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Texas Farm Bureau Leadership Conference
Omni Southpark Hotel • Austin, Texas
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2017

Monday, January 30

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| 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | Registration | Skylight Foyer |
| 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Opening Luncheon | Omni Ballroom |
| 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. | General Session | Omni Ballroom |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ TFB News Video▪ Opening Remarks: President Russell Boening▪ Special Invited Speaker on the 2017 Session of the Texas Legislature—<i>What are the “big issues” for this legislature?</i>▪ AFBF Federal Regulatory Reform Initiative—<i>How do we get the federal agencies under control?</i>▪ Commodity Outlook and the 2018 Farm Bill—<i>What will we see in future commodity prices and how will that affect the next farm bill?</i>▪ International Animal Disease—<i>What is the threat from outside our borders and how do we protect ourselves?</i>▪ Transportation in Texas—<i>Meeting our state’s transportation challenges</i> | |
| 2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. | YF&R Conference (Attendees 40 years of age and younger) | Austin Marriott South |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Veterinary Feed Directive—<i>How we got here and what to expect</i>▪ Developing Relationships in Politics—<i>It’s all about who you know. What can you do to get to know your elected officials?</i>▪ Generational Differences in Texas Agriculture—<i>What makes you different and how can it be an asset in meeting future challenges?</i> | |
| 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | YF&R Dinner (Attendees 40 years of age and younger) | Texas Politics— <i>What do you need to know about the political landscape in the Lone Star State to be a successful advocate for Texas agriculture?</i> |

Tuesday, January 31

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| 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Registration Area | Skylight Foyer |
| 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | General Session | Omni Ballroom |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ TFB News Video▪ Morning Session Remarks: President Russell Boening▪ TFB AGFUND—<i>Success and future challenges</i>▪ Ag Lien—<i>What are the unresolved issues in protecting our producers?</i>▪ Overview of TFB Legislative Priorities—<i>TFB legislative staff will give an overview of each priority issue for the 2017 Legislative Session.</i>▪ Overview of Eminent Domain Legislative Initiative—<i>What will we be asking the legislature to do to fix the condemnation process?</i> | |
| 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Group Luncheon and General Session | Omni Ballroom |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ TFB News Video▪ Recognition of the 2016 AgLead and FarmLead Class▪ Eminent Domain Panel Discussions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Landowner Attorneys on the Current System | |

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- Legislative Champions on the 2017 Session
- Landowners on Their Personal Experience
- Water Issues Legislative Panel Discussion
 - Changes to Surface Water Law?
 - Improving Consistency in Local Groundwater Regulations
 - Resolving Regional v. State Water Priorities
- Agriculture and Rural Issues Legislative Panel Discussion—*Our legislative leaders give their perspective on what issues may affect our industry and communities this session.*
- Farm Bureau Day at the Capitol—*What do you need to know before we leave for the Capitol?*
- Closing Remarks: President Russell Boening

Wednesday, February 1

6:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Group Breakfast

Omni Ballroom

- Final instructions and opportunity to ask the legislative staff questions
- Pick up your legislator's TFB Issues folder

8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bus Transportation to Capitol for Legislator Meetings*

**County Farm Bureau leaders are responsible for scheduling meetings with their legislators. Field staff can also assist you in organizing these meetings.*