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# Perspective

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## Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation board changes name to Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture

The Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation board recently announced the 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation has changed its name to the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

With the support of Oklahoma Farm Bureau members and friends throughout the agriculture industry, the foundation has worked to promote agriculture, educate consumers, and support rural communities since its founding. However, the foundation board believed the foundation's ties to Oklahoma Farm Bureau needed to be strengthened.

"The name Farm Bureau is prominent in our rural communities because our members have been active and engaged across our state for generations," said David VonTungeln, Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture president.

"When the foundation steps in to support education, nutrition, disaster assistance and more, we want to make sure the familiar name of Oklahoma Farm Bureau is visible for all to see."

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is supported by Farm Bureau members through optional membership dues, along with larger financial contributions from various individuals, businesses, county Farm Bureaus and friends.

"With this change comes a renewed excitement and dedication to grow and support our state's farmers and ranchers," VonTungeln

said. "We will continue the same quality programs that have made an impact across our state while creating new opportunities to share the great things happening on Oklahoma farms and ranches."

Founded in 2011, the foundation was formed as a 501(c)(3) non-profit to enhance awareness and understanding of agriculture's contribution and importance to the state of Oklahoma. The foundation supports a variety of projects and programs, such as the Beef for Backpacks and Pork for Packs programs, the Grown for You commodity trailer, and the Bushels for Books program.

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— David VonTungeln

## State resolutions committee to prepare 2019 policy in mid-October

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members from across the state will review county resolutions for 2019 policy at this year's state resolutions meeting held Oct. 17-18 in Oklahoma City. The meeting will serve as one of the final steps in the OKFB grassroots policy development process.

All 77 county Farm Bureaus must submit resolutions for review by the committee to the home office by Oct. 5. The state resolutions committee is made up of farm and ranch members from across the state.

The resolutions to Farm Bureau policy will not be final until approved by the delegate body at the 2018 OKFB Annual Meeting in November. Once accepted by members, the resolutions will help direct the organization for the next year.

For questions about resolutions and OKFB policy, please contact the OKFB Public Policy Department at 405-530-2681.



Major County Farm Bureau member Scott Neufeld discusses resolutions to OKFB's 2018 policy with the state resolutions committee during a 2017 state meeting.

# More than 1,400 students compete in 2018 YF&R livestock judging contest at the Oklahoma State Fair

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee hosted more than 1,400 students during its annual Oklahoma State Fair livestock judging contest Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, in Oklahoma City.

FFA and 4-H members in junior and senior categories judged eight categories of livestock with two classes of questions.

The high individuals and members of the winning teams received a trophy and jackets sponsored by the OKFB YF&R.



*Top: OKFB YF&R Committee members Baylie Rea (far left) and Chrissy Maxey (far right) present Central High 4-H members with a trophy as the first-place team in the Senior 4-H Division of the YF&R state fair livestock judging contest held Sept. 13 in Oklahoma City. As winners, the team members received a jacket from OKFB YF&R. Right: An FFA member places a class of goats during the YF&R livestock judging contest.*



## 2018 YF&R Livestock Judging Contest results

More than 1,400 Oklahoma FFA and 4-H students competed in the 2018 YF&R livestock judging contest held Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Oklahoma State Fair. The FFA and 4-H members in junior and senior categories judged eight classes of livestock with two classes of questions. The high individuals and members of the winning teams received a trophy and a jacket sponsored by OKFB YF&R. Find the full contest results at [JudgingCard.com](http://JudgingCard.com).

### TEAMS

#### Senior FFA Division

First: Sentinel FFA  
Second: El Reno FFA  
Third: Lindsay FFA

#### Senior 4-H Division

First: Central High 4-H 1  
Second: Alex 4-H  
Third: Kay County 4-H

#### Junior FFA Division

First: Lindsay FFA Orange  
Second: El Reno FFA  
Third: Mulhall FFA

#### Junior 4-H Division

First: Kay County 4-H 2  
Second: Minco 4-H  
Third: Weatherford 4-H

### INDIVIDUALS

#### Senior FFA Division

First: Baylor Bonham, Newcastle  
Second: Garret Wellden, Guthrie  
Third: Marlie Arrs, Sentinel

#### Senior 4-H Division

First: Riley Scott, Central High  
Second: Kale Campbell, Alfalfa  
Third: Ashlynn Arnold, Marshall

#### Junior FFA Division

First: Seth Tucker, Lindsay  
Second: Brooklyn Jennings, Lindsay  
Third: Zane Avant, El Reno

#### Junior 4-H Division

First: Hallie Herrel, Minco  
Second: Tucker Jeffries, Kay County  
Third: Ashley Purine, Thomas Fay Custer



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OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU'S 77<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16-18, 2018



## OKFB's 77th Annual Meeting details released

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are invited to gather with fellow members at OKFB's 77th Annual Meeting Nov. 16-18 at the Embassy Suites in Norman.

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

This year, OKFB will incorporate a few 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, a movie night and a trade show extravaganza. Members will celebrate Farm Bureau achievements with a dinner, awards presentation and entertainment on Saturday evening. Members will not be charged for the event, but must RSVP by Nov. 5. Contact your county Farm Bureau office to learn more.

## 77th OKFB Annual Meeting agenda at a glance

### Friday, Nov. 16

- 8 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast
- 9 a.m. Registration opens
- 9 a.m. OKFB Expo opens
- 9 a.m. County Silent Auction 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
- 11:30 a.m. WLC Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m. Commodity Committee Luncheon
- 12:15 p.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Finals
- 1:30 p.m. Opening Session
- 5:30 p.m. YF&R Dinner and Caucus
- 7:30 p.m. Foundation Night Out
  - OKFB Expo
  - Movie Night
  - YF&R Reunion
- 8 p.m. Jason Young Band Concert

### Saturday, Nov. 17

- 7:30 a.m. Flapjack Fundraiser
- 7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Financials Committee Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee Breakfast
- 8 a.m. Registration opens
- 8:45 a.m. OFBMIC Policyholders Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. General Session
- 12 p.m. Credentials Committee Meeting (Credentials desk closes at 11:45 a.m.)
- 12:30 p.m. WLC Gavel Club Luncheon
- 1 p.m. OKFB District Caucuses
- 1:45 p.m. General Session
- 5:30 p.m. OKAgFund Reception
- 7 p.m. Dinner and Awards Program

### Sunday, Nov. 18

- 7:30 a.m. County Presidents Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. WLC Chairman's Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast of Champions
- 9:15 a.m. Morning Devotional
- 11:30 a.m. Adjournment

## Member Benefits

### Caterpillar

OKFB members can save up to \$2,000 when buying or leasing a qualifying CAT® Backhoe Loader, Wheel Loader, Mini Hydraulic Excavator, Multi Terrain Loader, Skid Steer Loader, Compact Track Loader, Telehandler or Small Dozer. Print your Membership Verification Certificate at the link to Caterpillar's OKFB partner page at [okfarmbureau.org/benefits](http://okfarmbureau.org/benefits). Members must present certificate at time of purchase or lease quote to receive the discount.

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## Calendar

### OKFB Women's Leadership Committee Fall Conference

September 28-29 • Edmond  
Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

### OKFB Young Farmers and Ranchers Awards Due

October 1  
Contact: Zac Swartz 405-205-0070

### County Resolutions Due

October 5  
Contact: Emmy Karns 405-530-2681

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## Join OKFB for Celebrate Agriculture Day tailgate Oct. 6

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members, employees, agents and friends – along with farmers and ranchers across the state – are invited to join the organization in paying tribute to those who produce food and fiber for the world during a tailgate on Celebrate Agriculture Day at next week's Oklahoma State University versus Iowa State University football game.

OKFB will serve free food and drinks beginning at 11 a.m. on Oct. 6 at a tailgate located on Knoblock St. between Athletic and Elm Aves.

## County policy resolutions due to home office by Oct. 5

Each year, county Farm Bureau members gather to write resolutions to OKFB policy for the coming year. County resolutions must be sent to the OKFB home office no later than Friday, Oct. 5. State staff then will assemble all county resolutions for review by the state resolutions committee Oct. 17-18 in Oklahoma City. For questions about the resolutions process, please contact Marla Peek at [marla.peek@okfb.org](mailto:marla.peek@okfb.org).