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OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU

Perspective

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OUR GRASSROOTS

How our policy is developed

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization and has been from the beginning. Today, our members have always guided the vision and direction of the organization.

MEMBER BENEFITS

An Oklahoma Farm Bureau membership opens a world of benefits and savings. From money-saving offers on vehicles to discounts wherever you travel and from products for your home to insurance products back by home-town service, there's some way for most anyone to save money through an OKFB membership.

If you are not yet a member, find out how you can join online today or sign up for a membership at your county office.

Not only does a Farm Bureau membership help support family farmers, ranchers and rural communities, it unlocks powerful savings that saves you money.



County Farm Bureaus hold annual meetings

It's annual meeting season for our 77 county Farm Bureau organizations. Find out when your county will hold its annual meeting, and mark your calendar to learn about the ways your county Farm Bureau is supporting our rural communities.

View our schedule of 2019 county Farm Bureau annual meetings ...



Five exciting features on the new OKFB website

On September 13, Oklahoma Farm Bureau launched a brand-new website designed to better serve the needs of its members. The new site was created with a number of features to display the organization's work for farmers, ranchers and rural Oklahomans including a few of our favorites, which are highlighted below.

Join online

Our most exciting feature on the new website now allows you to apply to become an Oklahoma Farm Bureau member in the county of your choice using our new member sign-up portal. When you join online, you can pay your membership dues with a credit card using our secure online portal. Of course, you'll still be able to join in person at your local county Farm Bureau office if you choose. But our new portal makes it simple and easy to join the state's leading farm organization with just a few clicks.

OKFB advocacy efforts

New to the website, the advocacy section features pages that highlight OKFB's

advocacy efforts. An Our Grassroots page explains the grassroots structure of the organization and how members from across the state work together to develop the policy OKFB advocates for at the state Capitol and beyond. From private property rights to rural health care, the Issues page provides an in-depth look at some of the leading issues on the minds of Farm Bureau members. Website users also can sign up to receive legislative action alerts, find legislators, learn how to schedule a visit to the state Capitol, read about the OKFB Ag Fund and more.

Farm Bureau history

With more than 75 years under our belt, OKFB is proud of our history of standing up for the rights of rural Oklahomans and preserving the way of life that the people of our state love. In addition to a full 75th anniversary website, members can now read through the highlights of Farm Bureau's storied successes for farmers, ranchers and rural Oklahomans on our History page.

Simplified county Farm Bureau pages

While county Farm Bureaus have always had a place on the OKFB website, the new county Farm Bureau pages make it easy to locate and contact county offices. County Farm Bureaus also have the ability to customize their pages with county-specific information including events held in their communities.

Expanded member benefits

A Farm Bureau membership opens a world of benefits and savings – and now members can find access to our nearly 50 money-saving offers more quickly and easily on the Member Benefits page. From offers on vehicles, travel, products for your home and more, there's a way for almost anyone to save money with an OKFB membership.

Visit the new OKFB website at okfarmbureau.org!

2019 Farm Bill meetings to be hosted by OSU and USDA FSA

Sponsored in part by Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Oklahoma State University and the USDA Farm Service Agency are teaming up to bring Oklahoma producers the most up-to-date information on federal farm programs in 14 meetings held around the state from late September through late November. The meetings will provide information about farm programs, market outlook and decision tools to help farmers determine the best strategy.

The meetings are planned to occur in the same time frame in which farmers will be offered the chance to re-elect to either Agricultural Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage this fall for the 2019 and 2020 crop years.

For more information on the events, visit www.agecon.okstate.edu/aggpolicy.

McAlester

Sept. 26, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Eastern State College, Seminar Room
David Cantrell 918-423-4120

Durant

Sept. 27, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Bryan County Extension office
Robert Bourne 580-924-5312

Chickasha

Sept. 30, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Grady County Extension office
Shiann McCracken 405-224-2216

Pond Creek

Oct. 10, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Grant County Expo Center
Kateena Roberts 580-395-2134

Altus

Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Western Oklahoma State College, Pioneer Heritage Seminar Room
Gary Strickland 580-477-7962

Clinton

Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Custer County Fairgrounds
Ron Wright 580-323-2291

Enid

Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Garfield County Extension office
Rick Nelson 580-237-1228

Woodward

Oct. 23, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Woodward County Fairgrounds
Dana Bay 580-254-3391

Blackwell

Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Kay Electric Room
Shannon Mallory 580-362-3194

Dewey

Oct. 24, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Washington County Fairgrounds
Katie Hughes 918-534-2216

Goodwell

Nov. 6, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Oklahoma Panhandle Research & Extension Center
Britt Hicks 580-338-7300

Claremore

Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Rogers County Building
Donna Patterson 918-923-4958

Miami

Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Courthouse Annex Community Room
Ottawa County Extension 918-542-1688

Stillwater

Nov. 21, 5 p.m. to noon
Payne County Expo Center
Nathan Anderson 405-747-8320

Custer County breaks ground on new Weatherford office

Custer County Farm Bureau officially broke ground on a new office building in Weatherford on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The new office, expected to be completed sometime toward the end of next year, will be located at 1402 N. Washington across from Weatherford High School. It will replace the current office located at 510 E. Main.

“We just have a lot of opportunities to have more programs (for the community) in Weatherford,” said Paul Sawatzky, Custer County Farm Bureau president. “We need to be able to provide members in our county more options and to expand and do better. My goal is to expand what we do in the county and in the community.”



Calendar

State resolutions due to home office

Oct. 7 • OKFB Home office
Contact: Emmy Karns 405-530-2681

Other awards deadline

Oct. 15 • OKFB Home office
Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

State Resolutions Meeting

Oct. 16-17 • Edmond
Contact: Emmy Karns 405-530-2681

OKFB Annual Meeting

Nov. 8-10 • Cox Center, Oklahoma City
Contact: Melisa Neal 405-523-2475

2020 AFBF Annual Meeting

Jan. 17-22 • Austin, Texas
Contact: Melisa Neal 405-523-2475

Harmon returns to OKFB as safety and special projects coordinator

Oklahoma Farm Bureau has named Burton Harmon as the organization's safety and special projects coordinator.

In his new position, Harmon will travel the state educating students on bicycle, bus and fire safety measures. In addition, Harmon will lead defensive driving courses and share the dangers of driving under the influence with high school students.

"I'm excited to return to Oklahoma Farm Bureau and help educate students and share agriculture's story," Harmon said. "There's a lot of great things Farm Bureau can do around our state, and I'm looking forward to working with our organization's programs to better serve our members."

Harmon began his career with OKFB serving as the north central field representative. For the last six years he has run his own agricultural spraying business.

Harmon graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in animal science. As active members of Young Farmers and Ranchers, Burton and his wife, Audrey, were state committee

members and excellence in agriculture state winners, even making it to the top 10 at the AFBF Annual Convention.

The pair lives in Morrison with their sons Benjamin, Aaron and Jared. Active within his local community, Harmon currently serves as the youth pastor at Hilltop Country Church in Morrison.



WLC to host food drive benefiting RMHC during Annual Meeting

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee is joining efforts with the American Farm Bureau Federation and other Farm Bureau organizations across the country to raise \$100,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities in honor of AFBF's centennial.

How can you help? Easy! While you're at the 2019 OKFB Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City Nov. 8-10, make sure to visit the WLC booth in the trade show to drop off your donation. The donations received will be split between the Oklahoma City and Tulsa locations.

The two Oklahoma RMHC locations are specifically requesting lunch box size individually wrapped snack food items like trail mix, pretzels, crackers, bagged popcorn, granola bars and dried fruit.

OKFB YF&R hosts 1,300 students at Oklahoma State Fair livestock judging contest

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers hosted more than 1,300 4-H and FFA members at its annual Oklahoma State Fair livestock judging contest Thursday, Sept. 12 in Oklahoma City.

During the contest, members of the OKFB YF&R state committee helped register contestants, served as group leaders and ensured the contest ran smoothly.

4-H and FFA members from across the state traveled to the Oklahoma State Fair where they judged seven classes of sheep, cattle, goats and swine with three classes of questions.

The top three teams and individuals received trophies and the top team and individual in each division also received a custom jacket.

The tops teams and individuals are:

Senior FFA

First: Amber-Pocasset FFA
Second: Lindsay Orange FFA
Third: El Reno FFA

Junior FFA

First: Tuttle FFA
Second: Mulhall Orlando FFA
Third: Minco FFA

Senior 4-H

First: Kay County 4-H
Second: Lomega 4-H
Third: 4Him 4-H

Junior 4-H

First: Kay County 4-H
Second: Amber-Pocasset 4-H
Third: Marshall 1 4-H

Senior FFA

First: Cammie Stehr, Ninnekah Grady FFA
Second: Braylon Spears, Hartshorne FFA
Third: Kade Pendley, Cyril FFA

Junior FFA

First: Chyann Emerson, Tuttle FFA
Second: Brody Scroggins, Hartshorne FFA
Third: Kamryn Oakes, Arapaho Butler FFA

Senior 4-H

First: Kale Campbell, 4Him 4-H
Second: Caleb Edens, Kay County 4-H
Third: Rylee Glazier, Lomega 4-H

Junior 4-H

First: Ainslee McComas,
Amber-Pocasset 4-H
Second: Baler Lott, Marshall 4-H
Third: Hadley Bell, Marshall 4-H

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YF&R shotgun shoot raised \$8,000 for OKFB Foundation for Ag

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee raised \$8,000 to benefit the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture at their 2019 shotgun shoot at Quail Ridge Shooting Sports near McLoud on Saturday, Sept. 21.

A total of 18 teams from around the state competed in the shoot, which featured 13 sporting clays stations.

Shooters from the Navajo FFA chapter won the top team award, receiving \$100 gift cards.

“Farmers and ranchers see the needs our neighbors and rural community members have, and our YF&R committee is proud to support the foundation’s efforts to help our fellow Oklahomans,” said Brent Haken, OKFB YF&R Chairman. “The shotgun shoot is a fun way to come together and

raise money so agriculture can help each other in times of need.”

The proceeds from the shoot will help fund foundation programs that support agriculture and rural Oklahoma while educating consumers about where their food comes from. Money was raised from individual and team entry fees as well as from sponsorships provided by private and corporate partners.

- Oklahoma Farm Bureau Insurance
- OKFB Women’s Leadership Committee
- OKFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee
- Pottawatomie County Farm Bureau

Gold

- American Ag Credit
- Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma
- Southwest Center Pivots

Platinum

- Comanche County Farm Bureau
- German Roofing
- Jackson County Farm Bureau
- Lewis Roofing
- Manheim
- Oklahoma Association of Nurse Anesthetists



Eighteen teams from around the state participated in the first OKFB YF&R shotgun shoot Sept. 21 in McLoud, Oklahoma.



Shooters from the Navajo FFA chapter won the top team award.



Roughly \$8,000 was raised through the event to benefit the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture