



TEXAS FARM BUREAU

91st ANNUAL
MEETING

DECEMBER 6-8, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Round Rock, Texas Farm Bureau members! It's a wonderful time to gather at our annual meeting as we celebrate our 91st year as the Voice of Texas Agriculture.

Our voting delegates will decide state policy positions for our organization, as well as recommend national policy resolutions to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration.

We will recognize outstanding achievements by county Farm Bureaus and individual members and elect our leadership.

A special "Safari Casino Party" on Friday evening and a Saturday night of entertainment, live auction and recognitions are sure to be very enjoyable.

It's an exciting time to be part of a vibrant Texas Farm Bureau. Thank you for all that you do to contribute to our success.



Russell Boening
President



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District 1

Jared Blankenship

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District 10

Pete Pawelek

Atascosa County

District 11

Stuart Traylor

Montgomery County

District 12

Brian Adamek

Victoria County

District 13

Brian Jones

Hidalgo County



FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. *Kilimanjaro Foyer*

Registration

Member Services Exhibits

County Activities of Excellence (CAE) Display

YF&R Silent Auction

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | 2025 Outlook *Acacia/Bamboo*

Weather Forecast

Matt Makens, Meteorologist

Market and Trade Outlook

Bernt Nelson, AFBF Economist

Farm Bill Update

Joe Gilson, AFBF Director of Government Affairs

*Hosted by TFB Commodity Advisory Committees. *Open to all Attendees*

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Feeding the Future *Cyprus*

Growing the Next Generation

Hosted by YF&R Advisory Committee

**Open to all Attendees*

Book signing with Roxanne Troup

Friday, Dec. 6 | Saturday, Dec. 7
12 p.m.-6 p.m. | 8 a.m.-3 p.m.



One book per member-family for the first 500

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | DECEMBER 6, 2024

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m

Kilimanjaro 5

Safari Casino Party

Come dressed in your best safari chic to enjoy a night of music, dancing, contests and casino fun.



****Open to all Attendees***

**Presented by the Young Farmer
& Rancher Advisory Committee**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | DECEMBER 7, 2024

SATURDAY

7:00 a.m.

Kilimanjaro 1 & 2

Presidents' Proficiency
Training

County
Presidents
only



8:00 a.m.

Crown Palm & Bamboo

Discussion

Meet

Preliminary

Round 1



8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Kilimanjaro Foyer

Registration

YF&R Silent Auction

Member Services Exhibits

CAE Display

County Delegation Photos

Collegiate Quiz Bowl

9:00 a.m. | Morning General Session | *Kilimanjaro 6*

Welcome and Introductions

President's Address

Russell Boening



Administrator's Address

Si Cook, COO



Treasurer's Address

Walt Hagood



Media Awards

Ag in the Classroom Outstanding Teacher Award

Communications Awards

Membership Recognition

10:00 a.m. | Discussion Meet Preliminary *Round 2*



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | DECEMBER 7, 2024

SATURDAY

1:30 p.m. | Afternoon General Session | Kilimanjaro 6

- Pioneer Awards
- Discussion Meet Finals
- Collegiate Quiz Bowl Recognition
- County Activities of Excellence Awards
- Presidents' Proficiency Recognition
- Golden Buckle Award
- Farm Bureau Philanthropy

4:00 p.m.
District Caucuses

5:55 p.m.
YF&R Silent Auction Closes

6:00 p.m. | RSVP and ticket required for each attendee | Kilimanjaro 5

Dinner & Entertainment

YF&R Live Auction

YF&R Recognition

Recognition of retiring board members



Walt Hagood
District 2



John Paul Dineen III
District 4



Mickey Edwards
District 8



Pete Pawelek
District 10



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | DECEMBER 8, 2024

SUNDAY

8 a.m. | *Kilimanjaro Foyer*

Coffee Break sponsored by Williamson County Farm Bureau
Registration
County Delegation Photos

8:45 a.m. | *Kilimanjaro 6*

**Devotional with
Dr. Pastor Pete Pawelek**



**Music provided by
Branded**



9:30 a.m. | Business Session | *Kilimanjaro 6*

- Credentials Committee Report
- Convention Minutes Approval
- Adoption of Convention Rules
- Consideration of Bylaw Amendments
- Consideration of State & National Resolutions
- Final Credentials Report
- Election of Directors
- Adjourn

**Silent
Auction
pick-up**
after
Business
Session

Kilimanjaro 5



COUNTY ACTIVITIES OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM

The County Activities of Excellence awards recognize unique, volunteer-driven programming at the local level. Five counties were recognized by Texas Farm Bureau and American Farm Bureau Federation for innovative, action-oriented programs.

Visit the displays in the exhibit area to learn more about the activities. Each of these counties will receive cash awards.

Angelina County Farm Bureau

Angelina County Farm Bureau treated elementary and primary school educators to a teacher appreciation event and highlighted free resources available to them through the Ag in the Classroom program.

Austin/Washington County Farm Bureaus

Local farmers, ranchers and landowners learned more about methods to control feral hogs at a meeting hosted by Austin and Washington County Farm Bureaus.

Mason County Farm Bureau

Elementary students experienced agriculture up close at Mason County Farm Bureau's annual Ag Day. The event included live animals, demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Titus County Farm Bureau

Titus County Farm Bureau brought agriculture to life in the classroom one page at a time by reading accurate ag books to students through Farm To Classroom Storytime.

2024 OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER TOP 3

The Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher contest is designed to identify, recognize and reward exceptional young farmers and ranchers from across the state. This contest gives young farmers and ranchers an opportunity to highlight the growth and development of their agricultural operations.



Kade and Morgan Hodges

Kade and Morgan Hodges have a diverse ranch in Sterling County. They raise Royal White sheep, cattle and goats, as well as operate a feedyard. The couple offer vegetation management to solar farms using targeted sheep grazing.



Colby and Ashley McClendon

Colby and Ashley McClendon grow corn, oats, wheat, sorghum, soybeans and hay. They are the sixth generation to operate the family farm in Collin County. The couple also raise cattle and sell their beef through their meat market located on their farm.



Layton and Jessi Schur

Layton and Jessi Schur have a direct-to-consumer retail store in Hale County, providing their community with fresh produce and beef from their farm and market garden. They also grow grain sorghum and cotton.

2024 OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER FINALISTS

The finalists below round out the Top 8 Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Finalists. They were selected from across all 13 Texas Farm Bureau districts.

Zach and Savannah Hutka

Zach and Savannah Hutka grow corn, cotton, grain sorghum and wheat in Milam County. They use sustainable practices to maintain soil health and optimize yields, while integrating technology with traditional methods.

Ashton Logsdon

Ashton Logsdon has a beef cattle backgrounding operation, which grows cattle to heavier weights before entering a feedlot, in Shelby County. His operation raises 350 head each year and has room for expansion.

Dillion and Kori Berglund

Dillion and Kori Berglund grow rice, corn, soybeans, grain sorghum and hay in Wharton and Matagorda counties. The couple has implemented sustainable practices on their farm for the most efficient water usage. They also raise beef cattle.

Caroline Krenek

Caroline Krenek is a fourth-generation farmer who grows corn and cotton in Wharton County. She utilizes precision technology, such as drones, to maximize production on her farm. She also helps with her family's turfgrass farm.

Zachary and Rheegan Mengers

Zachary and Rheegan Mengers are fifth-generation farmers in Bee County. They grow corn, cotton and grain sorghum. Zachary also helps his family raise and market American Wagyu cattle directly to consumers.

2024 EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE TOP 3

The Excellence in Agriculture contest recognizes young men and women ages 18-35 who are involved in agriculture but do not earn a majority of their income from an owned farm or ranch enterprise in the past three years.



Jacob and Laura Henson

Jacob and Laura Henson own a marketing agency and help operate Laura's family's white-tailed deer ranch and silage harvesting business. They also grow and sell vegetables. Laura is an adjunct instructor at Tarleton State University, and Jacob owns a construction company.



Madalynn Kainer

Madalynn Kainer is the assistant manager for the Washington County Fair. She oversees livestock shows, auctions and marketing while supporting all fair activities, including event planning and volunteer management.



Jacob Spivey

Jacob Spivey is an ag science teacher and FFA advisor at Warren ISD. He works with students on livestock and horticultural projects, leadership skills and FFA contests. He also helps with his family's Brahman cattle and timber operation.

2024 EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE FINALISTS

The finalists below round out the Top 8 Excellence in Agriculture Finalists. They were selected from across all 13 Texas Farm Bureau districts.

Chase Brooke

Chase Brooke is the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Program Specialist for Small Acreage and Wildlife Management. In his role, he develops and implements programs for small acreage landowners on brush control and property management.

Charles Davis

Charles Davis is the Agriculture and Natural Resources County AgriLife Extension agent in Rusk County. In this position, he provides education and research-based information to local farmers, ranchers and landowners.

Fred and Claire Hilscher

Fred Hilscher is the nutrition team lead for a company that provides feed and nutritional consulting services to livestock producers, and Claire works for a beef supply chain company that owns and grows cattle for retail.

John Holland

John Holland has been an agricultural science teacher and FFA advisor for 12 years. He currently teaches at Sulphur Springs High School. He and his wife, Andrea, also raise cattle and market some of their beef direct to consumers.

Ryan and Madilyn Yeatts

Ryan Yeatts is an operations analyst for Standard Meat Company. Madilyn is a sales specialist with D&L Farm and Home. The couple both grew up in farming and ranching families and raise sheep and cattle together in Montague County.

YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER CONTEST PRIZE PACKAGES

Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Contest

Winner

- \$60,000 member dealer voucher
- Engraved crystal award
- Expense paid trips to TFB Annual Meeting and AFBF Convention

Two Finalists

- \$500 cash award
- Engraved acrylic award
- Expense paid trip to TFB Annual Meeting

Top Eight Finalists

- \$1,000 cash prize
- Engraved crystal award

Excellence in Agriculture Contest

Winner

- \$15,000 member dealer voucher
- Engraved crystal award
- Expense paid trips to TFB Annual Meeting and AFBF Convention

Two Finalists

- \$500 cash award
- Engraved acrylic award
- Expense paid trip to TFB Annual Meeting

Top Eight Finalists

- \$1,000 cash prize
- Engraved crystal award

Discussion Meet

Winner

- ATV valued at \$9,000
- Winner plaque
- Expense paid trip to AFBF Convention

Three finalists

- \$1,500 cash prize
- Finalist plaque

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2024 MEDIA AWARD WINNER

Excellence in Journalism Award for a city or market of over 50,000 population



Corey Olson is a news anchor, reporter and host for NewsRadio 740 KTRH.

He's been with the Houston-based radio station for 13 years and has more than 20 years of experience in radio broadcasting.

Olson was nominated for the media recognition by Brazoria-Galveston County Farm Bureau for his coverage of local and state agricultural news, helping bring the stories of agriculture to the major metropolitan area.

**“ It’s my pleasure to help you
all tell your stories. ”**

AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM OUTSTANDING TEACHER



Emily Williams is a third-grade math teacher at Bess Brannen Elementary in Lake Jackson and has spent 13 years inspiring her students through hands-on, engaging lessons.

She is a graduate of Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. She also holds certifications in English as a Second Language and the Science of Teaching Reading. Her passion for teaching fosters a love for learning among her students.

Williams brings agriculture into her classroom with innovative agricultural programs. She works closely with Brazoria-Galveston County Farm Bureau and implements Texas Farm Bureau's Farm From School program and Ag on the Go trailer in her classroom, as well as participates in TFB's Ag Literacy Week activities. These initiatives allow her students to experience agriculture and develop a deeper appreciation for farmers and ranchers.

As the 2024 Texas Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom Outstanding Teacher of the Year winner, Emily will receive \$600 and a trip to attend next year's National Ag in the Classroom Conference.

2024 AFBF BOOK OF THE YEAR

Pecans highlighted in accurate ag book designed for children, families

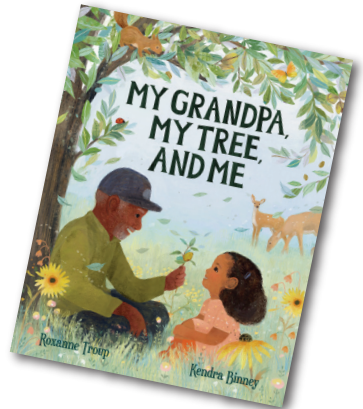


My Grandpa, My Tree, and Me follows Grandpa as he tenderly cares for each tree in his orchard, including his favorite—a pecan tree, planted for his granddaughter on the day she was born.

As the seasons change and the leaves bloom and fall again, Grandpa takes care of each and every tree. Sometimes they need pruning, and sometimes they need feeding. They all need harvesting, and the granddaughter loves to see the tractor hug the trunks and shake and shake until leaves, twigs and pecans all rain down.

But not the child's tree. Her tree is special. It's for just the two of them and all the ways their relationship grows as they care for this special tree—tending its roots and harvesting its pecan treasures.

My Grandpa, My Tree, and Me was written by Roxanne Troup. She will be in the Member Services Exhibit Area signing copies of the book on Friday and Saturday.



One book per member-family for the first 500

2024 PIONEER AWARD WINNERS



District 1
Roddy G. "Bud" Allred, Sr.
Deaf Smith/Oldham County



District 2
Chris Cummings
Hale County
(posthumously)



District 3
Tommy Henderson
Clay County



District 4
Steven Don Patman
Ellis County



District 5
Byron Eric Lum
Bowie County



District 6
Pete Case
Tom Green County



District 7
Daniel Redman
Runnels County
(posthumously)



District 8
Edward "Earl" Minze
Freestone County



District 9
Ted Britton
Anderson County

2024 PIONEER AWARD WINNERS



District 10
Clarence W. Earles
Webb County



District 11
Donald Wayne Fuchs
Brazoria-Galveston County



District 12
Wayne Wolf
DeWitt County



District 13
Dale Murden
Cameron County



Staff
Jamie Gipe
Former Director
Membership and
Special Projects

TFB Pioneer Awards honor one Farm Bureau leader in each of the organization's 13 districts, as well as one staff member.

2024 TOP TEN COUNTIES

Total Members

Collin County.....	13,631
McLennan County	12,008
Brazoria-Galveston County.....	11,761
Fort Bend County.....	10,027
Ellis County	9,749
Bell County.....	8,703
Bexar County	8,064
Harris County.....	7,926
Jefferson County	7,712
Kaufman County.....	7,468

New Members

Collin County.....	2,196
Harris County.....	1,742
Brazoria-Galveston County.....	1,644
Fort Bend County.....	1,561
Bexar County	1,505
McLennan County	1,441
Bell County.....	1,219
Dallas County.....	1,214
Kaufman County.....	1,138
Tarrant County.....	1,137

Total Gain

Bexar County	250
Nacogdoches County.....	164
Collin County.....	154
Guadalupe County.....	131
Lampasas County.....	111
Fannin County.....	107
Hunt County.....	107
Walker County.....	103
Maverick County.....	101
El Paso County.....	99

2024 TOP TEN COUNTIES

Renewal Percentage

Dickens County.....	94.20%
Mason County.....	94.03%
Lavaca County	91.91%
Gillespie County.....	91.34%
Lampasas County.....	91.24%
Kimble County	90.98%
Bosque County	90.98%
Fisher County.....	90.95%
Cottle-King County.....	90.81%
Falls County.....	90.69%

Continuous Gain

DeWitt County.....	75 Years
Henderson County	35 Years
Atascosa County.....	33 Years
Bell County.....	33 Years
Comal County	33 Years
Gillespie County.....	33 Years
Hill County.....	33 Years
Medina County.....	33 Years
Burnet County	32 Years
Comanche County.....	31 Years
Hunt County.....	31 Years
Rusk County.....	31 Years

2024 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Sam Snyder, District 7Chair
Warren Cude, District 6 Vice Chair
Mickey Edwards, District 8 Secretary
Jay Clark, District 7.....YF&R Chair

DISTRICT 1

Jeffery CarlsonDeaf Smith County
Shane HarrisChildress County
Matthew Wilhelm.....Deaf Smith County

DISTRICT 2

Angela Arthur.....Crosby County
Walt Hagood.....Lubbock County
McCrae McCormick Floyd County

DISTRICT 3

Layne Chapman Wilbarger County
Ronnie FelderhoffCooke County
Tommy Henderson Clay County

DISTRICT 4

John Paul Dineen, IIIEllis County
Chris Goodwin Johnson County
Ben Scholz Collin County

DISTRICT 5

Gregg Beverly Van Zandt County
Ray Davis..... Van Zandt County
Dustin Rounsavall Smith County

DISTRICT 6

Nolan Howard Midland County
Mark Morrow.....Nolan County

2024 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

DISTRICT 7

Josh Kaczyk Coleman County
Bobby Pearce McCulloch County
Warren Tongate Brown County

DISTRICT 8

Steve Eubanks Freestone County
Dylan Melde Hamilton County

DISTRICT 9

Cody Berry Angelina County
Delana Horn Jefferson County
Jimmy Reed Anderson County

DISTRICT 10

Mike Cox Hays County
Pete Pawelek Atascosa County
Wes Robinson Kinney County

DISTRICT 11

Tim Akers Grimes County
Karl Collins Walker County
Mike Heimer Montgomery County

DISTRICT 12

Brian Adamek Victoria County
Keith Huebinger Guadalupe County
David Wagner Lavaca County

DISTRICT 13

Andrew Edelen Jim Wells County
Cyndie Murden Cameron County
Sam Ruiz Cameron County

TRADE SHOW EXHIBITS

The following member services are featured in the exhibit area:

Agricultural Advocacy/TFB Government Affairs

Careington International Corporation

Child Source

County Administrative Assistance Program

Ford Motor Company

Grainger

Grasshopper Company

Great Hearing Benefits

Great Lakes Ag Labor Services, LLC

KTFB Radio

TFB Collegiate Farm Bureau

TFB Educational Outreach

TFB Fleet Sales Inc.

TFB Health Plans

TFB Member Benefits & Services

TFB Store

TFB Urban Outreach

TFB YF&R/AgLead Programs

TFB Youth Outreach

Tickets At Work

Scan the QR code
for a complete list
of member benefits
and services.



Additional businesses will be featured in the exhibit area.



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