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NEWS AND UPDATES

April 2025

As the spring semester draws to a close, April has been filled with celebrations of the achievements of our faculty, staff and students. The Ferguson College of Agriculture recently held its annual Scholarships and Awards Banquet, where many students were honored for their outstanding accomplishments. Additionally, departments recognized students for their academic excellence. On behalf of our students, thank you to the many generous alumni and donors who invest in the future and lessen the financial burdens of attending college. We eagerly anticipate celebrating another cohort of graduates and sending them off on their next life journey.

Although the academic year is ending, the season for field days and wheat plot tours is just beginning. OSU Ag Research and Extension collaborates on these educational events to share research-based information and resources, showcasing the latest agricultural research and best practices. These events exemplify OSU's land-grant mission by integrating Extension and research efforts. Visit [OSU Agriculture Field Days](#) for a list of upcoming events.

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Jayson Lusk
Vice President and Dean
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Dr. Lusk's Lens



OYE 2025

Dr. Lusk participates in the Oklahoma Youth Expo Legislative Showmanship event with Stillwater FFA member Nataley Stejskal. OYE 2025 was the last major event held at the Jim Norick Arena, or "The Big House," before the doors closed for good.

Mission Focus

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OSU Ag Research and OSU Extension. Learn the latest from our three mission areas.



Teaching

The Ferguson College of Agriculture recognized 20 Seniors of Distinction for their college involvement, leadership, research and service as students at its annual awards banquet.

[Read More about Seniors](#)



Research

Brett Carver, regents professor and wheat genetics chair in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, was named a Big 12 Faculty of the Year Award winner.

[Read More about Carver's Award](#)



Extension

Backyard poultry flocks are becoming increasingly popular due to the fluctuating prices of eggs, but they also provide a great hobby for people of all ages.

[Read More about Backyard Poultry](#)

Shaping Tomorrow Today, The Future is Now



Increase Agricultural Productivity and Farm Profitability

OSU Agriculture is boldly charting a transformative path forward, integrating cutting-edge research, innovative teaching and impactful Extension services to revolutionize agriculture and natural resources. This section will identify priorities, critical actions, initiatives, objectives and key performance indicators in OSU Agriculture's Strategic Positioning and Alignment.

Oklahoma agriculture has lagged behind other states in agricultural productivity growth over the past half-century. Recognizing that lagging profitability and productivity growth are partially a result of unique soil, water and climatic conditions, the role of OSU Agriculture is to contribute knowledge and technologies to help increase agricultural productivity. Investments in future facilities and faculty must be viewed through the lens of their impact on productivity growth and contributions to profitability.

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Ag Advocacy

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Ag Day at the Capitol

OSU Agriculture participated in Ag Day at the Capitol on April 22 to showcase its three mission areas and promote the importance of agriculture in the state.



4-H Day at the Capitol

4-H members visited the Oklahoma State Capitol on April 23 to share the impact the Oklahoma 4-H program is having on them, their communities and the state.

Minds at Work



Study: Which foods and drinks are consumed less by those on GLP-1 weight-loss drugs?

The results of a recent national study conducted by the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station found that weight loss drugs — known as Glucagon-like peptide-1 agonists or GLP-1s — lead to

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student in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

[Read More about GLP-1 Study](#)

Campus Pulse



Ferguson Week - Together, We Harvest Success

Ferguson College Week, led by the Ferguson College Student Council, brings together students, alumni, faculty and staff to celebrate the Ferguson College of Agriculture. This year, Ferguson College Week was held March 31 through April 4, featuring events throughout the week including a cookout, cornhole and pickleball tournament, community service outreach at Stillwater Public Schools, and the college's annual Scholarships and Awards Banquet.

Voices from the Field



“SUNUP” - Livestock Marketing

Derrell Peel, OSU Extension livestock marketing specialist, says even though tariffs are creating uncertainty, the fundamentals of the cattle markets remain the same.

Sow and Grow



“Oklahoma Gardening” - How to Build a Kiwi Trellis

Photo Spotlight



Morning Dew

Morning dew sits on the grass outside the OSU Student Union in the formal garden.

News & Events



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Open communication is key to planning with aging parents, especially when talking about money, wills and trusts.

[Read More about Aging Parents](#)

The OSU Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture recently released Plant-It OK, a new horticulture app.

[Read More about Plant App](#)

Rising Leaders

More than 100 Oklahoma 4-H'ers in third through seventh grades gathered for the inaugural Rising Leaders Conference.

[Read More about Rising Leaders](#)

Compost

The OSU Student Farm is transforming the way campus food waste is handled by turning it into compost to grow fresh produce.

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