

PERSPECTIVE

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A POSITIVE OUTLOOK, *A BRIGHTER FUTURE*

OKFB members to gather for annual meeting Nov. 8-10 in Oklahoma City

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members will meet in Oklahoma City for the organization's largest annual gathering during the 2024 OKFB annual meeting at the Omni Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Nov. 8-10.

Farm Bureau members will share their positive outlook by celebrating a year of grassroots achievement and programs as they look to create a brighter future for agriculture and rural Oklahoma.

With numerous meetings, business sessions and awards for members to participate in, there is something for everyone at this year's convention. Below is a sampling of the many opportunities Farm Bureau members have to gather and grow together. Be sure to check out the latest convention schedule on the inside for the latest listing of events, and visit our convention website at okfb.news/AnnualMeeting24 for the latest updates and details.

Grassroots business meetings

OKFB members will consider

and vote on proposed changes to the organization's grassroots policy submitted by Farm Bureau members from around the state. The two business sessions on Saturday starting at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. will feature policy discussions, reports from OKFB member-led committees, the election of delegates to serve at the 2025 American Farm Bureau Convention and more.

The policies voted upon by delegates at the OKFB annual meeting will serve as the organization's guiding document for the 2025 Oklahoma legislative session.

Election of leaders

OKFB members from districts two, five and eight will meet on Saturday, Nov. 9, to elect district directors who will represent grassroots Farm Bureau members on the OKFB state board.

OKFB Women's Leadership Committee members will vote for the committee's chair position along with district two, five and eight representatives. Young Farmers and Ranchers members will also select committee members for districts

two, five and eight along with a new committee chair, at-large and Collegiate Farm Bureau representatives.

Speaker highlights

OKFB members will have the opportunity to hear from a wide array of speakers sharing the latest information from the agriculture industry and beyond. U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas will speak at the Saturday evening awards banquet as OKFB celebrates his 2024 AFBF Distinguished Service Award, which was presented at the 2024 AFBF Convention in Salt Lake City in January.

Oklahoma U.S. Sen. James Lankford will lead the Sunday morning worship service along with musical guests Blake and Jenna Bolerjack.

Fellow Oklahoman and Texas A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center research associate Bart Fischer will be featured at the Saturday evening dinner and awards banquet, and AFBF staff member Jessica Cabrera will lead a mental health discussion at the Friday Cultivating Healthy Minds Luncheon.

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Fun and awards

OKFB members will gather for an exciting virtual evening at the races along with entertainment from dueling pianos during Friday night's game night beginning at 7 p.m. The event serves as an opportunity for Farm Bureau members to join together for fun, excitement and fellowship.

Saturday night will feature the organization's annual awards banquet where Farm Bureau members, county Farm Bureaus and agricultural leaders will be recognized for their activities, achievements and contributions to the organization.

YF&R Competitive events

The OKFB YF&R committee will host both their annual Collegiate Discussion Meet for college students on Thursday, Nov. 7, and the YF&R discussion meet for YF&R members ages 18-35 on Friday morning. Awards will be presented for both events during convention, and winners of the High School Discussion Meet, which was held Tuesday, Oct. 8, will also be recognized.

WLC Meetings

Farm Bureau women from around the state will gather for numerous OKFB

WLC events including a Friday-night dinner at 5:30 p.m., a Saturday Advocacy Luncheon and a Sunday-morning coffee talk session.

Breakout and training sessions

Friday morning will feature a county Farm Bureau board member training where OKFB staff will provide updates and information for grassroots county Farm Bureau leaders.

Friday afternoon will feature several breakout sessions open to all members, including sessions on OKFB's rural economic development programming, a mental well-being discussion as part of OKFB's Cultivating Healthy Minds program and a presentation on landowners' rights in wind and solar farm leases.

Fundraisers

The OKFB Foundation for Agriculture will host a Flapjack Fundraiser Saturday morning beginning at 7:30 a.m. Attendees will hear from one of Oklahoma's own accurate agriculture book authors Paisley White as well as receive OKFB Foundation for Ag updates.

Tickets are \$40 per individual and table reservations are \$500 for 10 people which includes five copies of "Scout

the Scottish Highlander" an accurate agriculture book (additional books will be available for purchase). Ticket and table purchases can be made by picking up a Flapjack Fundraiser form at your local county office. For more questions regarding the Flapjack Fundraiser, please contact Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2300.

OKFB members will also have the opportunity to bid on items at the foundation's silent auction during convention. The deadline for members and county Farm Bureaus that wish to donate silent auction items is Friday, Nov. 8, at 8 a.m.

The Women's Leadership Committee will be raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oklahoma City. Farm Bureau members are welcome to donate to these funds during convention at the WLC booth in the OKFB Expo.

Trade show

The OKFB Expo trade show will return for 2024 featuring vendors with products and services ranging from agricultural inputs and products to rural lifestyle and clothing vendors. The Expo will be open through Friday at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information about OKFB's convention, schedule and any other questions you may have please visit okfb.news/AnnualMeeting24

MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKERS



U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas
Dinner and awards banquet



U.S. Sen. James Lankford
Sunday morning worship service



Bart Fischer
Dinner and awards banquet



Jessica Cabrera
Cultivating Healthy Minds luncheon



Blake and Jenna Bolerjack
Sunday morning worship service

2024 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

4 p.m. WLC Committee Meeting
5 p.m. Collegiate Discussion Meet Orientation
5:15 p.m. Collegiate Discussion Meet Round One
6 p.m. Collegiate Discussion Meet Round Two
7 p.m. Collegiate Discussion Meet Finals

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8 a.m. State Board Breakfast Meeting
8 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast Meeting
8 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Orientation
9 a.m. Registration, Trade Show and Silent Auction Open
9 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Round One
10 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Round Two
10 a.m. County Administrators Training
10 a.m. County Board Member Training
11 a.m. Cultivating Healthy Minds Meeting & Luncheon
12:30 p.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Final Four
1:30 p.m. Opening General Session
3:15 p.m. Breakout: Rural Economic Development
3:15 p.m. Breakout: Cultivating Healthy Minds
3:15 p.m. Breakout: Protecting Landowners' Rights in Wind and Solar Leases
4:30 p.m. WLC Business Meeting
4:30 p.m. YF&R Dinner & Caucus
5:30 p.m. WLC Dinner
7 p.m. OKFB Game Night & Entertainment

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 a.m. OKFB Foundation for Agriculture Flapjack Breakfast
7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast Meeting
7:30 a.m. Financial Committee Breakfast Meeting
7:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee Breakfast Meeting
8 a.m. Registration Opens
8:45 a.m. OKFBMIC Policyholders Meeting
9 a.m. Trade Show and Silent Auction Open
9:30 a.m. General Session
11:45 a.m. WLC Advocacy Luncheon
12 p.m. Credentials Committee Luncheon Meeting
1 p.m. OKFB District Caucuses (Districts 2, 5 and 8)
1:30 p.m. General Session
5 p.m. Farm Family Reception
5 p.m. County Presidents Reception
5:30 p.m. Ag Community Reception
7 p.m. Dinner & Awards Program

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 a.m. County President Coffee Talk
7:30 a.m. WLC Coffee Talk
7:30 a.m. Public Policy Coffee Talk
8:45 a.m. Worship Service & Group Breakfast

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Oklahoma Water Resources Board to host fourth round of stakeholder input meetings in October

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are invited to attend the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's fourth round of stakeholder input meetings throughout the month of October.

As the largest user of water in Oklahoma, it is crucial for agriculture to have a voice in these meetings.

The stakeholder meetings will center on the 2025 updates to Oklahoma's Comprehensive Water Plan with discussions on water policy, water management strategies and more.

The schedule for the stakeholder meetings is listed to the right and is broken down into regions. You can also find more information about the stakeholder input meetings at okfb.news/waterresources.

For more information on the stakeholder input meetings and OCWP changes, visit the OWRB website at okfb.news/owrb.

Upcoming OWRB in-person meetings

All meetings are scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m.

October 24 • Claremore

Rogers State University, Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center
1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore

October 29 • Lone Wolf

Quartz Mountain State Park Lodge
22469 Lodge Rd., Lone Wolf

October 25 • Oklahoma City

Department of Public Safety, Training Center
3600 N. MLK Blvd., Oklahoma City

October 30 • Durant

Massey Building
200 West Main Street, Durant

October 28 • Woodward

High Plains Technology Center
2921 34th St., Woodward

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