



AGRICULTURE



NEWS AND UPDATES

August 2025

The fall semester is off to a strong start at Oklahoma State University, with its second consecutive year of record enrollment. The university also has set a new benchmark for freshman enrollment for the fourth straight year, welcoming nearly 5,200 first-year students to the Cowboy family.

The Ferguson College of Agriculture has also hit a record high. We've long been aiming for 3,000 undergraduate students, and we exceeded that goal for the first time in our history. This growth is a testament to the strength of our academic programs, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the passion of our students.

Our land-grant mission is also alive and well beyond the classroom. OSU Extension remains a vital resource for communities across Oklahoma. Likewise, OSU Ag Research continues to push the boundaries of knowledge.

As we step into a new academic year, I'm excited for what lies ahead and grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside so many talented and committed individuals.

Warm Regards,



Jayson Lusk
Vice President and Dean
OSU Agriculture

Dr. Lusk's Lens



Ferguson Family

Dr. Lusk and Pistol Pete celebrate the return of students for the fall semester during the Ferguson Family Block Party and College Welcome.

Mission Focus

OSU Agriculture is comprised of the Ferguson College of Agriculture and two state agencies: OSU Ag Research and OSU Extension. Learn the latest from our three mission areas.



Teaching

John Michael Riley receives the Ferguson College of Agriculture's



Research

Oklahoma Foundation Seed Stocks, a bridge between plant breeders



Extension

Youth from around the state attended State 4-H Roundup in July to

Excellence in Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring Award.

and certified seed growers, is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

engage in educational workshops, competitions and activities.

[Read More about Riley](#)

[Read More about OFSS](#)

[Read More about Roundup](#)

Shaping Tomorrow Today, The Future is Now



Deliver Transformative and Experiential Opportunities On and Off Campus

OSU Agriculture provides transformative and experiential educational opportunities on campus and beyond. Ferguson College of Agriculture students are being exposed to innovative curricula, high-quality facilities, focused experiential learning opportunities and purposeful mentorship relationships that build and strengthen the holistic competencies of the OSU Ideal Graduate. In addition, positive youth leadership and 4-H Youth Development programs play a crucial role in propelling the next generation of leaders by engaging young people in agricultural science, STEM education, leadership, civic engagement and community service.

To serve these multiple types of learners, OSU Agriculture will continually adapt programs to meet evolving needs and the public's preferred modes of learning, ensuring that all participants receive relevant and impactful education.

[Read More about OSU Agriculture Priorities](#)

Campus Pulse



Welcome, Students!

Excitement filled the air as Ferguson College of Agriculture students moved into the Freshman in Transition Living Learning Program residential hall, participated in the Ferguson Family Block Party and College Welcome, and attended the first day of classes.

Bright Horizons



The Student Farm

OSU Agriculture welcomed Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur and guests to the OSU Student Farm, a collaborative effort between the

division and Our Daily Bread Food and Resource Center. Their visit highlighted the work students, faculty and staff are doing to advance sustainable agriculture and hands-on learning.

Hands that Help



4-H Hall of Fame Award Recipients

Maggie Evans from Grady County and Bridger Arrington from Logan County were inducted into the Oklahoma 4-H Hall of Fame at the 104th Oklahoma 4-H Roundup.

[Read More about Maggie Evans](#)

[Read More about Bridger Arrington](#)

Voices from the Field



“SUNUP” - Surprising Benefits of Native Weeds

Mark Turner, OSU Extension wildlife specialist, shares practical tips on how native weeds can serve as valuable forage for wildlife. Discover which plants benefit deer, birds and other species, and learn how managing weeds the right way can improve habitat and food options on your land.

Sow and Grow



“Oklahoma Gardening” - How to Replant Groceries

Shelley Mitchell, senior Extension specialist, demonstrates how to get the most from your produce.

Photo Spotlight



Beauty in Nature

A butterfly pollinates a flower, showcasing the beautiful nature on campus.

News & Events



Phi Kappa Phi Fellow

Recent OSU graduate Lauren Chaney has been awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship.

[Read More about Chaney](#)



Hot Tips for Gardening

Oklahomans are still in the heat of summer, but it's not too early to start thinking about a fall garden.

[Read More about Hot Tips](#)



One Year in Ag Hall

OSU Agriculture is celebrating a transformative year inside its new teaching, research and Extension home, Agricultural Hall.

[Read More about Ag Hall](#)

Prescribed Fire

Tribal landowners, producers and natural resource professionals are invited to attend the Prescribed Fire Workshop and Field Day.

[Read More about Prescribed Fire](#)

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