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NEW FRONTIERS UPDATE March 2024

This week is quieter than most on campus as our students are enjoying spring break. However, there continues to be tremendous activity on the New Frontiers construction site as we are nearing the completion of the building. Work continues simultaneously outside and inside the building in preparation for three important dates.

1. **May 20** – The first of 13 semi-truck furniture shipments will begin on this date.
2. **June 3** – This is the “substantial” completion date, which means the building is complete, and we will start moving into the building.
3. **July 29** – “Final” completion is scheduled for this date, and we can start occupying the building with people.

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In addition, March came in like a lion with devastating wildfires affecting western Oklahoma. During the wildfires, our team went to work disseminating content resources about farm stress and disaster recovery, feeding livestock suddenly without forage, caring for injured and orphaned livestock, carcass disposal and more. Local Extension educators in the affected areas are helping to organize donation efforts for feed, hay, milk/colostrum replacer and fencing supplies. In the days and weeks ahead, they will guide and help lead the recovery efforts including organizing and publicizing meetings for disaster-related programs from FSA, continued care for wounded animals, documenting loss, pasture regrowth, cattle nutrition, OSU Extension resources on farm stress/mental health and more. OSU Extension's Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) – an agile group comprised of fellow county educators, state and area Extension specialists, administrators and support staff – is assisting these county educators.

I recently had the chance to visit parts of our state and witness the generosity of farming and ranching communities donating feed, fence and other needed resources. I encourage you to watch [this segment on SUNUP](#) to learn more about the devastating effects of wildfire and how Oklahomans are lending a helping hand.

In short, the meaningful work of our faculty and Extension educators is making a difference in support of our land-grant mission. Whether you are enjoying a vacation, participating in livestock shows or sports, or carrying on with your regular activities, I wish you a good spring break.

Jayson Lusk
Vice President and Dean
OSU Agriculture

Building Progress

Click on each photo for more information and additional building progress images.

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Time-lapse Video

View the progress made during the previous month in the time-lapse video below.



Drone Video

View the drone video below of building construction taken in March 2024.

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Facility Fast Facts

The research laboratories in the New Frontiers Agricultural Hall were designed to be **modern shared facilities**, which are flexible and can be rearranged to accommodate research needs while **facilitating collaboration**.

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Featured Donors

The Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council has joined forces with its members to support the New Frontiers campaign and name a conference room on the third floor of the New Frontiers Agricultural Hall.

[Read More about OACC Support](#)

Featured News



Student Farm Tractors

P&K Equipment is lending a helping hand to the OSU Student Farm on its mission to feed the community. Recently, the company delivered two tractors for operational use at no cost to the farm.

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Calf Colostrum Needs

One of the impacts of the recent wildfire in Texas and western Oklahoma is the reality that some surviving heavily pregnant cows may have injuries that prevent them from feeding their calves following birth.

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OSU Wheat

Despite the infrastructure challenges at the OSU Agronomy Research Station, the Wheat Improvement Team finds ways to develop some of the world's leading wheat varieties.



Nutrition Strategies

Wildfire can leave a ranching operation without forage, requiring a sudden and radical change in management to maintain animals immediately after the event.

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NEW FRONTIERS

The New Frontiers campaign has raised more than \$50 million, reaching the fundraising goal in record time! Click the button below to learn more about New Frontiers, including building features, donor stories, how you can support the project and more.

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