



AGRICULTURE



NEWS AND UPDATES

March 2025

March came in like a lion with devastating wildfires affecting numerous communities around the state. My thoughts are with those who have suffered loss during the recent wildfire outbreak. I feel grateful to live in a community and state that helps to take care of its own, and I'm proud of our OSU Extension team for providing [disaster preparedness and recovery resources](#) to help those in need.

OSU Extension offers essential resources and support, particularly during challenging times. Therefore, it's crucial for us to better understand community needs and formulate a comprehensive strategy to modernize Extension in Oklahoma. To view the findings from our statewide assessment survey, please visit the [full report](#) online.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Jayson Lusk

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Dr. Lusk's Lens



Chilly Cowboy ❄️

Dr. Lusk takes the polar plunge with OSU Agriculture's Shane Robinson, Jason Warren and John Gustafson during this year's Chilly Cowboy to help raise funds for Special Olympics Oklahoma.

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

The Ferguson College of Agriculture celebrated agricultural practices and cultural traditions from around the world during Celebrate AgriCULTURE.

[View the Photo Gallery](#)



Research

The Wheat Improvement Team is recognized as one of the world's top breeding programs and has released 37 wheat varieties since 2000.

[Read More about WIT](#)



Extension

OSU Extension and OSU Ag Research are partnering to reach Oklahoma cattle producers for a study on the Asian longhorned tick.

[Read More about Tick Study](#)

Research Roundup



Sustaining Environmental and Natural Resources

OSU's environmental and natural resource research covers a variety of areas related to the sustainability of natural resources, such as plants, animals and water, while educating the world on environmental issues and their solutions.

[Learn More about this Research](#)

4-H and FFA Highlights



All For One Livestock Show

OSU Extension educators in LeFlore County are enriching the lives of Oklahomans with a livestock exhibition event for special needs children. OSU Extension educators and other personnel hosted the second annual All For One Livestock Show on March 8 in Poteau.

[Learn More about All For One Livestock Show](#)

Voices from the Field



"SUNUP" - Wildfire Assistance

Amy Hagerman, OSU Extension agricultural policy specialist, discusses the recent devastating fires and shares Extension resources available to those affected.

Rooted in Oklahoma



“Oklahoma Gardening” held a special screening of the documentary “Rooted in Oklahoma: Celebrating 50 Years of Oklahoma Gardening” with honored guests. The hosts and production crew reunited to share their experiences of the evolution of “Oklahoma Gardening” over the years. Tune into OETA at 7 p.m. on March 27 to watch the in-depth documentary, which celebrates the golden anniversary of the popular program that provides viewers with the latest horticulture information.

[View the Rooted in Oklahoma Teaser](#)

Photo Spotlight



Remembering April 19, 1995

Trees reflect off the water at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. This April marks the 30th anniversary of the bombing that shook Oklahoma and the nation to their core.



OALP Applications

Applications are open for the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Program Class XXII and are due by May 1.

[Read More about OALP Applications](#)



Disaster Resources

With the risk of wildfires, tornadoes, floods and more this spring, OSU Extension reminds Oklahomans of the resources available.

[Read More about Disaster Resources](#)



New Department Head

Jason Harmon, an insect ecologist, will serve as the new head of the OSU Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management.

[Read More about Department Head](#)



Tribal Grant Awards

OSU Extension is teaming up with Native American tribes to hire three additional Extension educators in northeast Oklahoma.

[Read More about Tribal Grant Awards](#)

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