



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FORESTRY 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROMOTED OKLAHOMA FOOD AND AG PRODUCTS

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- Launched Oklahoma MyPlate promoting healthy food choices by students
- Kicked-off USDA's Local Food for Schools program, offering \$3M+ to assist over 70 producers and 240+ school districts with access to local food
- 37% participation growth in the Made in Oklahoma Program and Coalition
- Broke record with \$194,000 sales at MIO Store at Oklahoma State Fair
- Sec. Arthur elected president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture by colleagues in other states and territories
- Hosted international visitors from Uruguay, Bahrain, European Union, Thailand, Vietnam, Mexico and Chile to promote Oklahoma ag products
- Represented state on trade missions to Indonesia, Taiwan and Argentina
- Fostered trade relationships as U.S. Chair at Tri-National Accord
- Served on CEO Roundtable with executive leaders across food value chain at the National FFA Convention

PROTECTED LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND ANIMAL HEALTH

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- 200+ veterinarians used the free, electronic Certificates of Veterinary Inspection to improve accuracy and efficiency of disease traceability
- Mitigated disease spread of three Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreaks in backyard flocks
- Hosted National Pork Board African Swine Fever Depopulation and Disposal Exercise
- Managed outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus and five Equine Infectious Anemia cases
- Distributed 89,720 radio-frequency identification tags and 56 readers to 71 accredited veterinarians and 26 producers
- Issued 92 black vulture permits to protect livestock
- Provided livestock inspection for Cattlemen's Congress, Oklahoma State Fair, Tulsa State Fair, OYE and supported various other livestock events throughout the state
- Provided Incident Command System Training for personnel to mitigate risk and prepare for emergency response

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PROTECTED CONSUMERS ACROSS THE STATE

- Gained EPA approval of Pesticide Certification and Training Plan
- Improved laboratory testing turnaround time by 9.5 days
- 2,157 water samples processed in lab
- 14,710 scales inspected for accuracy
- 207,953 packages and labels checked
- 213 consumer complaints resolved

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STEWARDED NATURAL RESOURCES

- Implemented Fire Warning System with National Weather Service to improve wildland fire response planning and prepositioning of resources to 3-7 days before event
- Secured \$6.4M in Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program funding from USDA
- Developed "Safe Stay OK," an internet-based system to provide area-specific, real-time wildfire location, safety and evacuation information for Southeast Oklahoma
- Improved process to remove waitlist for Agriculture Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AgPDES) Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) permits
- Removed approximately 36,000 feral swine
- Hosted 13 states and Puerto Rico at Southern Group of State Foresters Conference
- Administered grants of \$9,993.53 to 842 rural fire departments

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INVESTED IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF AG LEADERS

- 15 high school seniors selected to participate on the 2023-2024 Agriculture Youth Council
- Recognized 77 youth cattle exhibitor national champions
- Hosted third annual AgHERculture conference for young women to hone their professional development



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Oklahoma MyPlate



4-H Day at the Capitol



Board of Ag in Idabel with International Visitors



97th Oklahoma FFA State Convention



MIO Store at the Oklahoma State Fair



Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness Meeting