahoma City  
Contact: Steve Thompson (405) 523-2300

### State Leadership Conference

Feb. 17-18 • Oklahoma City  
Contact: Emmy Karns (405) 523-2300

### YF&R Legislative Day

Feb. 17 • Oklahoma City  
Contact: Zac Swartz (405) 523-2300

### Farm Bureau Week

Feb. 17-21  
Contact: Marcia Irvin (405) 523-2300

### Farm City Festival

Feb. 26 • Oklahoma City  
Contact: Marcia Irvin (405) 523-2300

### AFBF YF&R Conference

March 13-16 • Louisville, KY  
Contact: Zac Swartz (405) 523-2300

## OKFB praises signing of China Trade Agreement

Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Rodd Moesel released the following statement after President Donald Trump's signing of the United States-China Phase One Economic and Trade Agreement.

"Oklahoma Farm Bureau today celebrates the signing of the first phase of a new U.S.-Chinese trade deal. Oklahoma farmers and ranchers proudly produce food, fiber and fuel for our country and our world. This trade agreement will help pave the way for our agricultural producers to receive a fairer price for their products in a world market.

"Today's agreement, which includes purchase targets of \$40 to \$50 billion of agricultural products by China, is the breakthrough deal agriculture has been waiting for. We thank the Trump administration for their diligent efforts to make this first phase of the Chinese trade deal a reality for agriculture and our rural communities."

## USMCA a victory for OK farmers and ranchers

Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Rodd Moesel released the following statement after the U.S. Senate approved the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

"Today's long-awaited approval of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement is a welcome victory for farmers and ranchers across Oklahoma. After years of battling low prices, high production costs and challenging weather, the historic trade deal brings a small piece of hope to farmers by preserving crucial markets for agricultural products with our closest trade partners.

"Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are grateful for the support of Sen. Jim Inhofe and Sen. James Lankford, and are hopeful the USMCA's approval will lead to continued progress on trade agreements across the globe."

## YF&R Legislative Day to be held Feb. 17

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members ages 18 to 35 are invited to attend the organization's Young Farmers and Ranchers Legislative Day held Feb. 17 in Oklahoma City.

Prior to the legislative day, members also are invited to an evening with fellow members at Dust Bowl on Feb. 16 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to attend the OKFB Leadership Conference, which begins with a lunch at noon.

To reserve a hotel room at the Embassy Suites Hotel near downtown Oklahoma City, contact OKFB YF&R Coordinator Zac Swartz at (405) 523-2300.

## Winter 2020 issue of *Oklahoma Country* available to view now



The winter issue of *Oklahoma Country* magazine has reached mailboxes and is available to read online at [okfarmbureau.org/publications](http://okfarmbureau.org/publications).

Inside this issue are several exciting features including:

- Nine farm and ranch families recognized by the Women's Leadership Committee at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau annual meeting
- The rural upbringing of Congressman Kevin Hern and how it shapes his decisions in Washington, D.C.
- Details about the 2020 Census and the impact it will have on rural Oklahomans
- A recap of the OKFB annual meeting held Nov. 8-10, 2019
- OKFB's new website and the features available to members
- A full list of OKFB events to engage in throughout 2020

## Member Benefits

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claim forms to complete.

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## Okmulgee County YF&R hosts cattle clinic for area youth

Members of the Okmulgee County Young Farmers and Ranchers hosted a hands-on cattle clinic for area youth at the Okmulgee County Fairgrounds Jan. 10-12. This three-day clinic served as an opportunity for area 4-H and FFA members to gain additional knowledge in several areas of caring for their animals including clipping, hoof trimming, show day dressing, showmanship, feeding and general care.

Additional sponsors of the event included the Okmulgee County Fair Board, Payne County Farm Bureau, Oklahoma State University Extension and GoBob Pipe & Steel, LLC.



Above: Okmulgee County YF&R hosted a hands-on cattle clinic Jan. 10-12 for local 4-H and FFA members to gain additional knowledge in properly caring for their animals.

## OKFB county secretaries attend training at home office



Above: OKFB's newest county secretaries met at the home office Jan. 23 where they learned the vital role they will play for OKFB's work within agriculture and rural Oklahoma.