

# PERSPECTIVE

August 23, 2024



The Woodward FFA shooting team won the first place in the junior division Friday, Aug. 9 during the OKFB shotgun shoot fundraiser.



The Eskridge Chevy team won first place in the open division during the OKFB shotgun shoot at Silverleaf shooting sports in Guthrie.

## OKFB YF&R hosts annual shotgun shoot in Guthrie, raising more than \$10,000 for OKFB Foundation for Ag

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers held their annual shotgun shoot fundraiser Friday, Aug. 9, at Silverleaf Shooting Sports in Guthrie. More than \$10,000 was raised for the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture to continue to support Oklahoma agriculture and promote agriculture throughout the state.

More than 47 of teams with a total of 188 shooters participated in the sporting-clay-style tournament across 12 stations that tested their skills with

real-world hunting scenarios.

Awards were given to top shooters in youth and open divisions. The winning team in the open division received \$100 for each shooter and shotgun shell pouch. The winning junior division team also won \$100 for each shooter and a shotgun shell pouch. The top shooters in both divisions received a shotgun shell pouch and \$50. The second and third place team received gift cards.

The top team in the junior division was Woodward FFA with Kash Rose

earning the top shooter award in the junior division. The open division was won by the Eskridge Chevy team with Dayne Perryman receiving the top shooter award in the top open division.

Proceeds from the event were donated to the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture, which supports Oklahoma's farming and ranching community through philanthropic efforts while providing educational resources and opportunities to increase awareness and knowledge of Oklahoma agriculture.

# OKFB kicked off first Cultivating Healthy Minds session with Jessica Cabrera from AFBF



OKFB kicked off its first Cultivating Healthy Minds session of 2024 with American Farm Bureau's Jessica Cabrera on Friday, Aug. 2.

The first session centered on promoting farmer wellness. During the session, Cabrera shared with Farm Bureau members several resources from AFBF's Farm State of Mind campaign.

The American Farm Bureau Farm State of Mind campaign breaks the stigma about mental health and mental well-being making, it a topic of importance in the agricultural community.

Cabrera also mentioned Togetherall, which is a free platform where mental

health is the topic of discussion. The platform is accessible 24/7 and moderated by licensed mental health professionals. It is available to farmers, ranchers and members of farm families ages 16 and older. Within Togetherall, there is a specific agriculture industry subgroup where users can express their own feelings or read if others are having the same experiences.

Cabrera shared resources that can be found through the Farm State of Mind webpage, which range from the Farm Family Wellness Alliance to the AgriStress Helpline. Along with the resources she provided, Cabrera mentioned warning signs to look for if

you notice someone struggling.

The session also featured a testimonial from Whitney Lawson, Canadian County Farm Bureau member.

Lawson shared about her father's passing when she was a young girl and the ways in which it impacted her family. She continues to be an advocate for mental health by having those hard conversations that can help others.

The recorded webinar is available to watch at [okfb.news/chm24](http://okfb.news/chm24).

Be sure to tune in to the second Cultivating Healthy Minds webinar on Friday, Sept. 6, featuring Monica McConkey.

Connect with OKFB's Cultivating Healthy Minds program and register for our second Session featuring Monica McConkey

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Re-watch our first webinar  
[okfb.news/chm24](http://okfb.news/chm24)  
Available on YouTube

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Find resources online  
[okfb.news/farmstateofmind](http://okfb.news/farmstateofmind)  
Links from Jessica

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Register for upcoming sessions  
[okfb.news/chm24](http://okfb.news/chm24)  
Sessions 2, 3, and 4

Cultivating Healthy Minds  
Session Two:

## Managing Relationships

Friday, September 6 at noon

Register online today:

[okfb.news/  
chm24session2](http://okfb.news/chm24session2)



# OKFB continues to host August Area Meetings across the state during the grassroots policy development season

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members continue to gather across the state for August Area Meetings. Members continue to discuss issues, challenges and opportunities facing agriculture and rural Oklahoma in preparation for the

grassroots policy development process. OKFB members also heard organizational updates and reports from district Young Farmers & Ranchers representatives, Women's Leadership Committee district representatives,

various OKFB department staff and organizational leaders.

Check out the list below for the remaining August Area Meeting schedule.



*District 6 • Pryor*



*District 2 • Hobart*



*District 1 • Guymon*



*District 3 • El Reno*

## Remaining August Area Meetings

### District 4 East - Ardmore

**Monday, August 26 • 6 p.m.**

Murray Event Center  
106 E. Main St., Ardmore

### District 4 West - Lawton

**Tuesday, August 27 • 6 p.m.**

Comanche County Farm Bureau  
502 SW 11th St., Lawton

### District 8 - Byars

**Thursday, August 29 • 6 p.m.**

Odell Farms  
17261 US Hwy. 177, Byars

# OKFB hosts the first of several public meetings on private property rights in Lincoln County

Oklahoma Farm Bureau held the first of several public meetings on private property rights on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Lincoln County fairgrounds in Chandler.

This educational meeting was organized to focus on the importance of private property rights in Oklahoma in light of recent wind farm development throughout the state.

Almost 90 attendees joined to express their concerns and ask questions regarding these recent developments that have the potential to significantly impact family farms and ranches.

“Oklahoma Farm Bureau has a long history of advocating for private

property rights, and we were proud to offer local community members the opportunity to share their experiences and thoughts on how renewable energy projects impact landowner rights and property values,” said Rodd Moesel, OKFB president. “OKFB believes in local, grassroots input, and we appreciate the involvement and input from area residents, which will help our organization better understand and represent rural voices through ongoing discussions about renewable energy projects.”

OKFB will announce additional private property rights meetings as details are made available.



Nearly 90 people attended OKFB's meeting in Chandler focusing on private property rights to share their concerns and ask questions about proposed renewable energy projects in the area.



OKFB president Rodd Moesel shares OKFB's perspective on private property rights during OKFB's community meeting in Chandler Wednesday, Aug. 14

For more information, contact Kinsey Westwood in the public policy department at (405) 523-2300.

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## YF&R achievement, excellence award applications open through Oct. 10

Applications for the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award and Excellence in Agriculture Award are now open through **Thursday, Oct. 10**.

### YF&R Achievement Award

The YF&R Achievement Award recognizes YF&R members who have excelled in their farm or ranch, and have taken an active role in Farm Bureau programs and activities. Participants are involved in production agriculture with a majority of their income subject to normal production risks.

### YF&R Excellence in Agriculture Award

The YF&R Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizes YF&R members who have a passion for agriculture, but who do not earn a majority of their income from an owned agriculture enterprise.

Award winners will be announced at the 2024 OKFB Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City in November. Winners will compete at the 2026 American Farm Bureau convention, representing Oklahoma in the national YF&R competitive events.

Applicants for both the achievement and excellence awards must be no older than 35 by Jan. 1, 2026.

The electronic application forms can be found on the applications center page of OKFB's website at [okfarmbureau.org/applications](https://okfarmbureau.org/applications). Learn more about the YF&R awards on AFBF's website at [fb.org/yfr](https://fb.org/yfr).

For more information on OKFB's YF&R applications, contact Burton Harmon at (405) 523-2300.

**Find the YF&R award applications online at [okfarmbureau.org/applications](https://okfarmbureau.org/applications)**

## OKFB Water Summit canceled

Oklahoma Farm Bureau has decided to cancel the OKFB Water Summit, which was planned for Friday, Sept. 6, in Stillwater.

The OKFB public policy department will provide county Farm Bureaus with water resource guides with water-related information as OKFB members consider resolutions focused on water policy during the organization's policy development season.

## OSU tailgate planned for Sept. 7

Oklahoma Farm Bureau will host a pre-game tailgate for football fans during Oklahoma State University's Saturday, Sept. 7, game as the Cowboys take on the University of Arkansas in Stillwater.

OKFB will provide breakfast for fans from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the Classroom building lawn on the OSU campus. Be sure to stop by on your way to the game and hang out with Farm Bureau!