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78TH ANNUAL MEETING

## Join us for OKFB's 78th annual meeting Nov. 8-10 in OKC

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members from across the state are invited to gather with fellow members at OKFB's 78th Annual Meeting to be held Nov. 8-10 at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

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.

On Friday, Nov. 8, a Foundation Night Out event will allow members to enjoy an evening including a concert featuring Jimmy Dale and The Beltline. Members also will have the opportunity to support the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture with a silent auction.

Members will gather to celebrate Farm

Bureau achievements and efforts with a dinner and awards presentation on Saturday evening, Nov. 9. County representatives will not be charged for the event this year, but make sure to RSVP.

A glimpse of this year's schedule is available on the next page but is subject to change. For more information about attending the OKFB Annual Meeting, contact your county Farm Bureau office.

## Annual Meeting breakout session speakers announced

During the organization's 78th annual meeting Nov. 8-10 in Oklahoma City, hear from industry leaders on an array of topics including Medicaid, the livestock market and potential animal ID requirements, and industrial hemp. Note that speakers are subject to change.

### Medicaid Expansion

Dr. Joe Johnson OSU Tulsa  
Chris Benge, Secretary of State

### Livestock Market

Dr. Peel, OSU Professor

### Animal ID

Dr. Hall, State Veterinarian

### Industrial Hemp

Caroline Nelson, ODAFF  
Michael Nepveux, AFBF

### AgBoost

Sean Akadiri, AgBoost

# OKFB's 78th annual meeting schedule of events

## Friday, Nov. 8

- 8 a.m.** Credentials Committee Breakfast
- 9 a.m.** Registration opens
- 9:30 a.m.** YF&R Excellence in Agriculture and YF&R Discussion Meet Orientation
- 10 a.m.** YF&R Discussion Meet Round One
- 10:45 a.m.** YF&R Discussion Meet Round Two
- 11 a.m.** OKFB Expo Trade Show opens
- 11 a.m.** Silent Auction benefiting OKFB Foundation for Agriculture opens
- 11:15 a.m.** State Board Meeting and Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m.** YF&R Discussion Meet Finals Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m.** Issues Advisory Committee Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m.** Women's Leadership Committee Luncheon  
**\*NOTE: WLC delegate registration closes at 11:25 a.m.**
- 12:15 p.m.** YF&R Discussion Meet Finals
- 1:30 p.m.** Opening Session
- 3 p.m.** Break
- 3:15 p.m.** Breakout Sessions Round 1  
**Medicaid Expansion**  
Dr. Joe Johnson, OSU Tulsa  
Chris Benge, Secretary of State  
**Livestock Market**  
Dr. Peel, OSU Professor  
**Industrial Hemp**  
Caroline Nelson, ODAFF  
Michael Nepveux, AFBF  
**Animal ID**  
Dr. Hall, State Veterinarian  
**AgBoost**  
Sean Akadiri, AgBoost
- 4:15 p.m.** Breakout Sessions Round 2  
**\*Same topics as round 1, repeated**
- 5:30 p.m.** County Presidents Reception
- 5:30 p.m.** YF&R Dinner and Caucus
- 6 p.m.** OKFB Expo closes
- 6 p.m.** Silent Auction benefiting OKFB Foundation for Agriculture closes

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- 6:30 p.m.** Foundation Night Out featuring Jimmy Dale and The Beltline concert

## Saturday, Nov. 8

- 7:30 a.m.** Credentials Committee Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m.** Financial Review Committee Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m.** Resolutions Committee Breakfast
- 8 a.m.** Registration opens
- 8 a.m.** OKFB Expo Trade Show opens
- 8:45 a.m.** OKFB Insurance Policyholders Meeting
- 9:30 a.m.** General Session
- 11:45 a.m.** Credentials Desk closes
- 12 p.m.** Credentials Committee Meeting  
**\*NOTE: Credentials desk closes at 11:45 a.m.**
- 12:30 p.m.** WLC Gavel Club Luncheon
- 1 p.m.** OKFB District Caucuses  
– District Three  
– District Six  
– District Nine

- 1:30 p.m.** General Session
- 5:30 p.m.** OKFB Ag Fund Reception
- 6:45 p.m.** Dinner and Awards Program
- 8:30 p.m.** Cupcake Social

## Sunday, Nov. 10

- 7:15 a.m.** County Presidents Coffee Talk Session
- 7:15 a.m.** Women's Leadership Committee Chairman's Coffee Talk Session
- 7:15 a.m.** Public Policy Coffee Talk Session
- 8 a.m.** Worship Service and Breakfast  
Sen. James Lankford

This schedule is subject to change. For more information on attending the annual meeting, contact your county Farm Bureau office.

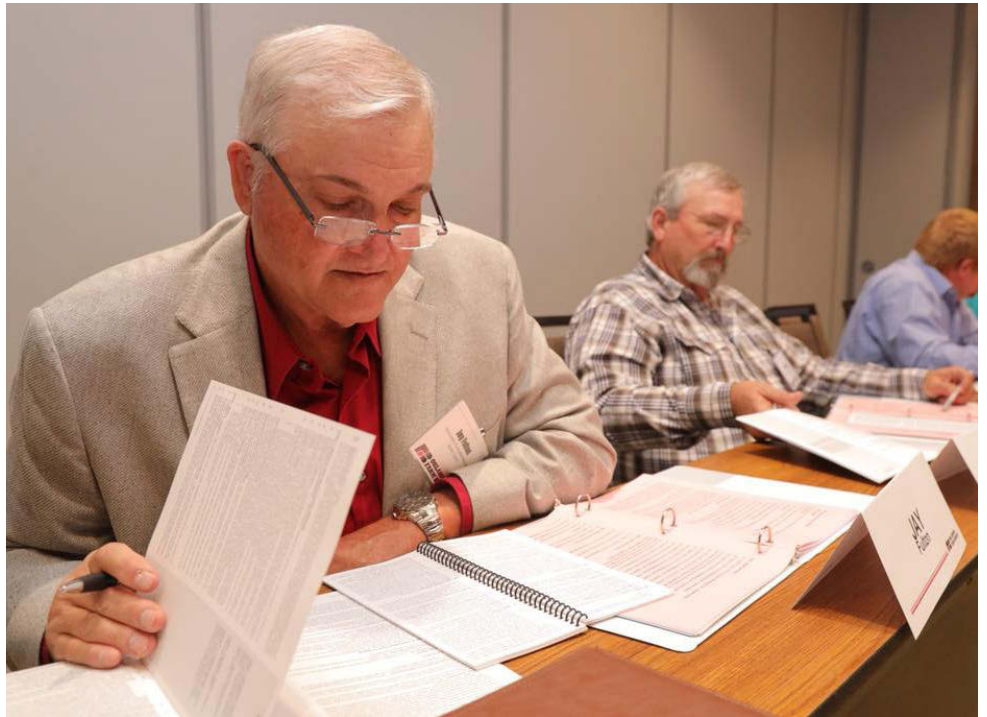
# State resolutions committee prepares proposed 2020 policies

**A** committee of nearly 40 Oklahoma Farm Bureau members met in Edmond Oct. 16-17 to review, condense and organize proposed resolutions to the organization's 2020 policy book.

Made up of farm and ranch members from across the state, the committee reviewed resolutions submitted by members in all 77 counties. The proposed policies cover a variety of agriculture and rural issues including *ad valorem* taxes, rural health care, rural broadband, cooperative extension services, mandatory animal identification, invasive species management and more.

The meeting served as one of the final steps of the organization's grassroots policy development process. The full delegate body of Farm Bureau members will consider and vote on the proposed resolutions during the 2019 OKFB Annual Meeting to be held Nov. 8-10 in downtown Oklahoma City.

For questions about resolutions and OKFB policy, please call (405) 523-2300 and ask for Emmy Karns.



*Above: Grady County Farm Bureau member Jay Fulton reviews current OKFB policy and proposed resolutions to be included in the 2020 policy book during OKFB's resolutions meeting Oct. 16.*

## Silent auction to benefit Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture

**W**hen you have a chance, make sure to stop by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau silent auction, during the organization's annual meeting, benefiting the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

Auction items will include farm and ranch equipment, jewelry, home decor and more! The proceeds from the silent auction will help fund foundation programs that support agriculture and rural Oklahoma while educating consumers about where their food comes from.

Donations for the silent auction are still being accepted through Oct. 31. Items can be dropped off at the OKFB home office or can be delivered by OKFB field representative. For questions, call 405-523-2300 and ask for Holly Carroll or Whitney Bender.

## Trade show vendors for OKFB's 78th annual meeting

**M**embers attending OKFB's 2019 convention are encouraged to visit the trade show, featuring a variety of exhibitors, including farm equipment, agribusiness services, jewelry, home decor and more.

The trade show will be open Friday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vendors include:

- A Slice of Whimsy
- Alltech
- AgBoost
- Farm Bureau Financial Services
- Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma
- John Vance Auto Group
- Leslie G. Sparks, P.C.
- Lewis Cattle Oilers/MB Enterprise
- Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom
- Oklahoma Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children
- Oklahoma Department of

- Agriculture, Food and Forestry
- Oklahoma Wheat Commission
- Oklahoma State University Agricultural Economics Department
- P&K Equipment
- PEP Solar
- Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma
- Sandra McPeck
- Scentsy
- Spirited Gypsy Boutique
- Stephanie's Selections
- Stranded Jewelry
- Uniques Unlimited
- Wiggins Auctioneers
- Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee
- Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers
- Oklahoma Farm Bureau store
- Oklahoma Farm Bureau Human Resources

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## OKFB sponsors law students interested in agriculture at OU

Oklahoma Farm Bureau has announced its support for the University of Oklahoma College of Law's Agricultural Law Association, a student-led organization created for students interested in agriculture and agricultural law.

"We're excited for the opportunity to

invest in law students who have a passion for the agriculture industry," said Rodd Moesel, OKFB president. "Many of these students have deep roots in agriculture, rural Oklahoma and Farm Bureau, so we're proud to help foster their enthusiasm to contribute to the agriculture community in

their legal careers."

The ALA hosted its first meeting in August 2019 after several students noticed an absence of a student organization that focuses on agriculture. The students worked to create a new organization focused on educating others about the agriculture industry while also providing networking opportunities within the field.

"The Agricultural Law Association is ecstatic about the opportunity to advocate for the agriculture industry and provide networking opportunities for interested students," said Allison Christian, ALA president. "There are many students from diverse backgrounds who wish to work in this industry in some facet after law school. ALA is optimistic about the level of student interest at OU Law and is excited about the future of agricultural law in this state."

Programming for the organization involves monthly meetings, networking events and social events. The group hosts practitioners from different facets of the industry to discuss opportunities for students interested in a career in agricultural law.



Above: OU Law students (left to right) Garrett Reed, Hammons Hepner, Allison Christian, Gatlin Squires and Ridge Howell help lead the newly-created Agricultural Law Association.