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BY STEVE KOUPLEN
President,
Oklahoma Farm Bureau

We are officially in the throes of summer. . .chores, vacations, work and other activities are in full swing and we sometimes feel overwhelmed by it all. But in reality the summer is just the staging ground for fall activities that will be here before we know it.

The growing season has been exceptional, so far. We have been blessed with a record-setting wheat crop and expectations for other crops are positive. It appears most indicators are pointing toward a vast improvement in production agriculture over what we've experienced in the past couple of years.

August Area Meetings are upon us and our grassroots policy development process is in full motion. Our organization was built on the philosophy that it should be run by farmers and ranchers on the local level. These individuals, from all 77 counties statewide, are the backbone of Oklahoma Farm Bureau and the reason the organization works to improve life and conditions in rural Oklahoma. During annual county meetings, members will analyze issues and submit resolutions for statewide consideration. These policies will be thoroughly discussed at the state convention Nov. 22-24 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

The policy development distinguishes us from many other organizations. The fact is that policy of Oklahoma Farm Bureau is not established by its board of directors or myself as president. The board is responsible for ensuring a priority list is developed and that Farm Bureau policies are lobbied for and implemented. The grassroots process doesn't stop at the state level. National Farm Bureau policy begins in county and parish meetings all across our country and is voted on at our national convention.

One such item that we passed through Congress was an issue dealing with Country Of Origin Labeling. I have for years been promoting the idea to the consuming public that they are getting the safest, most affordable food supply in the world. Our domestic producers work extremely hard to protect our food supply. However, in the world economy we live in today, the consumer can't be guaranteed the products they buy are produced in the USA. From the standpoint of the producer, we believe you have the right know where your food was grown or produced. We know the regulations and safeguards we must operate under to produce our products and have the utmost confidence in that product. Do you want to eat food from a country governed by rules you have no control over? We believe the consumer has the power of choice: either choose a domestic product or an import. But you should know!

It all revolves around trade. We must trade with other countries and we will trade with them but there should be opportunities for fair trade. For too long we have talked in terms of *free trade* but the reality is that there is little chance of tariff-free trade existing in this world. Every country has some industry or some segment of its economy that it is going to protect. That's why WTO trade talks are so important to agriculture and our economy. This summer I've had the opportunity to visit with Ambassador Perkins who is on a 32-member advisory committee to Trade Ambassador Zelick. In a meeting with State Chamber of Commerce members and legislative leaders from the Oklahoma State Senate and House of Representatives we discussed trade and its effects on Oklahoma's economy. Many different industries in Oklahoma depend on trade but unlike agriculture many deal as importers of foreign products. We as agriculture producers know that the vast majority of our products are exported from Oklahoma as raw products so we related to Ambassador Perkins our concerns for exporting our commodities and the need to open foreign markets and remove barriers to trade.

Farm Bureau will continue to work on this issue as well as others to improve our way of life and the bottom line. I look forward to seeing many of you this fall at annual meetings and if I can be of assistance don't hesitate to contact me.

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Summer in the Garden

Greetings from the garden – This time of year it is hard to think about anything in the garden that doesn't relate to water. My biggest caution is not to over-water. It is hard to know just when, how, and how long to water.

When to water? Between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. Evaporation increases with increased wind speed, solar radiation, and temperature. Evaporation also increases with decreasing humidity.

How to water? Drip irrigation is best everywhere but for the lawn. A soaker hose will do a great job for flowers, shrubs, trees, and veggies. Use a sprinkler that works well at lower water pressure. You get larger water droplet size with lower pressure. Larger droplets have less evaporation.

How long to water? As long as it takes. No, seriously I can't tell you in an article to water for 15 minutes a day every other day yada yada yada. It all depends on how much water comes out of your system. One of the easiest methods to test your system is to use tuna fish or cat food cans. That's right, the short fat cans with straight sides. Run your sprinkler till there is an inch of water in the cans. That is how long you need to water each week. The rule of thumb for most plants is that they need about one inch of water per week. This equals about 600 gallons per thousand square feet. If you use a 50-foot-long soaker hose you need to run about 100 gallons through it to equal 1 inch of water. It is better to water longer and less often. So an hour once a week is better than 15 minutes every other day. You can actually have a tree die from drought even though you water it every day.

Where do I water? In the root zone... you have to know a bit about the plants that you are growing. A tree has a wide spread root zone, often at least twice as wide as the branches of the tree. A tree that is 25 feet wide often has roots that are 50 feet wide. You can't

water that tree with a hose that trickles right next to the trunk of the tree. You need to water out at the drip line. The drip line is the edge of the foliage all around the tree. Put a soaker hose on the ground under the drip line of the tree and let it run for several hours (depends on your system) to really soak the soil to a depth of 12 to 18 inches.

Don't forget the mulch. Mulch will increase the efficiency of your watering regimen by reducing soil temperature,

evaporation, and soil compaction. So the final word is mulch, mulch, and mulch.

But as with all things don't over do it. You can actually suffocate roots with too much mulch.

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S U M M E R G A R D E N Activities

July

- Divide and replant crowded hybrid iris (bearded iris) after flowering until August.
- Expect some leaf fall, a normal reaction to drought. Water young plantings well.
- Mowing heights for cool-season turf grasses should be 3" during hot, dry summer months. Gradually raise mowing height of bermudagrass lawns from 1 1/2 to 2 inches.
- Vegetative establishment of warm-season grasses should be completed by the end of July to ensure the least risk of winterkill. (*Factsheet-6419*)
- Brown patch disease of cool-season grasses can be a problem. (*F-6420*)
- Meet water requirements of turf. (*F-6420*)
- Fertilization of warm-season grasses can continue if water is present for growth. (*F-6420*)
- The hotter and drier it gets, the larger the spider mite populations become!

August

- Water all plantings thoroughly unless rainfall has been adequate.
- The fall vegetable garden is planted now. (*F-6009*)
- Divide and replant spring blooming perennials.
- Irrigated warm-season lawns may be fertilized again. (*F-6420*)
- Hedges and shrubs can be pruned, if necessary, about mid-August.
- Young trees and shrubs may be fertilized again.
- Discontinue dead-heading roses by mid-August to help initiate winter hardiness.
- Brown patch disease of cool-season grasses can be a problem. (*F-6420*)
- Meet water requirements of turf. (*F-6420*)
- For areas being converted to tall fescue this fall, begin spraying bermudagrass with glyphosate products in early August. (*F-6419 & F-6421*)
- White grub damage can become visible this month. Apply appropriate soil insecticide if white grubs are a problem. Water product into soil. (*F-7306*)
- Watch for 2nd generation of fall webworm in late August/early September.
- Pre-emergent herbicides for winter-annual weed control in warm-season grasses can be applied in late August. Water in the product after application. (*F-6421*)

September

- Last nitrogen fertilizer application of the year on warm-season grasses should be applied no later than Sept. 15. (*F-6420*)
- Brown patch disease of tall fescue can still be a problem. (*F-6420*)
- White grub damage can become visible this month. Apply appropriate soil insecticide if white grubs are a problem. Water product into soil. (*F-7306*)
- Continue bermudagrass spray program with glyphosate products for areas being converted to tall fescue this fall. (*F-6421*)
- Meet water requirements of turf. (*F-6420*)
- If pre-emergent control of winter-annual weeds is desired in lawns, the application should be completed by the 2nd week of September.
- Note: Do not treat areas that will be seeded in the fall. (*F-6421*)
- Plan to seed bluegrass, fescue, or ryegrass as needed in shady areas in mid- to late-September. Fall is the best time to establish cool-season lawns. (*F-6419*)
- Choose spring flowering bulbs as soon as available.

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A living **Legend**

His illustrious rodeo career spans 50 years in the saddle.

By MIKE NICHOLS



Nowadays he spends most of his time reared back in his worn leather recliner, but in his heyday this legendary cowboy put more wear on saddles than his favorite chair will ever see.

Paintings, pictures, plaques and medals adorn the walls of the Webster home in Lenapah in testament to the illustrious career of the cowboy with the unusual first name of Shoat, who in the late 1940s through the mid-1950s was the rodeo world's best.

Shoat Webster spent almost 50 years in the saddle, trading his spurs and lariat ropes for his easy chair in 1989 after capturing world championships, PRCA titles, four All Around Cowboy honors and earning a spot in the Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and the Pendleton (Ore.) Hall of Fame.

"A lot of guys would like to have done what I've done," he says, reflecting on his professional rodeo career.

He was 10 or 11 years old when his aunt, Kate Choteau, was dating local rancher Fred Lowry, who competed in rodeos. He still remembers Lowry coming home from a rodeo with a \$1,000 purse in his pocket, buying a section of land and having money left over.

"I said, 'Golly, that sounds good to me.'"

He also had some other rodeo heroes, since Lenapah was the home of many world champion

cowboys. Lowry was a world champion in 1916 and 1921, 1924, 1925, 1927 and 1929. Nowata Slim Richardson was champion in 1926. Shoat had some contemporary champions, with Everett Shaw in 1946, 1948 and 1951, and Buck Rutherford in 1952 through 1954.



Nowata County Farm Bureau member Shoat Webster spends more time in his worn leather recliner nowadays than in the saddle. He's retired from the rodeo circuit, but holds some records that insiders say will never be equaled or broken. In the 1948 or 1949 photo (below) from the Homer Bennett Roping Contest in Clovis, N.M., Shoat is captured doing what he did best – steer roping.

"I don't know why we had so many. I guess you just kind of grow up with it on a ranch here."

His Aunt Kate bought him a rope, opening the door for a youngster to become one of the most celebrated cowboys in professional rodeo history.

"I roped anything that moved," he recalls, grinning as he adds, "mostly my four sisters."

Shoat worked and learned from Lowry, and entered his first rodeo when he was 15.

"I'd never even been to a rodeo before," he says, recollecting his first competition in Nowata in 1940. He remembers the horse he rode in that rodeo's calf roping as not being "very fast, but a good one to rope off of." The horse and Shoat were a formidable duo, however, since the teenage cowboy won the roping competition.

"That sold me on rodeo. I thought, shoot this thing's for me."

While he started in calf roping and also competed in bull dogging, the notoriety he brought to this small Nowata County community was earned in steer roping. The rugged





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Shoat reiterates, “I’d do it again.”**

event pits an individual cowboy against the clock and a 600- to 900-pound steer that has to be roped, tripped and tied down.

Shoat could do it in a matter of seconds and became the world’s best, setting records that stand today and others that some rodeo insiders see as unbeatable forever.

When Shoat began his professional cowboy career in earnest, World War II was at its height accompanied by facets that restricted traveling the rodeo circuit. He “hooked up” with a Nowata man who had a truck and operated a hauling business and had “all the paperwork needed to get fuel.”

Shoat traveled with that man and made many rodeos.

“If he hauled something, I’d stay in town and take care of the horses.”

That “luxury” provided him the means to compete in rodeos during the war years. However, most of the rodeos he competed in then were in Oklahoma with occasional trips across the border to Missouri. The first time he competed professionally in steer roping was in 1944 in Vinita.

With the end of World War II came the end of fuel rationing and other restrictions and the start of the championship run for the Oklahoma cowboy.

He bought a stud horse in 1948 and entered his first jackpot steer roping that same year in Laramie, Wyo.

“It cost a thousand dollars to enter.”

Shoat won, pocketing \$7,800.

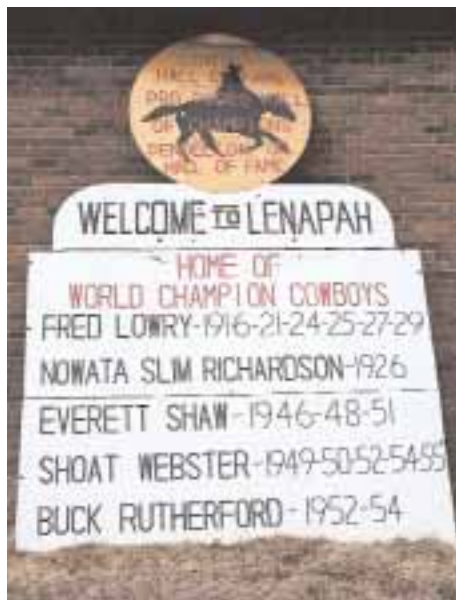
“That was a lot of money in 1948.”

He followed his mentor’s example, purchasing his ranch at Lenapah. It was 1,100 acres and teemed with cattle and horses.

Trophies, titles and additional big purses followed.

“Cheyenne (Wyoming) and Pendleton (Oregon) were the two largest rodeos then,” Shoat says.

He went to Pendleton for the first time in 1949 and won the All Around Cowboy title. He did it again in 1950, 1951 and 1952 and also



This portrait of Shoat (left) shows the solid silver trophy he won at the Pendleton, Ore., rodeo. The portrait is from one of his championships at Pendleton, and depicts the young, movie-star looking professional cowboy sometime between 1949 and 1952.

Certificates naming him to the national Cowboy Hall of Fame are a part of the memorabilia on display in the Shoat’s home.

A weathered sign that used to serve as a welcome to the Nowata County town of Lenapah now sits outside the local Historical Society building. The quiet community of 250 to 300 residents once was a producer of the world’s best cowboys.

won the steer roping crown at Cheyenne four times.

“There’s a lot of steer roping today, but there were only 10 or 12 events in the ‘40s and ‘50s,” Shoat explains.

“There’s a lot more money in it today. I was winning \$26,000 to \$32,000 a year and wasn’t competing in half as many rodeos as other cowboys. I was entering 38 rodeos a year and placing in 36 of them. My winning percentage was really up there.”

He says rodeo insiders tell him that a comparable career on today’s pro rodeo circuit would earn him \$300,000 a year plus commercial endorsement cash. In his day, Shoat says there weren’t endorsement contracts. However, he does remember being approached to be the Marlboro Man but declined since he was not a smoker.

“I never really did know the money end of it. Any time you win, the money’s good. Back then, it didn’t take so much money. But it’s totally different today. Back then, they didn’t give you anything at the end of the year for being a champion except maybe a belt buckle. Today, they get trailers and pickups.”

Shoat ended his career in 1989, finishing third or fourth at the first competition held at the Lazy E in Guthrie.

“There just comes a time when you just have to slow down or quit.

“Rodeoing is a young man’s sport,” says Shoat, describing the many operations, breaks, bruises and bumps he endured as a self-described “crazy kid who abused himself.”

But, he wouldn’t change a thing.

“It’s an honor. I’m in three halls of fame and I’m really honored and blessed. When you’re an ole poor country boy from around here, you never had any dream of that. It’s an honor to see something you’ve done

recognized and be a part of your life.

“I’d do it again if I had the chance. Shoot, yeah,” Shoat reiterates, “I’d do it again.” **FB**

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Agriculture is an unwilling supplier of the essential component used by clandestine meth cooks.

By Mike Nichols

treasury to the tune of \$4 million annually for lab-related law enforcement and another \$3.3 million each year for clean up costs.

"We're number one in the country in meth labs," says Mark Woodward, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBN).

"We found 1,259 labs last year – that's an average of nearly four per day – and we believe we only find about one in 30."

Almost one year ago, Attorney General Drew Edmondson issued a graphic statement about the meth lab plague:

An epidemic is sweeping across the state, reaching alarming proportions in Oklahoma's largest metropolitan areas all the way to its smallest communities.

Illegal meth labs are pervasive in every county, draining the state

"For every meth cook OBN takes off the streets, three or four move in to take his place. Law enforcement needs help cutting off the supply of raw materials. . ."

Meth is manufactured in small, clandestine "labs" using recipes involving precursor chemicals derived from various consumer products, including cold medicines, drain cleaners, battery acid and matches. The problem is magnified by the ease with which these materials can be purchased in retail stores.

And Oklahoma agriculture is an unwilling supplier of an essential raw material used to cook up the dangerous methamphetamines.

The theft of anhydrous ammonia fertilizer for the production of illegal drugs is a plague imposed upon agriculture by the drug makers and users.

"It is a huge problem, one we didn't have before," says Joe Neal Hampton of the Oklahoma Fertilizer & Chemical Association. "It became a problem with anhydrous when they made red phosphorous hard to get."

In a now-common production technique called the "Nazi method," lithium extracted from batteries and anhydrous ammonia are used to convert ephedrine from over-the-counter cold medicines to meth.

Hampton says anhydrous suppliers are doing everything they can to slow thieves down, but admits that if the drug makers want anhydrous bad enough that they will get it.

The fertilizer industry as a whole is concerned about the toll meth

Epidemic Sweeps



extracts on the nation, and it has taken a proactive stance to prevent the theft of anhydrous ammonia.

"We try to keep everybody aware. Working together," declares Hampton, "we can keep anhydrous ammonia in farmers' fields and out of the hands of criminals."

The Oklahoma association stages annual training seminars for retailers and applicators and puts strong emphasis on protecting agricultural anhydrous supplies.

The Fertilizer Institute (TFI), a national industry association, has launched a campaign to curb anhydrous ammonia thefts. TFI has produced a brochure showing law enforcement, farmers and fertilizer retailers how to curtail anhydrous thefts.

"It's a mess," reports Muskogee County Farm Bureau President Robert Ross, a farmer and farm supply business operator in Webbers Falls. "Oh yes! We've had problems.

"In fact," he bluntly admits, "we're the number one supplier."

The anhydrous fertilizer facility serving the area is located across the Arkansas River in Gore, and it is watched closely.

"Lawmen check it regularly," he says. "They can come every once in

Meth cooks apparently tampered with this anhydrous ammonia tank in an attempt to supply a clandestine lab. A piece of clear or white plastic hose, attached with black electrician's tape, dangles from the hose used to transfer fertilizer from the nurse tank to the farmer's applicator tank. Thieves fashion crude attachments like this one to obtain the anhydrous ammonia they use in a process termed the "Nazi Method" to cook illegal meth.



Across Oklahoma



a while. We've put up gates. We've done everything we can to make it a little harder."

"We've taken every measure we can," says Mike Rosen of Wheeler Brothers in Watonga. Wheeler Brothers is a major retail supplier of anhydrous ammonia. "I just don't know if we'll ever get real control of it. We do try to be proactive."

He says thefts were so bad that Wheeler Brother's nurse tank facility in Loyal "was being hit every weekend."

Meth labs are "pretty active" in his area, according to Ross. "Our country is just loaded with them. They run them out of Tulsa and then they come down here."

The Oklahoma Legislature, at the urging of agriculture, enacted tougher laws relating to fertilizer theft. Today it's a felony to steal anhydrous ammonia and also is a felony to transport it in an

unapproved container. Until that legislation was enacted a few years ago, both crimes were misdemeanors.

"Now," declares Woodward, "we can get them two ways."

"That (the tougher law) helped a lot," says Hampton.

The association official says fertilizer retailers cooperate with sheriff departments and local police, adding that law enforcement has stepped up patrols and surveillance of supplier facilities. The national campaign to heighten dealer awareness has spurred many suppliers to add security lighting and fencing. Many remove hoses and even padlock the tanks.

"But if they want it bad enough," admits Hampton, "they'll break the locks or beat off the valves."

The theft of agricultural anhydrous ammonia is so severe that John Hopkins University researched additives to render the fertilizer useless

Understanding the *Tragic*

Illegal drugs take lives and ruin lives. While drug laws are designed to help control the problem, they do not eliminate or prevent it.

Education is needed. Before there can be effective control, there must be widespread understanding of the tragic effect of drug misuse on mind and body.

"In these times, it is important that responsible people know such basic facts about the drug problem that they can be alert for the signs of misuse," says Mark Woodward, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBN), referring to the meth epidemic in the state.

Also known as speed, crank, chalk and zip, meth can be smoked, injected, snorted or taken orally. It produces an initial high, which is difficult if not impossible for the user to repeat on subsequent occasions.

Woodward said meth speeds up the body and overloads the central nervous system. It triggers an intense wave of physical and psychological exhilaration, usually referred to as a "rush." It causes agitation, increased body temperature, paranoia and may lead to a condition known as amphetamine psychosis or even death.

He said psychological dependence is common and continued use may produce a psychosis resembling paranoid schizophrenia with accompanying delusions and hallucinations. Meth users tend to be very talkative and engage in compulsive but purposeless activity.

"Meth is an off-white powder and users usually mix it with water and the solution is injected. The real addicts inject it. It rots out the body," said Woodward. "It just messes them up and it's more addictive than heroine."

"It permanently changes the brain and creates a mental illness, giving them a psychosis and a lot of them are dangerous."

Dangerous Labs

Deadly chemicals are the main dangers in the clandestine meth labs.

"There are several acids used and several chemicals have vapors, with two producing very deadly vapors," Woodward said. "You just don't know what meth houses will have in them."

Almost 200 of the meth labs discovered in Oklahoma each year are the result of fires responded to by fire departments. The clandestine labs cook the concoction that produces meth, and one slip can result in an explosion and fire.

"It (fire) happens all the time," said Richard Newberry, Oklahoma Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company's associate claims manager. "We've had several renters' policies where fires occurred because of meth labs. You can't hold it against the owner."

Woodward said 12 people died from meth lab fires last year and two died from phosphine gas poisoning. There were between 60 and 70 meth lab related injuries last year from burns, chemical burns and gas poisonings.

Each time a meth lab is found, it costs about \$3,500 for a specialized firm to clean out the lab facility and associated paraphernalia. Restoration can cost more than \$60,000 since chemical residues generated can even penetrate 2 by 4s in walls and ceilings.

Woodward also warned people in rural areas to beware of trash meth cooks discard, particularly the glassware and other large containers and the leftover chemicals.

He said in the oft-used "Nazi method," drug makers cook lithium from batteries in anhydrous ammonia since a non-oxygen liquid is needed. Ephedrine from cold pills is added, and the concoction is cooked again to burn out the oxygen until it powders out.

"In four hours, they get meth," said Woodward, noting that most cooks produce about a half-ounce of the illegal drug in each batch they make for themselves.

Meth houses, which usually have their windows painted or otherwise covered to prevent the outside world from seeing what's going on inside, produce strong odors. A pungent ammonia odor or a strong chemical smell like paint usually emanate from drug houses.

This odd assortment of pots, pans and dishes plus jars and bottles on a kitchen cabinet was what Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs agents took into evidence when they busted a suspected meth lab. Law enforcement busts about four meth labs each day in Oklahoma, but believes it finds only about one of every 30 clandestine labs.

to meth makers. Iowa State University chemists also are working on ways to thwart anhydrous ammonia thefts. They, too, are looking into an additive that could be mixed into the ammonia, making it useless for meth production.

While research is ongoing, the theft problem continues and thieves are turning their attention to farmers who use anhydrous.

"I would urge farmers to safeguard anhydrous. Treat the tank like it's a Mercedes," says Woodward.

"It seems now like a lot more of the problems occur after the tanks leave the retailers," says Hampton.

He's heard meth cooks will pay up to \$600 a gallon for anhydrous ammonia, making it even more tempting to steal from farmers.

Hampton urges farmers to "be aware of suspicious activity" when they have anhydrous ammonia on their operations. Thieves usually

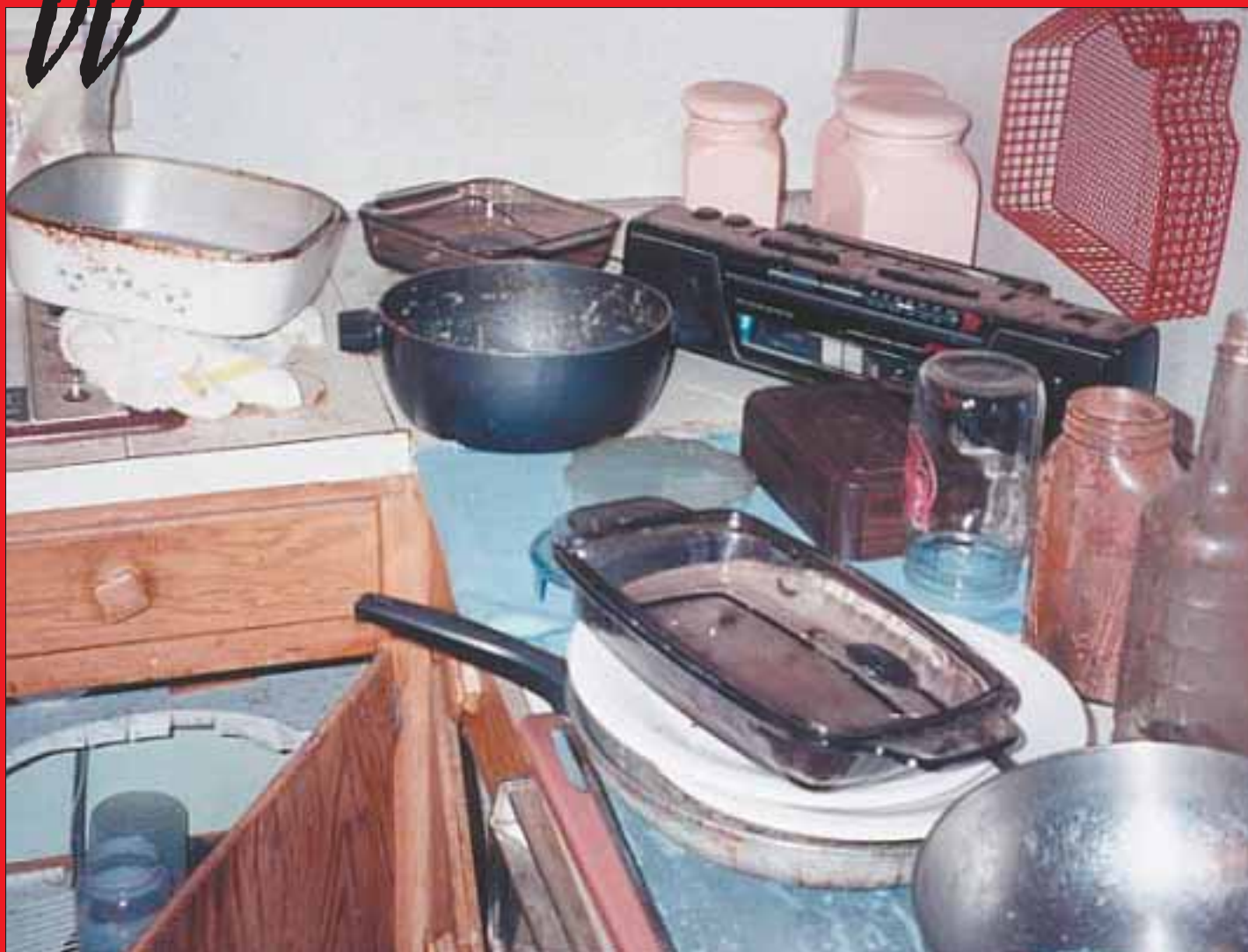
"patrol" during the daylight hours to locate tanks and then return under the cover of darkness.

"Most thieves take the anhydrous in a propane bottle. That's real common," says Woodward. "They just hook 'em up and take what they need."

Thieves who run meth labs apparently aren't concerned about the inherent dangers from improperly handling anhydrous ammonia. It pales in comparison with the dangers inside a meth lab. But, anhydrous ammonia itself can cause severe burns to the eyes, skin and respiratory tract.

Woodward says law enforcement authorities have seen thieves steal anhydrous ammonia using everything from propane tanks to water coolers to ice chests to plastic buckets.

Effects of Drug Misuse



To get the liquid, thieves attach garden hoses, bicycle inner tubes or just about any other conduit imaginable. They wrap the connection to the anhydrous tank with duct tape or electrical tape. Some thieves use coolers and plastic buckets topped by a paper sack or bath towel to hold the liquid.


“In the drug manufacturers’ zeal to obtain anhydrous ammonia, they will try to store the material in glass jars, Thermos jugs, ice chests and soft drink bottles. Keep in mind that handling anhydrous ammonia in any way other than a closed system with strong steel tanks is extremely dangerous,” says Eddie Funderburg of the Noble Foundation.

Some meth cooks purchase inexpensive propane hoses and portable tanks to use when they steal anhydrous ammonia. Some thieves even have stolen the expensive hoses that go from the anhydrous tank to the applicator equipment.

Thieves thwarted in their efforts to use valves have been known to drill holes in the bottom of tanks.

Woodward remembers the story of Oklahoma law enforcement officials arresting two anhydrous thieves who were driving with their heads out of their vehicle’s windows to keep from being overcome by vapors from the liquid in the back seat.

“They will stoop to incredible feats of stupidity to obtain the material,” agrees Funderburg, saying the use of anhydrous ammonia to make drugs is “possibly the most bizarre thing that has occurred in my career as a fertilizer expert.”

“Theft of anhydrous ammonia should be a major concern for farmers who have the tanks,” concludes Hampton, “because people who steal it to make drugs will do just about anything to get it.” 

Actions For Farmers



Anhydrous ammonia is a common farm fertilizer, but it also is an ingredient in the manufacture of methamphetamines. Reversing the growing meth epidemic in rural communities will require farmers to help. Farmers can help to keep anhydrous ammonia on the land, where it belongs, by taking these simple steps recommended by The Fertilizer Institute:

- Be alert. Keep an eye out for unfamiliar or suspicious persons attempting to purchase anhydrous ammonia from you or your neighbors.
- Don't leave tanks unattended for long periods of time.

- Immediately report releases to local police.
- Position tanks in open areas where they can be easily seen from the road.
- Return tanks immediately after use.
- Do not store tanks and toolbars inside buildings, in livestock containment houses or near the farm house.
- Inspect and record the condition of nurse tanks upon delivery, again after use and upon return to the dealer.

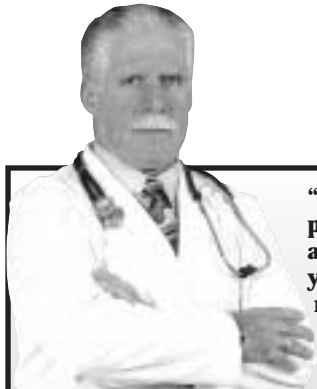
Watch for the Warning Signs!

- The Fertilizer Institute says farmers who are concerned about theft of anhydrous ammonia should watch for the following:
- Partially opened tank valves or

leaking valves.

- Common items associated with and often left behind after theft including buckets, coolers, duct tape, garden hoses and bicycle inner tubes.
- The presence of unfamiliar or suspicious looking individuals during daylight hours.
- The sure signs of meth labs including strong odors, blacked-out windows and large amounts of trash.

Storage areas for anhydrous ammonia fertilizer nurse tanks, like this one in rural Noble County, are prime targets for drug makers. Drug cooks target storage areas and tanks farmers use to obtain the anhydrous ammonia they need to prepare meth in clandestine labs.



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One of Earth's most precious natural resources
is causing a big splash in southwest Oklahoma.

Water has become the topic of many conversations – a surprise to no one considering the area's main economic factor is Lake Lugert-Altus, a 6,500-surface acre lake near Altus which provides the area with drinking water, flood control, tourism and recreation, as well as crop irrigation for farmers.

There are several industries heavily reliant on the water Lake Lugert-Altus provides, and it's rapidly becoming a heated issue with several sides vying for the right to mandate how the water should be used.

For irrigated cotton farmer Tom Buchanan, Altus, the answer is clear.

"The original intent of the lake was for flood control, irrigation and municipal drinking," said Buchanan.

However, some entities interested primarily in recreation are threatening to halt water withdrawals from the lake, a move that would be devastating for the area's \$200 million-plus irrigated cotton industry.

Buchanan believes the issue can be resolved by educating the non-farm public on the lake's original intent, as well as the needs and practices of farmers in the irrigation district.

The Jackson County Farm Bureau vice president has spearheaded efforts to establish the FAIR Project, an acronym for Farming And Irrigating Responsibly. The FAIR Project is a coalition of producers, business owners and others interested in promoting agriculture.

With several generations of families removed from the farm today, Buchanan sees a need to reestablish a connection between those involved in agriculture and their urban neighbors, not only on the local level, but statewide as well.

"It is our responsibility as good stewards of the land to inform people, to educate people about agriculture – help them understand why we do what we do, why it's good for them, and why they need to support us," he said.



History of Lake Lugert-Altus

A Congressional Act initiated in the 1930s set into motion plans for a lake which would cover thousands of acres in southwest Oklahoma. During World War II in the 1940s, Lake Lugert-Altus was constructed and would serve the primary purposes of flood control, irrigation and municipal drinking water.

As the lake neared completion, the Lugert-Altus Irrigation District (LAID) was built to serve the irrigation needs of landowners within the district boundaries. The irrigation district extends south of the dam and encompasses approximately 45,000 to 50,000 acres of irrigated land.

"I believe the first water ran in 1948 and we've irrigated every year since then," said Buchanan, who farms 300 acres within the district.

LAID is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the dam and spends \$90,000 to \$100,000 each year to keep the structure in good working condition. These efforts have resulted in extending the life and capability of the dam, of which the Bureau of Reclamation has found to be in excellent condition.



Matt Muller looks out over his irrigated peanut field in Jackson County. Muller counters claims that farmers are inefficient users of irrigation water. "We're making sure every drop counts because every drop of water is precious to us," he said. The young farmer has spent thousands of dollars to improve irrigation practices on his land.



Irrigation vs Dryland

Cotton is king in southwest Oklahoma. Farmers in the irrigation district primarily grow cotton, a crop extremely suitable to the southwest Oklahoma climate and soil. This is an industry which pumps hundreds of millions of dollars into the economy.

Last year alone, Jackson County cotton farmers produced more than 100,000 bales of cotton. Of those bales, more than 90 percent was irrigated cotton. That amounts to almost half of the total cotton production in the state of Oklahoma.

“One hundred thousand bales would translate into \$35 million for producers,” said Buchanan.

However, that amount does not stay in producers’ pockets. Those producers then funnel that money back into the community by purchasing

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inputs. As this money turns over, it expands into approximately \$230 to \$240 million for the local and state economies.

The difference between dryland and irrigated cotton, value-wise, is like night and day. Matt Muller, a young farmer from Martha, grows wheat, cotton, peanuts and sorghum on his Jackson County farm. His irrigated crops, cotton and peanuts, make up half of his total acreage.

“Half of my dryland crops the last three years have either not been harvested or produced just enough to pay the harvest expense,” said Muller. “I mean, we’re talking 150- to 200-lbs. to the acre on dryland cotton, and milo only from 1,000 to 2,000 lbs. -- very poor crops.”

In the next field over, the Jackson County Farm Bureau board member has been producing bumper crops with irrigation water.

“I made some of the best cotton crops of my life the last three years, making three bales to the acre -- 1,500 lbs.,” he said. “So, we’re talking a massive difference between dryland and irrigated.”

Muller said without irrigation, peanuts would be out of the question.

“I would not raise peanuts period without irrigation water,” he said. “They’re just too sensitive to drought cycles, so that would eliminate

Tom Buchanan examines a stalk of young cotton in an irrigated field. The Jackson County farmer is leading efforts to promote the agriculture industry within the community. “It is our responsibility as good stewards of the land to inform people, to educate people about agriculture – help them understand why we do what we do, why it’s good for them, and why they need to support us,” he said.



me even being able to grow peanuts, which is one of my number one crops now.”

Irrigation allows producers to even things out during dry years, and southwest Oklahoma is in a

six-year drought. With water comes a more consistent, better quality, higher-yielding crop.

“The major limiting factor for raising crops is water,” said Muller. “And if you can have that,

you’re taken care of. You have more of an assurance that it’s worth putting all of the input costs into it.”

Battle for the Water

The irrigation run normally begins July 4 and ends around the first of September, right smack in the middle of summer and all that summer brings with it: camping, boating, fishing, and other recreational activities related to Lake Lugert-Altus.

Due to an extended dry period, lake levels have been lower than normal.

A group called the Quartz Mountain Conservation Coalition has recently aired concerns about how low lake levels might affect recreation and ecology in and around the lake.

As for ecology, Buchanan said varying levels are nothing new to the animals that rely on the lake for habitat.

“The lake has always been used for irrigation and fluctuates on a yearly basis” he said. “The ecology in and around the lake developed on fluctuating levels, up and down all the time.”

Buchanan also believes tourism and recreation dollars benefit the community today because of the lake’s original purposes.

“It’s my belief that because of the dam being built, the original intent that it was built for and the reinvestment by LAID in the upkeep of the dam and dikes, then we have a lake that is being used by many new influences in southwest Oklahoma than the original intent,” he said. “And while none of those people need to be kept from that resource, they need to realize that anything there now is the result of the dam and why it was built in the first place.”

Buchanan understands how important it is to southwest Oklahoma for the lake and dam to continue to be used for the original intent.

“We have an infrastructure that has been built up around irrigated cotton,” he said. “We have communities that have been built up around irrigated cotton. We have agricultural supply businesses that have been built up around irrigated cotton. And all of these would suffer greatly if this water were required to be used differently.”

Fighting Back

The Quartz Mountain Conservation Coalition has brought to light the need for farmers to take responsibility in educating community members about agriculture, said Buchanan.

“It’s time to aggressively promote an industry (agriculture) that pours millions of dollars into

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- 1 can (15 ounces) red kidney or black beans, rinsed and drained

- 1 1/2 cups frozen extra sweet niblets corn, defrosted
- 1 package diced fresh refrigerated potatoes, cooked
- 6 ounces Mexican-style grated cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Microwave potatoes in 1" of water in a covered dish until fork tender. Drain. Remove beef pot roast from package; set aside. In a Dutch oven, place the gravy and salsa; bring to a boil over medium heat; cook, uncovered, 5 minutes or until liquid is thickened. Preheat broiler on high and adjust oven rack to 4 to 6 inches below heat source. Meanwhile cut pot roast into 1-inch pieces. Add beef, beans, corn and potatoes to Dutch oven. Cook over medium heat 2 to 3 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. If stew is too thick, add water to thin. Taste for salt and pepper; add as needed. Ladle stew in an ovenproof bowl or individual bowls and top with cheese. Place under the broiler until cheese melts and bubbles. Garnish with reserved salsa. Makes 4 to 6 servings.



SASSY BABY BACKS

- 2 tablespoons each garlic, onion and chili powder
 - 2 tablespoons each paprika, salt and pepper
 - 1 tablespoon cayenne
 - 4 slabs (approximately 2 1/2 pounds) pork baby back ribs
- Mix all ingredients and rub generously over ribs. Place ribs on baking sheet and bake in a 350° F

oven on each side for 15 minutes. Remove ribs from oven. Coat ribs with Tennessee Favorite Barbecue Sauce (see recipe) and place back in oven for 1 1/2 to 2 hours in covered pan. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Chill overnight. Prepare medium-hot grill and grill ribs over indirect heat 2 minutes on each side. Serve.

TENNESSEE FAVORITE BARBECUE SAUCE (Makes approximately 2 1/2 cups)

- 16 ounces of basic barbecue sauce
- 1/2 cup bourbon (or 1/2 cup root beer or ginger ale)
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 2 tablespoons molasses

Combine in a medium bowl.



PEANUT BUTTER DREAM ICE CREAM

- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

In a medium bowl, beat eggs until frothy. Gradually beat in sugar until dissolved. Add peanut butter and corn syrup; beat until well blended. Stir in cream, milk and vanilla. Pour the mixture into the can of ice cream maker. Follow manufacturer's instructions for making ice cream. Freeze until firm. Yields 2 quarts.



our economy," he said.

That's where the FAIR Project comes into play. Specifically, the project focuses on water conservation and related water issues for farmers in LAID. However, Buchanan sees a longer shelf life for the FAIR Project.

"While today we're focusing on the irrigation issue, what we really intend to do is educate the general public about any agricultural issues that may come up in the future," he said.

And not just on a local level. With help from the Oklahoma Agricultural Legal Foundation, which helped to coordinate the FAIR Project, and Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Communications Division, Buchanan said the resources are there to spread the message about agriculture statewide and beyond.

He would like to see farmers become more proactive than reactive, to learn how to use the media to highlight positive achievements in agriculture, such as technological advances and conservation practices.

"Perception becomes reality over a period of time," he said. "So, if farmers continue to take hits as being poor managers of the soil, poor managers of the water, poor managers of natural resources, or whatever it may be; eventually the consumer will begin to believe that's the truth of the matter. And we know that to be far from the truth."

Muller counters public comments that farmers are inefficient with irrigation water. Although it takes time and money, two resources not always readily available for those in agriculture, farmers will go the extra mile to be efficient users of natural resources.

"I've invested thousands of dollars, tens of thousands of dollars, in laser leveling equipment to make my land irrigate more efficiently, and sprinkler irrigation to apply the water as evenly and as efficiently as possible," he said. "We're working on making sure every drop counts because every drop of water is precious to us."

Future Focus

There is no argument as to Lake Lugert-Altus' original intent. The question is, will the legal rights of the farmers hold up under a struggle between existing uses of the water and new interests resulting from the water.

"Farmers and ranchers own rights to the water through contracts with the United States government," said Harlan Hentges, Oklahoma Agricultural Legal Foundation former director. "Right now, the Quartz Mountain Coalition is attempting to interfere with these rights and freedoms. The last resort, if we have to, is to go

to court to protect these rights.”

Buchanan is hoping for another way to settle the dispute.


“What needs to happen is communication from both sides,” he said. “We need to come together as a community to identify our needs and concerns, then let us focus as a group working toward one goal which is more water for southwest Oklahoma.”

Education is the key. In order for both sides to find common ground, the community as a whole needs to be made aware of the benefits

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information is if the people who have it, which is the farmers, tell them.”

With the FAIR Project in full swing, farmers have found their way into the spotlight and are excelling as spokesmen for agriculture.

“It’s up to us to tell our story,” said Buchanan. “If we don’t, no one will.” 

agriculture provides.

“The local community needs to understand the importance of the lake to agriculture, and the importance of agriculture to the community,” said Hentges. “The only way they will get that

Oklahoma Agricultural Legal Foundation protects producers’ rights

With an escalating battle over water rights threatening the agriculture industry in southwest Oklahoma, Jackson County irrigation farmers have called upon the Oklahoma Agricultural Legal Foundation (OkALF) for help.

Created by Oklahoma Farm Bureau in 2001, OkALF’s purpose is to protect and defend the legal rights of Oklahoma farmers and ranchers, said Harlan Hentges, former director. Its mission is to educate the public, investigate specific agricultural issues and litigate when necessary.

With help from OkALF and Oklahoma Farm Bureau’s Communications Division, southwest Oklahoma farmers have formed a coalition of producers, business owners and others, aimed at promoting agriculture. The coalition is called the FAIR Project, an acronym for Farming and Irrigating Responsibly.

Through legal advice and a positive public relations campaign, the team is working together to educate the public about the importance of agriculture to the community and the benefits derived from the industry.

The FAIR Project is just one of many projects for OkALF. The foundation has also worked on issues involving property rights and endangered species.

Although donations from Oklahoma Farm Bureau and Oklahoma Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company provided the foundation’s initial funding, the responsibility is now up to Farm Bureau members statewide. Donations will help to protect rural Oklahomans from illegal or unfair lawsuits, said Hentges.

“The work of the foundation not only supports the real life individual farmers and ranchers who are being represented, but their victories translate into victories for farmers and ranchers and rural Oklahomans throughout the state,” he said.

Farm Bureau members concerned with issues of potential impact to the state’s agricultural producers should contact Jeremy Rich, OFB Public Policy Director at 405-523-2402.

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OFB web site features online classifieds

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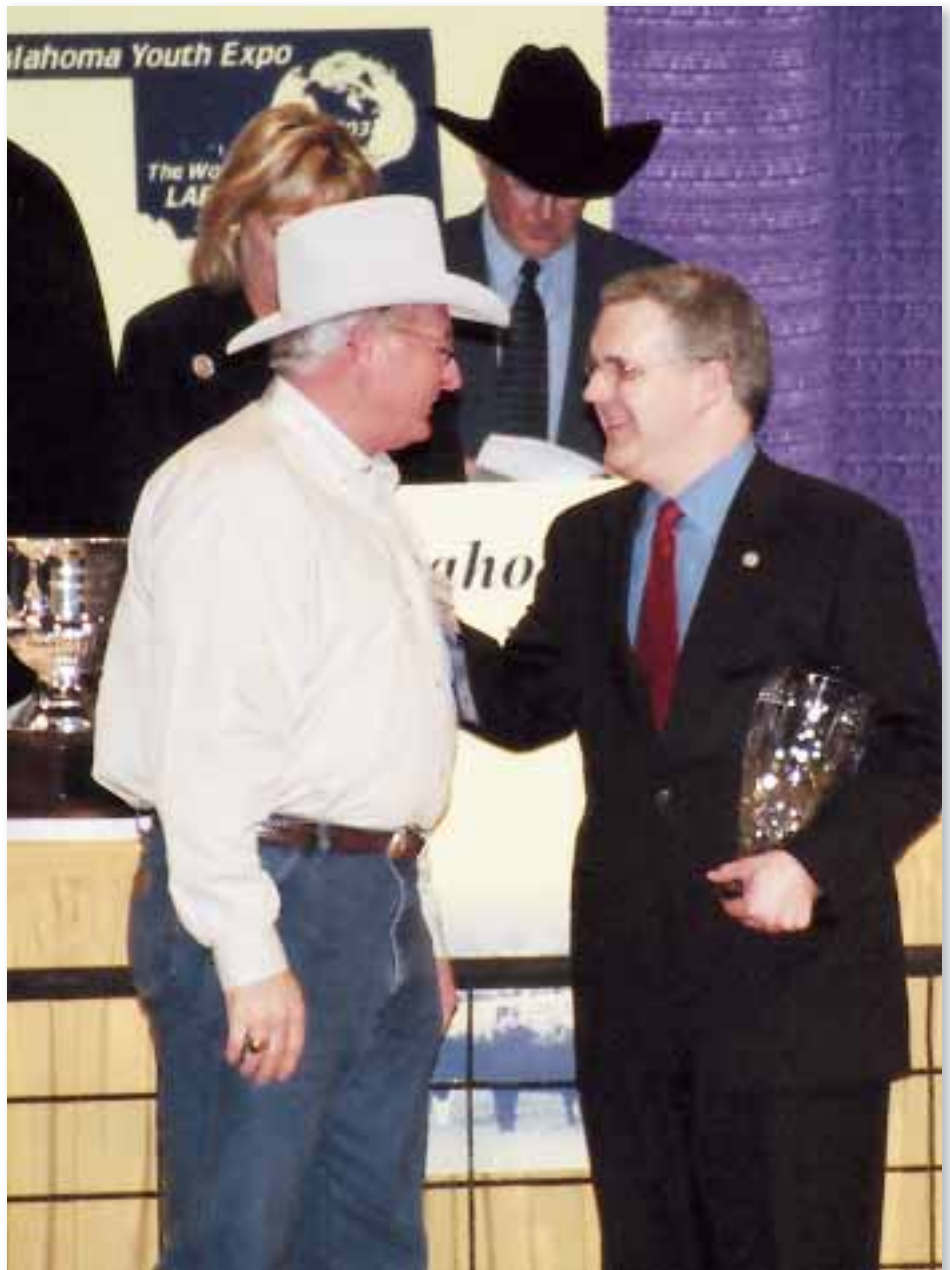
The Sale Ring allows members to buy, sell or trade a variety of products and services in several categories, including: automotive, business opportunities, farm equipment, hay, hunting, livestock, miscellaneous, pasture rental, real estate, services and tools.

Use of the Web site constitutes acceptance of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Classifieds User Agreement, which is found on each page of the site.

The Sale Ring has several easy-to-use features. Members must first register on the site and be approved before placing an ad. OFB Membership Numbers are required in the registration process. The site is username and password protected to ensure visitors' protection. If a password is forgotten, no problem! The web master will email a reminder within minutes.

The Web site can be accessed at <http://www.thesalering.com/>. A link to The Sale Ring can also be found on Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Web site at <http://www.okfarmbureau.org/>. Visit The Sale Ring and start placing ads today!

***Editor's note: Classified ads placed in Oklahoma Farm Bureau's member magazine, Oklahoma Country, are not included online at www.thesalering.com.*



OFB President receives pat on the back

Governor Brad Henry gave Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Steve Kouplen a well-deserved pat on the back when it was announced the state's largest farm organization took home the volume buyer award for the second consecutive year at the Oklahoma Youth Expo Sale of Champions. The governor presented the crystal chalice to Kouplen prior to the 2003 auction beginning March 24 at the State Fairgrounds Arena. Oklahoma Farm Bureau purchased the grand champion barrow and 17 other prize-winning animals at the 2003 premium sale, held in conjunction with the 87th edition of the world's largest junior livestock show in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma grocery prices stay below national average

Grocery prices in Oklahoma continued to be significantly lower than those in the rest of the nation, according to the second quarter Oklahoma Farm Bureau Marketbasket survey.

The informal survey on the cost of 16 basic grocery items showed Oklahoma prices \$4.83 lower, despite recording an overall 14-cent increase since the first quarter report. The average price for the 16 grocery items in Oklahoma was \$31.21 compared to the \$36.04 national tab.

Members of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Committee conducted the price survey in eight cities across the state, finding totals from \$26.32 to \$33.29.

While retail grocery prices generally have increased over the years, the share of the average food dollar received by America's farm and ranch families actually has dropped.

According to the Agriculture Department, farmers and ranchers receive only 19 cents out of every dollar spent for food, which is down significantly from 41 cents in 1950 and 31 cents as recently as 1980.

Even though food prices have been volatile over the past 18 months, the trend is still for moderate increases in the cost to consumers. Over the past 12 months, retail food prices have increased less than 2.5 percent on average.

"This is certainly good news for the local shopper, and food remains a good deal for U.S. consumers overall and especially our Oklahoma shoppers," said Marcia Irvin, coordinator of the state Women's Committee.



Audrey Harmon, the 2002 Oklahoma Discussion Meet winner, stands by the new Dodge pickup she took home from state convention.

Get YF&R Discussion Meet entry forms

Entry forms for Oklahoma Farm Bureau's annual YF&R Discussion Meet are available, according to YF&R Coordinator Marcia Irvin.

Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 are eligible to participate in the event, which is designed to simulate a meeting setting where discussion and active participation are expected from each participant.

Participants are judged on their ability to express ideas and opinions on agricultural issues. The ultimate goal is to reach a solution to a stated problem facing agriculture.

Irvin said each participant gives an opening statement and a closing statement after approximately 20 minutes of open discussion.

"A successful participant is a productive

thinker rather than an emotional persuader, who is free to state beliefs and change positions whenever new information and ideas make that a reasonable thing to do," said Irvin. "The participant's responsibility is to exchange ideas and information."

All contestants will compete in three rounds at the OFB Annual Meeting Nov. 22 in Oklahoma City. Finalists will be selected from those rounds to compete in the finals of the contest, where the Oklahoma winner takes home a new Dodge pickup to use for a year, \$500 in cash and an expense-paid trip to represent the state in the AFBF contest in Hawaii in January 2004.

Topics for this year's Oklahoma and national contests are:

- How will global circumstances affect agriculture in the next five years?
- In what ways can agriculture's newest advancements be made more attractive to the consumer?
- How does a farmer access necessary funds to begin or expand in farming?
- How should Farm Bureau plan for its future with a diminishing farm population?

To obtain an entry form, which must be completed and returned by Oct. 15, contact Irvin at 405-523-2300.

Area Meetings

Oklahoma Farm Bureau leaders and members have the opportunity to help begin the organization's annual policy development process by attending August Area Meetings.

The schedule of the area meetings, listed by state director district, is:

- District 1, Aug. 4, 6 p.m., Elks Lodge in Woodward; or Aug. 5, 6 p.m., Legends Steak House in Guyton.
- District 2, Aug. 18, 6 p.m., Quartz Mountain State Lodge in Altus.
- District 3, Aug. 14, 6 p.m., Canadian County Farm Bureau office in El Reno.
- District 4, Aug. 19, 6 p.m., Lake Murray State Lodge in Ardmore; or Aug. 20, 11:30 a.m., Red River Vo-Tech in Duncan.
- District 5, Aug. 21, 6 p.m., Pete's Place in McAlester.
- District 6, Aug. 7, 11:30 a.m., Cowboy Junction in Vinita; or Aug. 7, 6 p.m., Jasper's in Muskogee.
- District 7, Aug. 18, 6 p.m., Ramada Inn in Enid.
- District 8, Aug. 15, 6 p.m., Agri-Plex in Ada.
- District 9, Aug. 6, 6 p.m., Freddy's in Mannford.

All meetings are scheduled for about three hours, including time for the meal that will be served at each one.

Survey prices at-a-glance

Grocery Item & Pricing Quantity	Oklahoma Average	National Average
Ground Chuck/lb.	\$1.76	\$2.19
Sirloin Tip Roast/lb.	\$3.03	\$3.04
Center Cut Pork Chops/lb.	\$3.04	\$3.23
Bacon/lb.	\$2.49	\$3.03
Whole Fryers/lb.	\$0.87	\$1.14
Grade A Large Eggs/doz.	\$0.91	\$0.98
Whole Milk/gal.	\$2.49	\$2.76
Mild Cheddar Cheese/lb.	\$2.95	\$3.30
Red Delicious Apples/lb.	\$0.82	\$0.99
Russet Potatoes/5-lb. bag	\$1.77	\$1.93
Cherrios, 10-oz. box	\$2.54	\$2.89
All Purpose Flour, 5-lb. bag	\$1.06	\$1.50
White Bread, 20-oz. loaf	\$0.77	\$1.14
Mazola Oil, 32-oz.	\$1.97	\$2.40
Crisco Oil, 32-oz.	\$1.80	\$2.23
Kraft Mayonnaise, 32-oz.	\$2.94	\$3.14
TOTAL	\$31.21	\$36.04

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Member honored as Outstanding New Teacher

Hughes County Farm Bureau member Dave Wingo has been recognized as the National Trade and Industrial Education Outstanding New Teacher.

Wingo, who resides in Holdenville, is the building and ground technology instructor at the Wes Watkins Technology Center in Wetumka.

The Outstanding New Teacher award recognizes classroom teachers who have demonstrated excellence in the delivery and promotion of outstanding career and technology programs. Recipients of the award are recognized as a new teacher who, early in his or her career, made significant contributions to innovative career and technology programs.

Wingo was given honor by the National Association for Career and Technical Education.



State Representative Dale Turner, left, presented Dave Wingo with a commendation from Governor Brad Henry, and one from himself and Senator Dick Wilkerson for being selected Outstanding New Teacher.

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Program rewards farmers' innovation

Your innovative idea could earn a year's free use of a New Holland tractor if it's selected as the winner of American Farm Bureau's 2003 Farmer Idea Exchange.

AFBF sponsors the program to surface inventions, equipment modifications, innovative crops, marketing techniques, management systems and farming practices developed by farmers. It is designed to encourage Farm Bureau members to share their ideas and help farmers find ways to cut costs, become more efficient, improve the environment and improve their net income.

The competition is intended for individuals. Products already being marketed or procedures being publicly implemented may be submitted in the competition since the purpose of the program is to share innovations and products with a wide variety of farmers.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members interested in entering the competition should go to the AFBF web site at fb.org, look under FB Program and select Farmer Idea Exchange.

The complete set of entry forms can be found, downloaded and completed. All forms must be completed and be accompanied by two 4-inch by 6-inch color photos before being submitted to Oklahoma Farm Bureau.

Those entering must send all the required forms to Oklahoma Farm Bureau by Sept. 11. Address entries to OFB, Farmer Idea Exchange, 2501 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73105.

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Our state's 4-H Clubs, likewise, receive a healthy financial commitment in addition to volunteers from our ranks to assist the development of both rural and urban youngsters.

The Oklahoma High School Rodeo Association and Youth Rodeo Association have Farm Bureau backing. As a major sponsor, we are proud of our alliance with these two associations, which require high scholastic and moral standards from the young participants.

This year, for the first time, Farm Bureau is lending its name and financial backing to the Oklahoma Eight-Man All-Star Football Game. Players, all from our state's rural communities, get the same opportunity to showcase their talents as the top players in the annual All-State games.

Thousands of young people are exposed to Farm Bureau during football season at OU and OSU at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Game Days. Our sponsorship helps

promote the athletic and moral development of young people.

The unique needs of Oklahoma's Special Olympians are assisted with Farm Bureau financial backing as well as volunteer staff members. Farm Bureau also is a long-time supporter of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence – a scholarship program for gifted high school students. Our county Farm Bureaus also are getting into the act. Many offer their own scholarships to members' children.

The Oklahoma Agriculture Leadership Program receives strong financial and staff support from Farm Bureau. Young men and women from agriculture accepted into this program are exposed to the top leaders in our state and world as they continue their quest for knowledge.

Farm Bureau does not overlook the young people its already has as members. The Young Farmers and Ranchers program affords our younger members the opportunity to hone their agricultural leadership skills while volunteering time as an active, vital member of their county Farm Bureau. They are rewarded with a number of personal benefits through contests with major prizes, conferences that educate and opportunities to make lifetime friendships with their peers.

Our YF&R sponsors many events for youngsters and young people such as an annual speech contest, an international tour, summer and winter conferences and a new collegiate Farm Bureau at Oklahoma State University.

These are just some of the efforts Farm Bureau makes to serve the youth of our state to assure we and others have dedicated leaders in the future.

When I look at our initials – O F B – the words Our Future's Bright also pop into my mind. I hope they do yours, too.

Non-profit, voluntary organizations like Oklahoma Farm Bureau must attract young people to ensure their future viability.

For several years, your Farm Bureau leadership and staff has focused attention on serving the needs of our state's young people and showcasing your organization to its future leaders.

Farm Bureau has increased its financial involvement at the premium auctions at both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa youth livestock shows dramatically. For the past two years, Farm Bureau has been recognized with the

Improving Your **BOTTOM LINE**

A new weapon has been added to Oklahoma Farm Bureau's arsenal in its ongoing battle to improve the bottom line for farmers and ranchers.

Livestock Risk Protection, a program similar to the company's revenue assurance program for crops, was introduced by Oklahoma Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company to customers June 9.

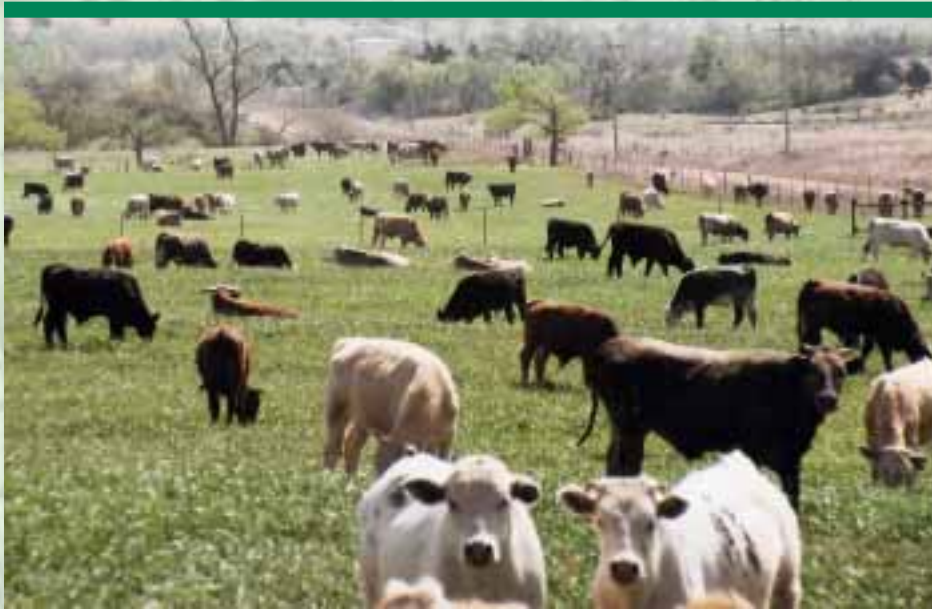
"Congress has been looking for a way to reduce the risk in the cattle business like it did in crops. This is not going to be a perfect product, but it is a great first step in removing the largest risk – the price you get paid for your cattle," said Scott Bulling, OFBMIC Crop Program manager, who also is heading the livestock risk protection program.

"Farm Bureau is about improving the bottom line for producers and this is clearly a risk management tool that producers should look at," he added.

The program insures Oklahoma producers against price declines for feeder cattle (steers only). It is available for cattle expected to weigh between 650 and 900 pounds at the end of the growing period and that will be going into the feed yards.

"The producer will pick the date he expects to ship or sell his cattle, and we can tailor a policy for a 21- to 52-week time frame, with 21 weeks being the minimum and 52 being the maximum," said Bulling.

He said the company will use the closing price of the previous day's futures market



OFB adds Livestock Risk Protection program to its arsenal

price to determine the price protection level for the risk program. That date (the previous day's futures market price) will be somewhere between 21 and 52 weeks away from the day the policy is issued.

"The producer can go up to 95 percent of that price and guarantee that price," said Bulling. "We can offer a price protection guarantee between 70 and 95 percent of that futures price."

Producers can obtain the protection for one or up to 2,000 head per "crop year," which is July 1 to June 30.

When the cattle are sold, the company will use the weekly average of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Feeder Index as the ending price.

"The price won't be what the individual producer's cattle bring, but the average of

what all feeder cattle bring that week," said Bulling. "If the average is below what the producer's policy was, there is a claim and we will make up the difference.

"This allows for downside protection that is similar to a futures contract. However, we don't have to make margin calls. This is also cash settled rather than on the futures. We're taking a good part of the basis risk out for producers."

The price producers pay for the policy depends on the risk protection range selected. It can range from 30 cents per hundredweight to as much as \$1.50 per hundredweight, which Bulling said translates into a \$2 to \$12 per head charge.

"It's pretty economical because the federal government is assisting with the premiums," he said. "If the market goes up, the producer can participate in that increase all the way to the top where they couldn't with a futures contract, and there are no penalties.

"The real positive is that it's cash settled. It also can be used as collateral by lenders, and that should make cattlemen and their bankers happy."

Under terms of the 10-state pilot livestock risk protection program, producers must pay for their coverage the day it is purchased.

Producers should contact their Oklahoma Farm Bureau agent to obtain the coverage. 000560217 Those needing more information should call Bulling at 405-523-2438.

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