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CELEBRATING OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU'S 75 YEARS



Take a trip back in Oklahoma Farm Bureau's history to some of the key moments of the formation of state's largest agricultural organization.

A look at OKFB annual meetings through the years



Top Left: A group of "Quota Busters" whose counties earned membership quota pose for a photo during the 1967 OKFB Annual Meeting. Bottom Left: OKFB President Lewis Munn (far left) presides over a business session during the 1968 convention. Top Right: Farm Bureau women earn the Gavel Club award during a 1960s convention. Bottom Right: Members in the 1980s gather for a general session.



OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU

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Meet the 2017 OKFB Annual Meeting speakers

Hundreds of farmers and ranchers from across the state will gather in Norman Nov. 10-12 for the 76th Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. At the three-day convention, the organization will recognize member achievements, set grassroots policy for 2018, elect leaders and hear from state and industry leaders. Below, meet the lineup of speakers for the organization's largest annual event.

Dr. Thomas G. Coon
Vice President, Dean and Director
OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences
and Natural Resources
Opening Session – Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m.
Dr. Thomas G. Coon joined OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in July 2014. Prior to joining the administration at OSU, he served as director for cooperative extension at Michigan State University for nine years. At OSU, he serves as director of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station and the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Bill Buckner
President and Chief Executive Officer
Noble Research Institute
Opening Session – Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m.
Bill Buckner has served as president and CEO of Noble Research Institute, the largest, independent private agricultural research organization in the United States.

The Noble Research Institute conducts plant and animal science research and sponsors agricultural programs to enhance agricultural productivity regionally, nationally and internationally. Buckner became the eighth president and CEO of the Noble Research in January 2012 after serving as president and CEO of Bayer CropScience, where he worked for 18 years.

Todd Lamb
Lieutenant Governor
State of Oklahoma
Opening Session – Nov. 10, 1:30 p.m.
Oklahoma elected Todd Lamb as Lt. Governor on November 2, 2010. Lamb was reelected in 2014, winning in each of Oklahoma's 77 counties. In 2004, Lamb was elected to serve in the Oklahoma state Senate. Lamb was re-elected in 2008 and in 2009 became the first Republican Majority Floor Leader in state history.
An Enid native, Lamb played football at Louisiana Tech University, then returned to Oklahoma earning his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and his law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Zippy Duvall
President
American Farm Bureau Federation
General Session, Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m.
President of the American Farm Bureau Federation since January 2016, Zippy Duvall is a third-generation farmer from

Georgia. In addition to a 400-head beef cow herd for which he produces his own hay, Duvall and his wife, Bonnie, also grow more than 750,000 broilers per year.

Prior to being elected AFBF president, Duvall served for nine years as president of the Georgia Farm Bureau. Duvall's long leadership history in his home state includes service on the Georgia Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee and the Georgia Farm Bureau board of directors.

Mithun Mansinghani
Solicitor General
Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General
Breakfast of Champions – Nov. 12, 7:30 a.m.
Mithun Mansinghani was appointed Solicitor General for the State of Oklahoma by Attorney General Mike Hunter in March 2017. He previously served as Deputy Solicitor General.

As Solicitor General, Mansinghani leads litigation on behalf of the state in appeals, constitutional matters, and relations with the federal government and other states. His work has included arguing Oklahoma's challenge to the federal Waters of the United States rule and the state's defense of the constitutionality of State Question 777, which allowed it to be sent to voters.

Find more details on the OKFB Annual Meeting including a schedule, sponsors, award information and more at www.okfarmbureau.org.

OKFB, ag groups respond to state beef checkoff legal challenge

The following statement is from a coalition of Oklahoma agriculture organizations who support the Oklahoma Beef Checkoff including Oklahoma Farm Bureau, American Farmers & Ranchers, Oklahoma Limousine Breeders Association, Oklahoma Maine Anjou Association, Oklahoma Charolais Association and Oklahoma Simmental Cattle Association.

"The Oklahoma agriculture community is confident in the process used by cattle producers and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture in preparation for the upcoming referendum. We stand against an effort led by radical activist organizations and their anti-agriculture agenda."

Buchanan defends private property rights at House interim study

On behalf of thousands of farmers and ranchers across the state, Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Tom Buchanan defended private property rights at an Oklahoma House of Representatives interim study on Oct. 10.

Hosted by the House Transportation Committee, the study examined the impact of “tall structures” within military training airspace throughout Oklahoma. Some argue building obstructions, including wind turbines or communications towers, could interfere with the U.S. Air Force’s ability to conduct operations and negatively affect Oklahoma’s military bases.

Legislation was introduced during the 2017 regular session to regulate the land, along with so-called obstructions to air navigation, within the vicinity of a public-use airport. The measure aimed to protect the airspace surrounding military bases in Oklahoma, but was stalled in conference committee.

Restricting a landowner’s ability to develop or use their land is a taking of

private property rights, Buchanan said.

Written by farm and ranch members across the state, OKFB policy states:

“We are opposed to any regulation that limits a person’s right to use their property as they see fit. Landowners in the vicinity of government-owned or operated properties should not be limited to uses of their own lands or be forced to adapt land uses or practices enforced on government properties.”

Private property rights provide for many different uses including agricultural, industrial and residential. Buchanan described each use as a “stick in a bundle.”

“Anytime a rule, regulation or law is passed that restricts, or worse prohibits, the ability of a landowner to use even one of those sticks in that bundle, that is a taking of a private property right,” Buchanan said. “If you take away one of my sticks, you’ve taken away my ability to develop my land as I see fit.”

A cornerstone issue for OKFB members, Buchanan said private property rights are

defined as “the ability to do with my land as I wish as long as I don’t interfere with my neighbor’s right to do the same.”

Buchanan cited the Oklahoma Landowner’s Bill of Rights, written by the Oklahoma Attorney General, which entitles landowners to “just compensation if your property is taken for a public use.”

Because military training routes help protect the public, Buchanan said the taking was for public use and landowners should be compensated.

“Oklahoma was established on the protection and the promotion of private property rights,” Buchanan said. “Let’s take care of our private property rights.”

Buchanan pledged to work alongside the Legislature and other industries to find a solution that protects military airspace while preserving private property rights.

“Anytime there’s something dealing with rural Oklahoma or Oklahoma agriculture, we want to be front and center in the conversation,” Buchanan said.

Crystal Gayle to perform at OKFB convention

Country music singer Crystal Gayle will entertain Oklahoma Farm Bureau members as they gather for a final celebration of the organization’s 75th anniversary Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. during the 2017 OKFB Annual Meeting in Norman.

State elected officials and community and industry leaders will join county Farm Bureau members for dinner and entertainment as the organization celebrates its rich 75-year history.

Following in the footsteps of her older

sister and country music legend Loretta Lynn, Gayle set out at an early age to be a musician. She released her first single in 1970 at the age of 19. “Don’t It Make My Brown Eyes Blue” would soon make Gayle a crossover superstar, hitting No. 1 on the country chart and No. 2 on the pop chart in 1976. That smash led to several others, and Grammy and CMA awards followed Gayle throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

Learn more about the OKFB annual meeting at www.okfarmbureau.org.



2017 OKFB Annual Meeting schedule

Friday, November 10

8 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast
 9 a.m. Registration Opens
 9:30 a.m. YF&R Excellence in Agriculture Judging
 10 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Round One
 10 a.m. Trade Show Opens
 10:45 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Round Two
 11:15 a.m. State Board Meeting and Luncheon
 11:30 a.m. Women’s Leadership Committee Luncheon
 11:30 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Finals and Luncheon
 1:30 p.m. Opening Session
 3:15 p.m. First Break-out Session
 4:30 p.m. Second Break-out Session
 5:30 p.m. OKAgFund Meeting
 5:30 p.m. YF&R Dinner and Caucus
 7 p.m. Awards Program
 8:15 p.m. Cupcakes, Cookies & Candidates reception

Saturday, November 11

7:30 a.m. Flapjack Fundraiser
 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. Trade Show Opens
 8:45 a.m. OFBMIC Policyholders Meeting
 9:30 a.m. General Session
 12 p.m. Credentials Committee Meeting
 12:30 p.m. Women’s Leadership Committee Gavel Club Luncheon
 1:30 p.m. District Caucuses (Districts 1, 4 and 7)
 2:15 p.m. General Session
 5:30 p.m. OKAgFund Reception
 7 p.m. Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday, November 12

7:30 a.m. County Presidents Breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Women’s Leadership Committee Chairman’s Breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Breakfast of Champions
 9:15 a.m. Memorial and Worship Service

OKFB to honor members at annual meeting awards program Nov. 10

Each year at its annual meeting, Oklahoma Farm Bureau recognizes various individuals for leadership, service and excellence within the organization and the agricultural industry.

All awards will be presented during the special awards program on Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. OKFB invites all members to attend and honor the award recipients.

OKFB honored for OSU homecoming game sponsorship



OKFB Interim Executive Director Thad Doye (far left) and state board members John Grundmann, James Fuser and Keith Kisling represent the organization on the field at the Oklahoma State University homecoming football game Oct. 14 as game sponsors. OKFB also hosted a tailgate prior to the game for members and fans.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Online



Stay updated on all things convention

The 2017 OKFB Annual Meeting is quickly approaching! As you prepare to join us Nov. 10-12 in Norman, keep an eye out for new updates on convention schedules, entertainment and more. Find all the updates under the “News” page at www.okfarmbureau.org.



Why beef producers should check yes on state beef checkoff

Oklahoma Farm Bureau member and Roger Mills County rancher Jimmy Taylor explains why he will check yes on the Oklahoma Beef Checkoff on Nov. 1 in a new video on the OKFB Facebook page. State beef producers will decide during a Nov. 1 vote at county extension offices across the state. Learn more about at www.oklahomabeefcheckoff.com.



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www.okfarmbureau.org/benefits

Calendar

OKFB Annual Meeting

Nov. 10-12 • Norman
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YF&R State Committee Meeting

Dec. 7-8 • Oklahoma City
 Contact: Zac Swartz 405-205-0070

AFBF Annual Convention & IDEAg Trade Show

Jan. 5-10 • Nashville, Tennessee
 Contact: Melisa Neal 405-523-2475