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Perspective

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State resolutions committee prepares 2017 OKFB policies

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau state resolutions committee met Oct. 18-19 in Oklahoma City to review, condense and organize resolutions for its 2017 policy book. The meeting served as one of the final steps in the organization's grassroots policy development process.

The 36-member resolutions committee, made up of OKFB farm and ranch members from across the state, reviewed resolutions submitted by all 77 county Farm Bureaus.

"The policy development process is a cornerstone in our grassroots organization," OKFB President Tom Buchanan said. "Our farm and ranch members set the policies that guide our organization, and many times lead to action at the state Capitol."

Feral hog policy topped the list of resolutions, as members reiterated support for complete eradication of the invasive species. Other highlights include the creation of an

OKFB farm bill committee, declaring the black buzzard as an invasive species and a nuisance, and continued support for the funding of county extension agents.

The full delegate body will consider and vote on resolutions at the 2016 OKFB Annual Meeting Nov. 10-13 in Oklahoma City. County Farm Bureaus will receive the suggested policies to review before state convention. Once accepted, the resolutions will help direct the organization for the next year.

For questions about resolutions and OKFB policy, please contact the Public Policy Division at 405-530-2681. For more information about convention, please click here.

Top right: Members of the state resolutions committee discusses proposed resolutions. Right: OKFB President Tom Buchanan addresses attendees about the grassroots process.



U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe joins OKFB President Tom Buchanan, OKFB Executive Director Monica Wilke and the state resolutions committee to show their support of the Right to Farm amendment.

2016 OKFB Convention Trade Show Exhibitors

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau convention trade show will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12.

- AirMedCare Network
- Chevrolet
- Members Health Insurance
- Oklahoma Beef Council
- OSU Agricultural Economics Department
- OFB Public Policy
- OFBMIC Crop/Hail Insurance
- Oklahoma Farming Ranching Foundation
- High Plains Journal
- OFB Women's Leadership Team
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- Oklahoma Ag Mediation Program
- Verna's Jewelry
- Oklahoma Insurance Department
- Oklahoma State Firefighters Association
- MBEnterprise
- Oklahoma State Firefighters Association
- Oklahoma Wheat Commission
- Great Western Ag Services
- OFB Store
- Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson

Find an up-to-date list on our website.

OKFB hosts State Question 777 educational event in Tulsa

Oklahoma Farm Bureau helped educate voters in Tulsa about State Question 777, the Right to Farm amendment, at the organization's "Get on Tap with 777" event Oct. 20 at McNellie's.

If approved by Oklahoma voters on Nov. 8, SQ 777 will give Oklahoma farmers and ranchers constitutional protection. Event

attendees learned how the measure will protect not only farmers and ranchers, but also consumers.

For more details about the event, visit the OKFB Facebook page. For more information about the bill, visit www.OklahomaRightToFarm.com.



Top: Attendees pose with "Yes on 777" signs to show their support of the amendment during the Get on Tap event in Tulsa. Above: Oklahomans discuss State Question 777 and its importance for agriculture's future in the state.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Online

f Did you catch Sen. Inhofe on KTOK? U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe spoke about the Right to Farm amendment with Lee Matthews on News Radio 1000 KTOK. To listen to why State Question 777 is needed in Oklahoma and why family farmers are voting "yes," find the link on the OKFB Facebook page.

t OKFB's LeeAnna McNally tells KOCO how Right to Farm protects Oklahoma's family farmers
OKFB's Director of National Affairs LeeAnna McNally was recently featured on KOCO News 5, telling how State Question 777 would protect family farmers from attacks at the state Capitol. Find the link to the story on the OKFB Twitter page.



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OKFB to host Flapjack Fundraiser at annual meeting

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is proud to host the Flapjack Fundraiser at its annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 a.m. in the Cox Convention Center.

Proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Bushels for Books Program, a partnership between the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation and the OKFB Young Farmers and Ranchers. The program will provide bushel baskets full of accurate agriculture books to teachers from five Oklahoma schools.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Foundation's booth in the trade show or outside the breakfast Saturday morning.

Learn about the Foundation by visiting www.OkFarmingAndRanchingFoundation.org. For more information about the annual meeting, please visit the OKFB website.



Convention attendees enjoy flapjacks at last year's Flapjack Fundraiser during convention.

Reminder: High School Discussion Meet registration ends Oct. 31

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers will hold their annual High School Discussion Meet at the OKFB annual meeting in Oklahoma City on Thursday, Nov. 10.

The contest is open to current high school students in 4-H or FFA. Each club or chapter may send one participant, who must attend a brief orientation on November 10 before the contest begins.

The meet provides 4-H and FFA members throughout the state with an educational opportunity to enhance their speaking, reasoning and presentation skills all while analyzing various issues in agriculture.

The discussion meet simulates a

committee meeting where members engage in conversations about a topic in hopes to foster thought and cooperative problem solving.

The winner of the discussion meet will win a MacBook Air computer, and the other three finalists will win iPad minis.

Advisors must submit the High School Discussion Meet information sheet (found on the OKFB website by October 31, 2016. A competitor's guide is also available on our Applications Center



High school students participate in last year's High School Discussion Meet during the OKFB convention

page of the OKFB website.

For more information or details, call Brittany Mikles at 405-523-2307.

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Women's Leadership Committee Fall Conference

October 28-29 • Oklahoma City
Contact: Marcia Irvin (405) 523-2405

Election Day 2016

November 8
Vote YES on SQ 777!

OKFB Annual Meeting

November 11-13 • Oklahoma City
Contact: Melisa Neal (405) 523-2475

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Applications for Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation regional directors deadline is Nov. 1

The board of directors for the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation includes five at-large regional positions. The northeast, southeast, central, northwest and southwest areas of Oklahoma are each represented by an at-large board member. Voting members in good standing with Oklahoma Farm Bureau are eligible to apply

for an at-large position.

Applications are available at okfarm-ingandranchingfoundation.org. They should be typed and returned no later than Tuesday, November 1, 2016 to Amanda Rosholt by email at amanda.rosholt@aggiving.org or by mail to 2501 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

The Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation board of directors meets bi-annually in January and June each year. The three-year term of service will begin at the January 2017 Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation board meeting. Please contact Amanda Rosholt at 405-202-1463 for additional information.

State Question 777 corner

The latest news on Oklahoma's Right to Farm amendment, SQ 777, which will appear on the general election ballot on November 8, 2016.

Oklahoma Farmers Care responds to deceptive campaign ads

Oklahoma Farmers Care released the following statement after misleading television advertisements regarding State Question 777 hit the airwaves.

"As we continue to educate voters on State Question 777, Oklahoma's Right to Farm, we had hoped that messaging on both sides of the issue would remain truthful. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

"The Oklahoma Stewardship Council and Drew Edmondson showed their true colors as they released a new television ad blatantly twisting words of some of Oklahoma agriculture's top leaders in order to push their opposing agenda.

"State Question 777 is supported by dozens of groups made up of Oklahoma family farmers and the state's leading agriculture organizations. These organizations continue to support State Question 777 and any statement that would suggest otherwise is false.

"We encourage voters to read State Question 777 for themselves and realize that Right to Farm would protect family farmers, not empower corporate farms. Right to Farm would also ensure that necessary regulations are still in place in order to keep Oklahoma's land and water safe.

"It is unfortunate that opponents of State Question 777 have yet again chosen fear-mongering to confuse and mislead Oklahomans. We strongly encourage a Yes vote on State Question 777 on November 8."

Tom Buchanan, president of Oklahoma Farm Bureau, released the following statement after misleading television advertisements regarding State Question 777 hit the airwaves.

"The Right to Farm amendment is perfect in its form, and protects both agriculture and the people of Oklahoma into the future. However, critics of the measure have

twisted my words in another attempt to mislead voters. They will continue to use lies and deceit to fool Oklahomans. Join me in the fight to protect family farmers just like me."

Michael Kelsey, executive vice president of Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, released the following statement after misleading television advertisements regarding State Question 777 hit the airwaves.

"It is disheartening that opponents would stoop to twisting words to further their scare based hollow talking points. State Question 777 protects Oklahoma's farmers and ranchers and it protects our precious resources such as water. Oklahoma Cattlemen will stick to the facts during this campaign."

For more information, visit OklahomaRightToFarm.com or contact 405-761-3033.