

DECEMBER 5-7, 2025 | ARLINGTON



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Arlington, Texas Farm Bureau members! It's a wonderful time to gather at our annual meeting as we celebrate our 92nd 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.

We will enjoy a family fun night of bingo and sports-themed activities hosted by the YF&R Advisory Committee, as well as enjoy several guest speakers.

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.



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | DECEMBER 5, 2025

# **FRIDAY**

All activities will be held at Loews Arlington.

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monument F Foyer

Registration
Member Services Exhibits
County Activities of Excellence Display
YF&R Silent Auction

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monument D & E

Weather Forecast Matt Makens, Meteorologist

Texas Agriculture Finance Authority Implementation Tracy Tomascik and Brant Wilbourn, TFB Associate Directors of Commodity and Regulatory Affairs

Texas Farm Service Agency Update

Dan Hunter. State Executive Director, USDA FSA

New World Screwworm Update
Dr. Bud Dinges and Dr. T.R. Lansford, Texas Animal Health Commission

Commodity Advisory Committee Policy Session (CAC Members Only)

## **BOOK SIGNING**with **Peggy Thomas**

Friday, Dec. 5 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

One book per member-family for the first 500



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | DECEMBER 5, 2025

# **FRIDAY**

6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m

Honor Ballroom



Come as your favorite sports personality, character, mascot, or dedicated fan and enjoy a fun, casual atmosphere with a tailgate dinner, sports-themed activities, and plenty of opportunities to connect.









\*Open to all Attendees

Presented by the Young Farmer & Rancher Advisory Committee

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | DECEMBER 6, 2025

#### 7:00 a.m.

**Quiz Bowl** 



#### 7:00 a.m.

Presidents' Proficiency



### 8:00 a.m.

Post Oak A. B & C Meet

Semi-Finals



### 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Registration

YF&R Silent Auction

Member Services Exhibits

County Activities of Excellence Display

County Delegation Photos

Monument F Fover

### 9:00 a.m.

### **Morning General Session**

Welcome and Introductions

### **The Frontlines of Farming**

A live visit with Ukrainian farmer Kees Huizinga

### Monument D & E



### President's Address

Russell Boening



**Administrator's Address** Si Cook, COO

#### **Treasurer's Address** Brian Adamek



Media Awards

Ag in the Classroom Outstanding Teacher Award Ag Book of the Year Recognition

**County Communications Awards** 

Membership Recognition

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | DECEMBER 6, 2025

# SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.

Post Oak A & B

Discussion Meet Semi-Finals Round 2

11:30 a.m.

### Honor Ballroom

### **Awards Luncheon & Recognition**

Pioneer Awards

Recognition of Retiring Board Members



Kevin Wilkerson District 5



Sam Snyder District 7



John Griffith District 9

1:30 p.m.

### Monument D & E

### **Afternoon General Session**

**Discussion Meet Finals** 

Collegiate Farm Bureau Quiz Bowl Recognition

AgLead Recognition

Presidents' Proficiency Award

County Activities of Excellence Awards

Golden Buckle Award

YF&R Live Auction

YF&R Recognition

YF&R Silent Auction closes 15 minutes after the end of the Afternoon General Session

4:00 p.m. District Caucuses

6:30 p.m. AGFUND Dinner (Invitation Only)

National Medal of Honor Museum Transportation to be provided.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | DECEMBER 7, 2025** 

# SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

County Delegation Photos

Registration

Monument F Foyer

8:30 a.m.

Monument D & E

Devotional with special guest

### LaDonna Gatlin



### 9:00 a.m.

### **Business Session**

Credentials Committee Report Convention Minutes Approval

Adoption of Convention Rules

Consideration of Bylaw Amendments

Consideration of State & National Resolutions

Final Credentials Report

**Flection of Directors** 

Election of President

Adjourn



# COUNTY ACTIVITES OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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.

### **Madison and Waller County Farm Bureaus**

Madison and Waller County Farm Bureaus hosted Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents from 18 counties for hands-on agricultural tours and discussions to build a stronger partnership between Farm Bureau and AgriLife Extension.

### **Hale and Swisher County Farm Bureaus**

Hale and Swisher County Farm Bureaus launched a Young Farmer & Rancher Engagement Initiative to connect, engage, and inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders across a four-county area.

### **Houston County Farm Bureau**

Houston County Farm Bureau hosted an Agricultural Law Seminar to equip Texas farmers, ranchers, and landowners with tools and knowledge to navigate legal challenges tied to rural land management.



## 2025 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.



### **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.



### **Colby and Ashley McClendon**

Colby and Ashley McClendon grow grain crops 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 on-farm meat market.



### **Colin and Joy Graff**

Colin and Joy Graff grow hay and forage crops in Medina County that are sold to feedlots and exotic ranches across the state. They have a small Santa Gertrudis cow-calf herd and have a custom land clearing and ag equipment repair business.

## 2025 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.

#### **Travis Senn**

Travis Senn grows hay and operates two poultry farms in Upshur County, where he raises over 900,000 broiler chickens annually. He utilizes the poultry manure to fertilize his hay fields and sells the excess litter to other farms.

### **Brantly Efurd**

Brantly Efurd is a third-generation peach farmer and cattle rancher in Camp County. He manages over 13,000 peach trees and grows various fruits and vegetables that are sold at his family's farmers market, offering a farm-to-table experience.

### **David and Anna Volleman**

David and Anna Volleman are dairy farmers in Comanche County. They milk over 5,000 cows and bottle a portion of their A2A2 milk in returnable glass bottles. They also grow corn, grain sorghum, and hay.

### **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.

### **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.

# 2025 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.



### **Ryan and Madilyn Yeatts**

Ryan Yeatts is as an operations analyst for Standard Meat Company, and Madilyn is an equine specialist and outside sales specialist with D&L Farm and Home. The couple raise sheep, sell produce at farmers markets, and have pecan and peach orchards in Montague County.



### Sarah Roderick

Sarah Roderick is the events and outreach coordinator for AgSpire, where she works with farmers and ranchers to implement conservation and regenerative agriculture practices. She also raises cattle with her family in Presidio County.



### **Jacob and Laura Henson**

Jacob and Laura Henson own a marketing agency and raise cattle. They grow produce to sell at farmers markets and help operate Laura's family's white-tailed deer ranch and silage harvesting business. Laura is an adjunct instructor at Tarleton, and Jacob owns a construction company.

## 2025 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.

### **Madeline Makovy**

Madeline Makovy is the 4-H and Youth Development Agent for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in McLennan County. She also raises livestock with Hard Times Cattle Company and helps manage her family's ranch, hay operation, and their wildlife and exotic herds.

### **Alexis Hargrove**

Alexis Hargrove is a relationship manager in the Clifton Credit office for Capital Farm Credit. She is a third-generation farmer in Bosque County where her family grows row crops and hay. She also has her private pilot license.

#### Emilee Haubner

Emilee Haubner owns WCD Agricultural Management, mentors new farmers, and manages social media for ag businesses. She also raises commercial goats in Lampasas County, sells goat meat direct to consumers, and helps manage ranches.

### **Matthew March**

Matthew March is a County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Polk County. He also farms in Rosenberg, helps manage his family's ranch in Fort Bend County, and runs a custom baling business.

### **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.

# 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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### 2025 MEDIA AWARD WINNER

### Excellence in Journalism— Markets of Less Than 50,000



### Joe Davis

Joe Davis is the owner and operator of Davis Broadcast Co., Inc. in Memphis and KEFH-FM and KLSR-FM.

He was nominated by Hall-Donley County Farm Bureau.

### Excellence in Journalism— Markets of More Than 50,000



### **Michael Board**

Michael Board is an anchor and reporter for News Radio 1200 WOAI-AM in San Antonio.

He was nominated by Wilson County Farm Bureau.

## AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM OUSTANDING TEACHER

Dr. Michaelle Coker teaches biology, AP biology, and AP chemistry at Central Heights High School in Nacogdoches.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, a master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, and her doctorate from both

Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University. She has been teaching for 15 years, with the past three years at Central Heights High School.

Dr. Coker collaborates with Nacogdoches County Farm Bureau to integrate agriculture into her curriculum, utilizing innovative Ag in the Classroom resources and lessons to create engaging experiences for her students.

She also shares her expertise and resources with other educators through presentations at Texas Farm Bureau's Summer Ag Institute for K-12 educators and the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference.

As the 2025 Texas Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom Outstanding Teacher winner, Dr. Coker will receive a \$1,500 cash award and a trip to attend next year's National Ag in the Classroom Conference.

### 2025 AFBF BOOK OF THE YEAR

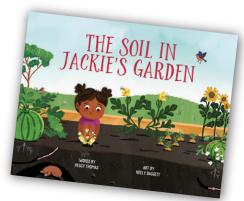
## Soil, gardening highlighted in accurate ag book designed for children, families

Readers can dig into all that the soil has to offer in *The Soil in Jackie's Garden*.

The engaging picture book introduces budding gardeners to the magic happening in their own backyards with visuals that open vertically to showcase the secrets beneath the surface of the soil.

Readers follow Jackie and her diverse group of friends as they meet pollinators, measure progress, and wait patiently

for their plants to grow. Facts are woven into the story, and engaging illustrations teach young readers about the life cycle of a plant, the natural processes that create new soil, and the role composting plays in the garden.



The Soil in Jackie's Garden was written by Peggy Thomas. She will be in the Trade Show Exhibits signing copies of the book on Friday and Saturday.

One book per member-family for the first 500.

### 2025 PIONEER AWARD WINNERS



District 1
E. N. Pack
Hutchinson County



District 2

Jerry Don Glover

Bailey County



District 3

Jess G. Haralson

Montague County

(posthumously)



District 4 **Thomas Burton**"**Tommy" Webb**Johnson County

(posthumously)



District 5 **Paul Michael Bayer**Lamar County



District 6 **Lynn Halfmann**Concho County



District 7
Will Frey
Mason County



District 8 **Edwin W. Lehmann**Milam County

(posthumously)



District 9

John F. Gaulding Jr.

Jefferson County

### 2025 PIONEER AWARD WINNERS



District 10
Pete Pawelek
Atascosa County



District 11 Ronnie B. Floyd Grimes County



District 12

Janice Ohrt

Victoria County



District 13 **Gregory M. Edelen**Jim Wells County



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

### 2025 GOLDEN BUCKLE FINALISTS



The 2025 Golden Buckle Awards Program is designed to recognize and reward County Farm Bureaus for excelling in ag and Farm Bureau promotion.

Membership Division	Winner	Runner-Up	
Under 712	Baylor	Motley	
712-1,135	Wilbarger	Archer	
1,136-1,713	Pecos-Reeves	Floyd	
1,714-2,395	Hale	Montague	
2,396-3,516	Brown	Angelina	
3,517-4,763	Montgomery	Hill	
Over 4,763	Smith	Brazoria-Galveston	

### 2025 PLATINUM RECRUITERS

The Platinum Recruiter designation recognizes those who help sustain Texas Farm Bureau by signing up 10 new members.

Saundra Renfro, Angelina County	Cody Swindall, Menard County
Joe Klinkovsky, Brazoria-Galveston County	Scott McCoy, Mills County
Gerald Heintschel, Colorado County	Joe Cater, Montgomery County
Jarod Root, Denton County	Randy Hartman, Pecos-Reeves County
Joseph Warwas, DeWitt County County	Jeff Williams, Smith County
David Waggoner, Hill County	Malcolm Williams, Smith County
David Bohuslav, Lavaca County	Colt Christian, Walker County
Ronnie Muennink Medina County	Damon Burris Walker County

### 2025 PRESIDENTS' PROFICIENCY

Presidents' Proficiency recognizes outstanding leadership efforts by County Farm Bureau presidents.

Cade Wyatt, Childress County Eric Smith, Floyd County Bobby Byrd, Hale County Cliff McGuire, Haskell County James Mithcell. Archer County Dennis McBroom, Montague County John Eastman, Wichita County Daron White, Wilbarger County Jimmy Reed, Anderson County Sam Beebe, Bosque County Michael Skala, Falls County Steve Eubanks, Freestone County Dylan Melde, Hamilton County David Waggoner, Hill County Bill Ward. Limestone County Brian Whatley, Cass County Bennie Whitworth, Rusk County Kaci Temples, Titus County Rodney Schoppa, Lubbock County Joshua Tunnell, Martin County Randal Hartman. Pecos-Reeves County Monte Sanchez, Brown County Chris Goodwin, Johnson County Scott McCoy, Mills County Richard Cortese, Bell County Bill Felps, Burnet County Lana McDermott, Milam County Cody Berry, Angelina County Todd Stone, Houston County Matt Anderson, Polk County Terry Allen, Shelby County Wayne Norsworthy, Trinity County Clyde Cox, Atascosa County Booker Young, Bandera County Julian Roberson, Frio County

Justin Stieler, Kerr County Eugene Verstuyft, Uvalde County Allen Kaminski, Austin County Gary Moriarty, Grimes County Kevin Counsil, Madison County Joe Cater, Montgomery County Colt Christian, Walker County Larry Winkelmann, Washington County Gerald Heintschel, Colorado County Joseph Warwas, DeWitt County Haley Clampit, Gonzales County David Wagner, Lavaca County Issac Sulemana, Hidalgo County Kacy Mitchell, Smith County John James, Delta County Clayton Conway, Van Zandt County Wade Davis, Randall County Jeff Grote, Mason County Bobby Pearce, McCulloch County Cody Swindall, Menard County Paul Minzenmayer, Runnels County Ben Scholz, Collin County Ronnie Felderhoff, Cooke County Tommy Calvert, Denton County Jon Green, Parker County Wayne Hofferichter, Bexar County Ray Joy Pfannstiel, Guadalupe County Ronnie Muennink, Medina County Milton Lowak, Wilson County William C. Lecompte, Brazoria-Galveston County

John Cotterell, Fort Bend County

Robert Reed, Matagorda County

Wesley Paben, Waller County

## 2025 RESOLUTIONS COMMITEE

John Griffith, District 9 Brian Jones, District 13	ChairVice ChairSecretaryYF&R Vice Chair
Morgan Crabtree	Deaf Smith-Oldham County Sherman County Childress County
_	Crosby County Lamb County
Cody Lowe	Young CountyYoung CountyArcher County
	Ellis County Fannin County
Jerry Moody	Smith County Titus County Camp County
Stephen Loyd	Pecos-Reeves CountyTom Green CountyMenard County

## 2025 RESOLUTIONS COMMITEE

Misty Needham	Runnels County Callahan-Shackelford County Brown County
Wilbert Vorwerk	Milam County Williamson County Hamilton County
	Anderson County Anderson County
Kason Haby	Webb County Medina County Gillespie County
Justin Saenz	Brazoria-Galveston County Montgomery County Montgomery County
Edward Hrna	Lavaca County Wilson County Lavaca County
	Nueces County Willacy County

### TRADE SHOW EXHIBITS

### The following exhibits are featured in the trade show:

49 Acres Family Farm

AirMedCare Network

Careington International Corporation

County Administrative Assistance Program

Enterprise

Farm Bureau Bank

Ferrellgas

Ford Motor Company

Generator Supercenter

Grainger

**Grasshopper Company** 

Great Lakes Ag Labor Services, LLC

KTFB Texas Farm & Ranch Radio

Millian Pecan Company

Morrison's Gifts

TFB AGFUND

TFB AgLead Program

TFB Collegiate Farm Bureau

TFB Education

TFB Health Plans

TFB Member Benefits & Services

TFB Store

TFB Urban Outreach

TFB YF&R

TFB Youth Outreach

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