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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FEB. 18-19 || OKLAHOMA CITY



Reminder: Be sure to book your OKFB Leadership Conference hotel rooms by Jan. 16

Oklahoma Farm Bureau's annual Leadership Conference is coming up in Oklahoma City Feb. 18-19, and there is still time to book your hotel room for the event. Held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Downtown Medical Center in Oklahoma City, the two-day conference will feature state and federal agricultural policy updates, organizational updates, a reception with state leaders and lawmakers, a visit to the state Capitol and more. Please contact your county Farm Bureau secretary to RSVP for the conference and to reserve a hotel room by no later than Jan. 16. For more information, please contact OKFB Public Policy Coordinator Emmy Karns at (405) 523-2300. A schedule of events along with details will be announced as they become available.

OKFB members head to New Orleans Jan. 11-16 for AFBF Annual Convention

Be sure to follow Oklahoma Farm Bureau on social media as we head to New Orleans to celebrate 100 years of American Farm Bureau. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter Jan. 11-16 for updates about YF&R competitive events, WLC activities and all the excitement at the 2019 AFBF Annual Convention.



YF&R legislative day set for Feb. 18

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers members will head to the Oklahoma State Capitol on the morning of Monday, Feb. 18, for their annual legislative day.

The YF&R legislative day gives agriculturalists ages 18-35 an opportunity to hear from lawmakers and learn about agricultural legislation moving through the Capitol as the young leaders advocate for sound agricultural and rural policy.

After the legislative day activities, YF&R members will join OKFB members from around the state at the OKFB Leadership Conference for lunch, and are encouraged to attend the conference on the afternoon of the 18th and on the 19th.

For more information, Contact OKFB YF&R Coordinator Zac Swartz at (405) 205-0070.



Above: President Trump signs the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 on Thursday, Dec. 20, in front of a group of onlookers, including American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall and several other AFBF guests.

Duvall: Farm bill signing secures benefits for all Americans

American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall issued this statement after President Trump signed the 2018 farm bill:

The Agriculture Improvement Act – H.R. 2 – is now law. Enactment means risk management tools, foreign market development and environmental stewardship programs continue to be available, and on terms that reflect a much tougher farm economy than the one we faced when the last farm bill became law.

The farm bill helps to ensure the food security and economic security of our nation. Directly or indirectly, it benefits everyone in towns large and small. This farm bill:

- Brings another five years of certainty to farm and ranch families;
- Upholds fiscal responsibility by being budget neutral;
- Improves risk management programs;
- Protects crop insurance;

- Funds much-needed trade development;
- Invests in the future with funding for ag research and beginning farmer programs; and
- Continues nutrition assistance (three-quarters of total farm bill funding) for lower-income Americans.

We look forward to working with Agriculture Secretary Perdue as he and his team at USDA implement this law and put new program provisions in place quickly.

Farm Bureau updates Grainger member benefit

Do you have winter repair jobs lined up? Or perhaps you have plans to spend a little time in the shop over the winter. No matter what you have planned, Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Grainger member benefit has been updated to provide members with special Farm Bureau pricing on selected categories and brands from Grainger. Plus, OKFB members get free standard parcel shipping* on all standard Grainger products. Get started with your price savings using one of three easy methods:



1. Present the Oklahoma Farm Bureau account number at time of purchase: 854408606
2. Go to www.grainger.com/farmbureau to establish a new Grainger.com® account using that account number; or
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To be sure you get your Farm Bureau member prices, always reference Oklahoma Farm Bureau's organization account number when visiting your local branch, making a telephone order, or when setting up your personal account online. If you have questions or need assistance, please call (405) 523-2300.

* Restrictions apply to free parcel shipping. Contact Grainger for details.

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| • Cleaning: Other | • Motors |
| • Electrical | • Paint, Equipment & Supplies |

Plan your year with OKFB's 2019 events

Mark your calendars to join us for a variety of upcoming events and activities OKFB will be hosting in 2019. These events are also available on our website at okfarmbureau.org to reference throughout the year. Please note dates are subject to change.

January

- 11-16** • AFBF Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

February

- 4** • State Legislature convenes
- 18** • YF&R legislative day
- 18-19** • State leadership conference, OKC
- 26** • State WLC committee meeting
- 27** • WLC Farm City Festival

March

- 13-22** • Oklahoma Youth Expo, OKC
- 14** • National Agriculture Day
- 15-18** • AFBF FUSION Conf., Milwaukee

April

- 1-5** • Congressional Action Tour, Washington, D.C.
- 2** • Ag Day at the Capitol, OKC
- 2** • YF&R district scholarship deadline
- 30-May 1** • State FFA Convention, OKC

May

- 1** • State FFA Convention, OKC
- 8-10** • OKFB Commodity Tour
- 31** • State Legislature adjourns

June

- 4-6** • On the Road with AITC
- 11** • AFBF Advocacy Fly-In, Washington, D.C.
- 18-21** • National ATIC Meeting, Little Rock, AR

July

- 1** • WLC nurse's scholarship deadline
- 12-14** • State YF&R Summer Conference
- 16** • YF&R High School Discussion Meet
- 16-18** • OSU Big Three Field Days
- 22** • State WLC committee meeting
- 23** • State AITC Meeting, Shawnee

August

- 1** • WLC Farm & ranch family application deadline

September

- 6** • WLC Read a Book Day program
- 12** • YF&R State Fair livestock judging
- 21** • YF&R Shotgun Shoot
- 27-28** • WLC Fall Conference

October

- 1** • Resolutions due to home office
- 1** • YF&R Achievement and Excellence in Agriculture Awards deadline
- 15** • Other awards deadline
- 18-19** • State Resolutions Meeting

November

- 8-10** • OKFB Annual Meeting, Cox Center, OKC

Oklahoma Farm Bureau's 2019 printed wall calendar is at the printer, and calendars will be distributed to County Farm Bureaus as soon as they are available. Field representatives will deliver the calendars to counties to use and distribute at their discretion.

Meet your 2019 OKFB WLC & YF&R committees



2019 OKFB Women's Leadership State Committee (Left to Right):

Back Row: Paula Sawatzky, Dist. 2; Terry Pederson, Dist. 7; Mignon Bolay, Chair; Mary Sloan, Dist. 6; Arlene LeMaster, Dist. 5; and Cindy Schoenecke, Dist. 9

Seated: Sharlene Lambring, Dist. 3; Jan Long Dist. 8; Sandra Berry, Dist. 4; and Linda Fox, Dist. 1

2019 OKFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee (Left to Right):

Back Row: Josh Anderson Dist. 8; Chism & Heather Sander, At-Large, Dewey Co.; Justin & Chrissy Maxey, Dist. 6; Brent & Jenny Haken, Chair; Logan & Brittany Hukill, Dist. 3; Will & Leslie Lewis, At-Large, Okmulgee Co.

Seated: Corey Holman, Dist. 8; Ethan & Roxanne Mock, At-Large, Tulsa Co.; Nocona & Jordan Cook, Dist. 2; Brice Hicks, Dist. 1



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Comanche County Farm Bureau holds annual legislative dinner



Oklahoma Sen. John Montgomery (R.-Dist. 32) visits with Don Coady after the meeting.



Rep. Trey Caldwell (R.-Dist. 63) addresses Comanche County Farm Bureau members.



Rep. Toni Hasenbeck (R.-Dist. 65) catches up with Tom & Diane Flood.



Sen. Chris Kidd (R.-Dist. 31) shares his vision for the upcoming legislative session.



Rep. Daniel Pae (R.-Dist. 62) meets Comanche County member Floyd Hamilton.

Comanche County Farm Bureau held their annual legislative dinner at their county office in Lawton on Thursday, Dec. 27. Farm Bureau members heard from five legislators, including Sen. John Montgomery, Sen. Chris Kidd, Rep. Trey Caldwell, Rep. Toni Hasenbeck, and Rep Daniel Pae. Outgoing state auditor Gary Jones and Thomas Lewis, field representative for U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, also gave updates on state and national issues.