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# Perspective

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## OKFB County Annual Meetings to begin across the state

County Farm Bureaus across the state will begin holding their county annual meetings throughout the next few weeks. These meetings serve as an opportunity

for members to celebrate the year, discuss agriculture issues, create grassroots OKFB policy for the next year, and fellowship with one another.

Specific details about your county Annual meeting can be found at [okfb.news/cam19](http://okfb.news/cam19). For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau office directly.

2019  
COUNTY ANNUAL MEETINGS

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## Logan County Farm Bureau member discusses increasing OK farm land values

With Oklahoma farm land values up by 3.9% according to a recent report, Logan County Farm Bureau member John Pfeiffer told KOKH FOX 25 News on Aug. 21 the rise could make it more difficult for young producers to get started in the industry.

“If we don’t produce, then it’s either going to have to be imported from out of

the country where we don’t have any control over how it’s being produced or what’s going into it, or people aren’t going to have enough to eat,” Pfeiffer said.

In addition to concerns about not being able to produce enough to feed the American population, Pfeiffer expressed concerns about the difficulty that young farmers are already facing.

“It makes it very expensive for a young person to get started,” Pfeiffer said. “If a young person has to buy the land to begin to farm, then he can’t afford to do it. He has to be able to find somebody that will work with him or has to be able to rent it as he goes through it.”

For the full length clip, visit [okfb.news/2HoDWLU](http://okfb.news/2HoDWLU).

# Bushels for Books

Encourage an educator near you to apply to win a bushel basket of accurate agriculture books from the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture.

Applications for the 2019 Bushels for Books program are due

**SEPT. 16**

## Washita County Farm Bureau hosts annual barnyard olympics at Washita County Free Fair



*Above: Children of all ages work together as they made their way through four different sets of obstacles during the Farm Bureau Washita County Free Fair Barnyard Olympics Aug. 23 in Cordell.*



*Above: Team members cheered their teammates on during the bean bag toss.*



*Above: Sen. Brent Howard addressed attendees briefly to discuss some of the main pieces of legislation he assisted with during his first session at the state Capitol.*

## YF&R to host annual Oklahoma State Fair livestock judging contest Sept. 12

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee will host students from across the state at the group's annual Oklahoma State Fair Livestock Judging Contest on Sept. 12 at the state fairgrounds in Oklahoma City.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Sept. 12 in Barn 3. The contest will begin at 10 a.m. in Barn 8. Contestants may compete on a team or as individuals. The entry fee will be \$5 per person or \$20 per team.

The contest will include market and

breeding classes of beef cattle, sheep and swine. Each contestant will answer at least one set of questions in a class – 10 questions each worth 5 points. No oral reasons will be given.

Both the 4-H and FFA Divisions include junior and senior levels. Students in 8th, 9th and 10th grades will be in the junior division and students in 11th and 12th grades will be in the senior division.

The High Individual and High Team Members of each division will be presented a jacket and an award. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 10 in each class. Awards

also will be presented to the second- and third-place individuals and first- through third-place teams.

To receive complementary gate admission, counties or chapters must fill out a survey by Sept. 3. For more information, contact Founda Dutton at 405-948-6707. Contestants should bring their social security numbers and pencils.

All details and information can be found in the 2019 Oklahoma State Fair Competition Guide.

## Calendar

**YF&R State Fair Livestock Judging**  
Sept. 12 • Oklahoma City  
Contact: Zac Swartz 405-523-2406

**OKFB YF&R Shotgun Shoot**  
Sept. 21 • McLoud  
Contact: Zac Swartz 405-523-2406

**OKFB WLC Fall Conference**  
Sept. 27-28 • Edmond  
Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

## Trade show booths at the 2019 OKFB Annual Convention

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is offering vendors the opportunity to promote their business at the gathering of the largest farm organization in the state of Oklahoma.

The trade show provides vendors with the opportunity to showcase their products to core agriculture leaders and their families.

The OKFB Expo will be Friday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on how to register, contact Kelli Beall at 405-523-2470 or [kelli.beall@okfb.org](mailto:kelli.beall@okfb.org), or Whitney Bender at 405-523-2401 or [whitney.bender@okfb.org](mailto:whitney.bender@okfb.org).

## Ag leaders encouraged to participate in "Read an Accurate Ag Book Day" Sept. 6

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are invited to share agriculture with students in their communities by participating in "Read an Accurate Ag Book Day" on Sept. 6, 2019.

Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom invites agriculture leaders across the state to join in the celebration and help ensure young students across the state understand the importance of agriculture in their daily lives.

On Sept. 6, classrooms, school libraries, 4-H clubs and FFA chapters across Oklahoma will read accurate agriculture books to spread the message of agriculture. All participants who register will have a chance to win a bundle of accurate agriculture books for the school.

To participate:

- Read an Accurate Ag Book to a classroom near you on Sept. 6, 2019.

- Take pictures of you reading to the school/class (with permission from the school).
- Post pictures on social media with the hashtags #okagclass and #readagbooks19. Post pictures by Sept. 8 at 11:59 p.m.

If you are not on social media, email pictures to [Audrey.Harmon@ag.ok.gov](mailto:Audrey.Harmon@ag.ok.gov) by Sept. 8 at 11:59 p.m.

Participants who complete these steps will provide the school they read to the opportunity to be entered in a random drawing to win a set of accurate ag books.

Four sets of books will be given away – one to a classroom teacher, one to a librarian, one to a 4-H Club and one to an FFA Chapter.

## OKFB hosts USDA, SBA, ag organizations for discussion on rural economic development

Oklahoma Farm Bureau was able to host representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture and fellow state ag organizations on Aug. 23 to discuss public-private partnerships available to small businesses and rural communities through the two agencies. We're thankful to learn more about opportunities to improve and advance rural communities across the state.

*Right: OKFB president Rodd Moesel addresses representatives of USDA and SBA on Aug. 23.*

*Far right: Serving as the USDA state director for Rural Development of Oklahoma, Dr. Lee Denney discussed opportunities for rural communities to partner with USDA and the SBA.*



## Member Benefits

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## Federal court sends illegal water rule back to EPA

**A** federal court said the 2015 Waters of the United States rule is unlawful under the Clean Water Act because of its “vast expansion of jurisdiction over waters and land traditionally within the states’ regulatory authority.”

The ruling was a victory not just for the plaintiff states, but a broad coalition of more than a dozen private sector groups, including the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The court for the Southern District of Georgia found the agency overstepped not just the CWA, but also the Administrative Procedure Act, which lays out the most basic rules governing how agencies may

propose and establish federal regulations.

The Georgia court kept a preliminary injunction preventing the rule from becoming effective in the 11 states involved with the lawsuit while the Environmental Protection Agency finalizes its own repeal and replacement of the 2015 rule.

“The court ruling is clear affirmation of exactly what we have been saying for the past five years,” AFBF General Counsel Ellen Steen said. “The EPA badly misread Supreme Court precedent. It encroached on the traditional powers of the states and simply ignored basic principles of the Administrative Procedure Act when it issued this unlawful regulation. The court

found fault with the EPA’s interpretation of some of the most basic principles of the CWA, most importantly which waters the federal government may regulate, and which waters must be left to states and municipalities.”

Jurists repeatedly criticized the EPA’s handling of the rulemaking, in particular its interpretation of the Supreme Court’s “Rapanos” decision, which laid out guidelines for determining where federal jurisdiction begins and ends.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, in partnership with a coalition of groups, urges repeal and replacement of the 2015 rule to ensure clean water and clear rules.



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