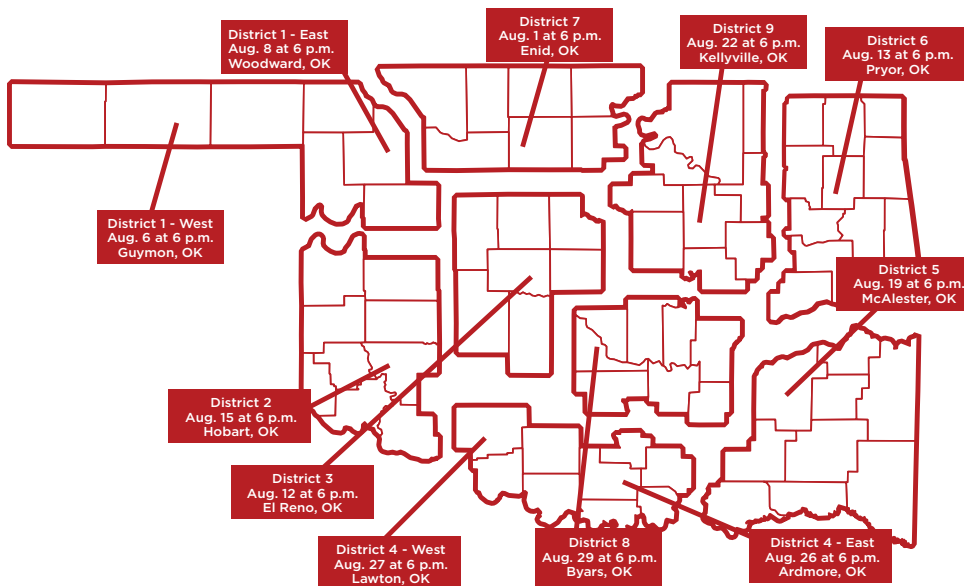


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July 12, 2024

Join OKFB for August Area Meetings



Oklahoma Farm Bureau will kick off its 2024 grassroots policy development season with the organization’s annual August Area Meetings, which will be held across the state throughout the month from August 1 to August 29.

Eleven meetings will be held across OKFB’s nine districts for OKFB members to discuss the issues, challenges and opportunities facing farmers, ranchers, the agricultural industry and rural Oklahoma.

The discussions will serve as a springboard for OKFB members to create and draft resolutions to update the organization’s policy positions. The resolutions will be considered through OKFB’s grassroots policy development process beginning at the county Farm

Bureau level.

The meetings also provide an opportunity for OKFB members to learn about the wide-ranging work of the state’s largest general farm organization, including updates on programs from the Women’s Leadership Committee to the Young Farmers and Ranchers and from rural development initiatives to organizational outreach programs. OKFB staff will also be on-hand to share updates and answer questions about the organization’s activities.

Each meeting will begin at 6 p.m., and a meal will be provided.

See the full meeting list to the right and the map above, and make plans to attend the August Area Meeting that is in your district.

District 1 West - Guymon

Tuesday, August 6 • 6 p.m.

Hunny’s
103 N. Main, Guymon

District 1 East - Woodward

Thursday, August 8 • 6 p.m.

Red Prairie Steakhouse
3113 Williams, Woodward

District 2 - Hobart

Thursday, August 15 • 6 p.m.

Western Tech Center
1000 S. Bailey St., Hobart

District 3 - El Reno

Monday, August 12 • 6 p.m.

Redlands Community College
1300 S. Country Club Rd., El Reno

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 5 - McAlester

Monday, August 19 • 6 p.m.

Southeast Expo Center
4500 West US - 270, McAlester

District 6 - Pryor

Tuesday, August 13 • 6 p.m.

Moore Farms Event Barn
9353 W. 500 Rd., Pryor

District 7 - Enid

Thursday, August 1 • 6 p.m.

Crosspoint Church
2500 N Van Buren St., Enid

District 8 - Byars

Thursday, August 29 • 6 p.m.

Odell Farms
17261 US Hwy. 177, Byars

District 9 - Kellyville

Thursday, August 22 • 6 p.m.

Creek County Fairgrounds
17808 OK-66, Kellyville



OKFB recognized by AFBF with 2023 New Horizons Award

Oklahoma Farm Bureau was recognized as the 2023 American Farm Bureau Federation New Horizons Award winner for the Capitol Camp legislative experience.

To increase youth awareness about state government and agricultural advocacy, Oklahoma Farm Bureau created Capitol Camp, a two-day mock legislative experience that was first held in 2022.

For the 2023 Capitol Camp, 70 Oklahoma 4-H and FFA members were selected for the program and began preparing with a series of training webinars on drafting legislation. They were encouraged to choose topics they had a personal interest in since these would be the issues discussed at Capitol Camp. Once completed, students submitted their legislation to Oklahoma Farm Bureau staff who compiled it into a booklet.

Over the two days at the Oklahoma Capitol, students worked together in a mock legislature set in the Oklahoma House of Representatives chambers. They proposed bills, passed them through committees, brought them to the chamber floor, debated policies and voted on legislation as Oklahoma House members would.

Many students shared how incredibly impactful Capitol Camp was in opening their eyes to policy within their state and nation.

“Oklahoma Farm Bureau is a longtime supporter of agriculture youth in the state from the local levels with our county Farm Bureaus to the state level through sponsorships and programs at 4-H and FFA events,” said Rodd Moesel Oklahoma Farm Bureau President. “A youth legislative experience proved to be a perfect opportunity to continue the organization’s support of youth

development while shining a spotlight on agriculture and rural-focused advocacy and policy work.”

Capitol Camp quickly gained popularity among Oklahoma legislators and state leaders. Many of them attended the event, noting they were impressed seeing students actively interested in public policy. It was also a great opportunity for Oklahoma Farm Bureau to connect with state officials during the summer months.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau looks forward to utilizing student feedback to continually foster youth interest in policy within their state.

To hear from students who participated in the 2024 Capitol Camp, visit the link below to watch the video.

Watch the Capitol Camp video at
okfb.news/ccvideo24

Apply for the AFBF County Activities of Excellence Award

County Farm Bureaus are invited to submit applications for AFBF's County Activities of Excellence program. The CAEs celebrate outstanding county Farm Bureau projects – unique, volunteer programming at the local level. Activities will be recognized in the areas of Education & Ag Promotion, Member Services, Public Relations & Information, Leadership Development, Policy Implementation and Safety.

Up to 24 innovative county Farm Bureau activities from across the nation will be selected to display at the 2025 AFBF Convention and Trade Show in San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 25-27. AFBF's convention is the "go-to" event to meet other farmers and leaders, hear from experts, learn about new tools and trends and be inspired to step up and drive forward in 2025.

Individual county and multicounty CAE winning entries will receive four

complimentary registrations and a \$4,500 cash award to be used toward travel and display costs to attend the convention.

"We're fortunate to have strong leadership and engagement at the county Farm Bureau level that leads to an array of great volunteer-driven programs across the country worthy of recognition," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "I encourage all counties to consider applying for CAE recognition, so we can showcase the best Farm Bureau has to offer in San Antonio as we step up and drive forward in 2025."

The deadline for counties to submit applications online for state CAE coordinator approval is Aug. 30 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern.

Applications will be evaluated by membership group: up to 1,000 members; 1,001 – 3,000 members; 3,001 – 5,000 members; and 5,001+ members.

Multicounty activities may also be submitted.

Winners will be announced during the first week of October 2024.



Okmulgee County Farm Bureau was presented the 2024 CAE award by AFBF President Zippy Duvall.

Additional details and the application link can be found at www.fb.org/cae.

Mark your calendars with OKFB's remaining 2024 programs and events

Be sure to make plans to attend Oklahoma Farm Bureau events and programs throughout 2024. Below you will find dates for many of our planned events, but be sure to check out our website for even more event dates.



OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU

SHOTGUN SHOOT

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Friday, August 9
Silverleaf Shotgun Sports
Guthrie, OK

July

- 16-18**
OSU Big 3 Field Days, Stillwater
- 26-28**
State YF&R Conference, Broken Arrow

August

- 8**
Oklahoma Women in Agriculture Conference, Edmond
- 9**
YF&R Shotgun Shoot Fundraiser, Guthrie

September

- 3-6**
Read an Accurate Ag Book Week
- 19**
YF&R State Fair Livestock Judging Contest, Oklahoma City

October

- 7**
County Farm Bureau Awards submission deadline
- 11**
State resolutions due to home office
- 22-23**
State Resolutions Meeting, Oklahoma City

November

- 8-10**
OKFB Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City

Find more information on upcoming events at

okfb.news/calendar

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OKFB WLC members attended National Ag in the Classroom conference in Salt Lake City



Members of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership committee pose with a group of Oklahoma teachers at the National Ag in the Classroom Conference June 24-27 in Salt Lake City.



OKFB WLC members Robin Bryant (bottom left) and Cyndi Mackey (second from left) assist with a career-discovery activity for attendees at the National Ag in the Classroom Conference.

O KFB WLC committee members Robin Bryant and Cyndi Mackey attended the National Ag in the Classroom conference June 24-27 in Salt Lake City, Utah. WLC committee members along with Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom teachers attended

multiple breakout sessions and workshops. Committee members had the opportunity to tour a cherry farm and processing plant during the conference. During the conference WLC members and teachers gained more resources like books about agriculture

to introduce into Oklahoma classrooms. To learn more about Ag in the Classroom along with other WLC programs visit the OKFB website at:

okfb.news/wlcprograms