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# Perspective

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## OKFB names Doye executive director

**T**he Oklahoma Farm Bureau board of directors Wednesday announced Thad Doye has been selected to serve as the farm organization's new executive director.

Doye will lead OKFB's staff, overseeing the day-to-day operations of Oklahoma's largest general farm organization.

"We are excited to have a lifelong Oklahoma farmer and rancher serving Oklahoma Farm Bureau as our executive director," OKFB President Rodd Moesel said. "Thad brings with him decades of experience in agriculture, Farm Bureau, and a servant's heart that we know will help him build and grow our organization to better serve our state's farming and ranching families."

Doye was chosen by the OKFB board after a comprehensive national search.

"Oklahoma agriculture and Oklahoma Farm Bureau have some exciting opportunities ahead, but we also realize we face some challenges," Doye said. "Farm Bureau members created this organization to help improve agriculture and rural Oklahoma, and I will work with OKFB staff and Farm Bureau leaders to ensure our

organization is making the future brighter for our state."

A native of Lawton, Doye began his career at OKFB in 1998 as a field representative before being named vice president of field services and later moving to the position of crop insurance manager for Oklahoma Farm Bureau Insurance. Doye was selected to serve as OKFB's interim executive director in July 2017.

For the past several years, Doye has helped build the Oklahoma Farming & Ranching Foundation's Pork for Packs and Beef for Backpacks programs by transporting donated animals that are processed into protein sticks for hungry Oklahoma children in cooperation with local food banks.

Before joining the OKFB staff, Doye served as a grassroots OKFB leader as vice president of the organization's state Young Farmers & Ranchers committee and as president of the Comanche County YF&R committee. Doye was also a member of class 13 of the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program. He received an agriculture business degree from Cameron



**Thad Doye**  
**OKFB Executive Director**

University in Lawton.

Doye and his wife, Marla, raised three children – Christann (Dilks), Chasen and Cortlin – on the family's Comanche County farm where they grow wheat and cover crops and raise cattle.



**Broox Milacek of Waukomis 4-H shows his barrow during the 2018 OYE Sale of Champions March 16 in Oklahoma City. OKFB contributed to the purchase of his animal's premium.**

## OKFB sponsors ag youth at 2018 Oklahoma Youth Expo Sale of Champions

**O**klahoma Farm Bureau helped support the state's agriculture youth by purchasing more than \$43,000 in premiums at the 2018 Oklahoma Youth Expo Sale of Champions March 16 in Oklahoma City.

Before the sale, OKFB was honored as the 2017 volume buyer for purchasing the most premiums at the 2017 sale.

Farm Bureau purchased premiums on 19 animals, and also partnered with fellow agriculture and rural organizations and individuals to purchase premiums for 41 cattle, sheep, hogs and goats.

"We're honored to help support these

bright 4-H and FFA members at the Oklahoma Youth Expo," said Rodd Moesel, OKFB president. "The skills and lessons learned in the show ring are preparing these students to be the future leaders of our state."

OKFB also purchased the chalice for the grand champion steer, shown by Tenley Mefford of Tillman County 4-H.

The 2018 premium raised a record \$1.3 million for students across the state, with the grand champion steer topping the sale with a record \$115,000.

# OKFB Women's Leadership Committee feeds legislators during annual Farm City Festival



**Top:** OKFB WLC members Sharlene Lambring (left), Mary Sloan (center) and Kitty Beavers prepare meals for legislators at the OKFB home office before delivering to the state Capitol during the Farm City Festival March 27. **Bottom Left:** OKFB WLC member Cindy Schoenecke (right) delivers a meal from the WLC to Rep. George Faught at the state Capitol. **Bottom Right:** Sen. Larry Boggs (left) receives a meal from OKFB WLC member Brenda Nobles at his office.

## Legislative Update: OKFB-opposed bills defeated

**W**ith the legislative session just past the halfway mark, only about one-third of bills filed remain alive to be considered.

OKFB helped defeat two pieces of legislation that would have adversely affected Oklahoma farmers and ranchers. A bill to modify the agriculture sales tax exemption failed in a Senate committee, which killed the bill. Working with other agriculture organizations, OKFB also was successful in defeating a measure that would have required individuals to register and tag trailers.

The OKFB policy team continues to work on a number of issues including a measure that would require landowner compensation when oil and gas companies lay temporary pipelines in the right-of-way, legislation that would remove physician supervision requirements for nurse practitioners, and a bill that would allow the use of UTVs on certain roadways.

As state lawmakers continue looking for new revenue for the state, OKFB remains vigilant in monitoring any revenue-raising or tax measures that could impact agriculture or rural Oklahoma.

Have questions or concerns? Please contact the OKFB Public Policy Division at 405-530-2681.

## Oklahoma Farm Bureau Online



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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt stops by the Oklahoma Youth Expo

Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Rodd Moesel, along with federation staff, heard from U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he visited the Oklahoma Youth Expo on March 15. After meeting with members of Oklahoma agriculture organizations, Pruitt also spoke to the crowd prior to the show's grand drive. Find pictures on the OKFB Facebook page.



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# President Trump signs Farm Bureau-supported omnibus with provisions for agriculture

**W**ith President Donald Trump's signature, the 2018 omnibus spending bill—and the several provisions that benefit farmers, ranchers and rural communities it includes—became law. The measure, which was a must-pass to avert a government shutdown, was approved in quick succession by the House and Senate on March 22 and the wee hours of March 23, respectively.

The omnibus amends the cooperative tax deduction (Section 199A) to restore balance to commodity markets and re-establish fairness between cooperative and non-cooperative farmers. It also clarifies that air emissions from animal waste at a farm are not applicable under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

In addition, the legislation provides agricultural haulers a reprieve from the electronic logging device mandate through Sept. 30, the end of fiscal year 2018. Currently, haulers transporting livestock and insects have a 90-day waiver through June 18 from the mandate.

Other provisions important to agriculture

and rural communities include a pilot program related to county-level agricultural risk coverage payments; critical forest management reforms, including allowing the U.S. Forest Service to adjust its cap when its fire-suppression budget goes above the 10-year average; a pilot program to allocate \$625 million for broadband service in underserved and unserved areas; and funding for a wide array of federal programs within USDA, the Food and Drug Administration and other departments and agencies.

While Farm Bureau supported the legislation, the group noted its disappointment in the lack of language related to the Waters of the U.S. rule.

“We had hoped Congress would include language that would have authorized the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the secretary of the Army to withdraw the 2015 Waters of the United States rule,” AFBF President Zippy Duvall said in a letter urging lawmakers to pass the bill. “This would have granted express statutory authority to the agencies to withdraw a rule that courts have already



found to be likely illegal and would allow the agencies to move forward on their efforts to develop a new WOTUS rule that comports with the Clean Water Act and Supreme Court precedent.”

## Travel to Washington, DC with Farm Bureau April 16-20

**O**klahoma Farm Bureau members will travel to Washington, D.C., April 16-20 to promote agriculture and rural Oklahoma during the organization's annual Congressional Action Tour.

The weeklong trip allows members

to bring the concerns of Oklahoma farmers and ranchers to Capitol Hill. Members will meet with Oklahoma's Congressional delegation, along with officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

To register for the trip, submit the completed registration form found on the OKFB website and full payment to the OKFB Public Policy Division.

For more information, contact OKFB Public Policy Coordinator Tasha Duncan at 405-530-2681.

## Member Benefits

### QualSight LASIK

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## Calendar

### Ag Day at the Capitol

April 10 • Oklahoma City  
Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

### Congressional Action Tour

April 17-20 • Washington, D.C.  
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### 16th Annual OKFB YF&R Golf Classic

May 4 • Guthrie  
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## OKFB supports OYE at 2018 premium sale



*OKFB is honored with the 2017 volume buyer award on March 16 for purchasing the most premiums at the 2017 OYE Sale of Champions.*



*OKFB board members purchase the chalice for the grand champion steer, which was shown by Tenley Mefford of Tillman County 4-H.*

## Oklahoma Agriculture Leadership Encounter students visit Farm Bureau



*Oklahoma Agriculture Leadership Encounter students learned more about OKFB during a visit to the organization's home office March 20. Sponsored by the Oklahoma Youth Expo, the OALE offers college students an opportunity to experience facets of agriculture and rural Oklahoma through a year-long leadership program.*