

**AGENDA**  
**STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY**

Monday, October 14, 2024  
4:00 p.m.

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College  
200 I St NE, Miami, OK 74354

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Declaration of a Quorum
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Comments from President Stafford
6. Consideration and Proposed Action on Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of August 28, 2024.
7. Consideration and Proposed Action on Division Reports
  - A. Administrative Services – Dan Ridings  
Summary of present financial condition of the agency and monthly activities in the following areas: Finance, Human Resources, Fleet Management, Data Processing and Agriculture Law Enforcement Investigators.
  - B. Laboratory Services – Wade Krivanek  
Summary of analytical activities, customer contacts, and other pertinent information related to laboratory operations.
  - C. Forestry Services – Mark Goeller  
Summary of activities and accomplishments in resource protection and rural fire defense, forest management and regeneration, water quality, urban forestry, forestry education and law enforcement. Includes statistics on wildfires and law enforcement activity and narrative of forestry program highlights for the month.
  - D. Consumer Protection Services – Kenny Naylor  
Addresses stop sale orders on insect and disease infested crops, phytosanitary certificates issued, insect survey summaries, pesticide registration updates, pesticide inspections, seed program and seed laboratory updates, weights and measures reports, scanner inspections, grain warehouses and meetings attended by division personnel.

- E. Animal Industry Services – Rod Hall, DVM  
Addresses information and activities of staff related to control and eradication of animal diseases affecting livestock and livestock market audits. It also addresses emergency response preparation and education for response to any outbreak of foreign, emerging and/or eradicated disease.
- F. Wildlife Services – Justin Cooper  
Summary of activities and accomplishments in wildlife damage management to protect state resources such as agriculture, property, natural resources, and public health and safety from wildlife damage and wildlife threats.
- G. Agricultural Statistics – Troy Marshall  
Addresses the current crop conditions and livestock inventory numbers. Also included is a report on the number of information requests received, reports released during the previous month, reports to be released during the current month, and the meetings attended by Division personnel during the previous month.
- H. Market Development Services – Meriruth Sellers  
Summary of the accomplishments, projects and events of Ag in the Classroom, Agritourism, Communications, Domestic Marketing (Made in Oklahoma, Made in Oklahoma Coalition), Diversified Marketing (Farmers Market, Specialty Crop Block Grants, Farm to School), International Marketing, Market News and Rural Economic Development.
- I. Agricultural Environmental Management Services – Teena Gunter  
Executive summary that addresses Swine Feeding Operations, registered poultry feeding operations and poultry waste applicators, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), plus agricultural composting facilities, and Commercial Pet Breeders and Shelters. Includes numbers and statistics on complaint investigations, technical assistance contacts, inspections, enforcement/compliance activities and seminars/meetings attended by Division personnel for the month.
- J. Office of General Counsel – Teena Gunter  
Summarizes activities of the division, including rules, collections, legal research, meetings, support for programs, contracts, employment issues, open records requests, farming and ranching incorporations, and informal and formal enforcement actions before the Board, district court, and federal court.
- K. Food Safety Services – Scott Yates  
Addresses the inspection of meat, poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities to determine compliance with regulatory standards.
- L. Ag Communications and Outreach Update – Lee Benson

8. Consideration and Proposed Action on Purchases/Contracts
9. Consideration and Proposed Action on Cases Resolved by Stipulations

**Consumer Protection Services**

**Family Dollar, 911 E. Broadway, Enid, Oklahoma**

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10. Next Board meeting scheduled for **December 12, 2024**, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.
11. Old Business
12. New Business – Under the Open Meeting Act, this agenda item is authorized only for matters not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda or any revised agenda.
13. Adjournment

*\*Members of the Board and staff from ODAFF may join for dinner. Board Members, staff, and the public may discuss program issues during dinner; no votes or action will be taken during the dinner.*

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY**

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 28, 2024

The Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture met in regular session at 3:00 p.m., August 28, 2024, in Oklahoma City. Written notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State. A notice was posted at the Agriculture Building 24 hours prior to the meeting setting forth thereon the date, time, place and agenda for the meeting and an agenda was posted on the agency website.

Members Present: Brent Bolen  
Blayne Arthur  
Clay Burtrum  
Nocona Cook  
Joe Farris

Others Present: Michaela Lembeck, Executive Secretary  
JanLee Rowlett, Deputy Commissioner  
Dan Ridings, Director, Administrative Services  
Wade Krivanek, Director, Laboratory Services  
Kenny Naylor, Director, Consumer Protection Services  
Craig Marquardt, Forestry Services  
Dr. Rod Hall, Animal Industries  
Teena Gunter, Director, Agricultural Environmental  
Management Services & Office of General Counsel  
Scott Yates, Director, Food Safety  
Justin Cooper, Director, Wildlife Services  
Meriruth Sellers, Director, Market Development  
Lee Benson, Public Information Officer  
James Rucker, ODAFF, Office of General Counsel  
Brendan Hoover, Kilpatrick Polley Group

Ms. Arthur called the meeting to order, and a quorum was declared.

A motion was made by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Farris, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2024, as presented.

The vote was as follows:

Bolen	Aye
Burtrum	Aye
Arthur	Aye
Cook	Aye
Farris	Aye

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Burtrum, to approve the division reports as submitted.

The vote was as follows:

Bolen	Aye
Burtrum	Aye
Arthur	Aye
Cook	Aye
Farris	Aye

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Farris, seconded by Mr. Bolen, to approve the following purchases/contracts as submitted.

The vote was as follows:

Bolen	Aye
Burtrum	Aye
Arthur	Aye
Cook	Aye
Farris	Aye

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Burtrum, seconded by Mr. Cook, to approve the Proposed Action on Cases Resolved by Stipulations as submitted.

**Agricultural Environmental Management Services**

**Lengo 1947, LLC, 16310 U. S. 59<sup>th</sup> North, Keota, Oklahoma**

**Tun & Niang Lun Tuang, 16310 U. S. 59 North, Keota, Oklahoma**

**Consumer Protection Services**

**Duncan Golf and Tennis Club, 1800 N. Country Club Rd., Duncan, Oklahoma**

**Family Dollar, 30516 Highway 59, Wayne, Oklahoma**

**Family Dollar, 911 E. Broadway, Enid, Oklahoma**

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Bolen	Aye
Burtrum	Aye
Arthur	Aye
Cook	Aye
Farris	Aye

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Farris, seconded by Mr. Bolen, to approve the Proposed Action on Cases Resolved by Final Order as submitted.

**Consumer Protection Services**

**Gonzales Pest Control, 809 W. Choctaw, Chickasha, Oklahoma**

**Michael Holland, 700 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Snyder, Oklahoma**

**David Lechner, 1104 N. 105<sup>th</sup> E. Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**Perimeter Spraying Services, LLC, 916 W. York Ave., Enid, Oklahoma**

**XYLO Pellets, 14134 XYLO Lane, Wayne, Oklahoma**

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Burtrum	Aye
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Farris	Aye

The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Burtrum, to approve the Proposed Action on Cases Resolved by Consent Order as submitted.

**Agricultural Environmental Management Services**

**Jim Kline & Karyl Kline, 20398 S. 2092 Road, Claremore, Oklahoma**

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The vote was as follows:

Bolen	Aye
Burtrum	Aye
Arthur	Aye
Cook	Aye
Farris	Aye

There is no old business presented for the Board to take action upon. Mr. Bolen moved, Mr. Farris seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Secretary

# AUGUST 28, 2024 BOARD MEETING

## PURCHASES/CONTRACTS

### ADMINISTRATION

**\$12,000/FY2025** - Purchase of Geosafe subscription for Investigative Services. Geosafe is a program and application providing location identification for Special Agents. It is a specific law enforcement smartphone app showing an agent's location on a map in real time. It also records the activity. It provides a great amount of officer safety in that, the agent's location is shared with other law enforcement agencies subscribed to the application. Currently, most counties and state agencies utilize the service. It also allows agents to do warrant searches and identify stolen property in the field without having to call into the office and have second person search the information through the Oklahoma Law Enforcement taking them away from other duties.

**FY25 - \$85,000.00** – Purchase of new vehicles to replace 2 vehicles in ODAFF Fleet – 1 vehicle was involved in a collision and was total by insurance and another vehicle was damaged via severe weather (tornado) and they need replacing so that the divisions can continue to function a full capacity without any disruption in services.

### FORESTRY SERVICES

#### **FY25 Pass-through Grant Funding - \$30,000**

Oklahoma Forestry Services will be providing financial assistance to landowners to manage non-native invasive plant species. By participating in this program, landowners will be able to remove non-native invasive plants currently on their lands. **Justification:** Landowners will maintain healthy forests across the landscape that are resilient to current and future forest health threats such as pests, diseases, and wildfire. Funds spent on this program will be federally reimbursed.

#### **FY25 Talihina office new HVAC unit - \$10,000**

Purchase and installation of new HVAC unit at Talihina district office. Current HVAC unit is very inefficient, 30 years old, and has an unrepairable freon leak in the coil. A new coil is unavailable for a unit of this age and the cost to recharge the unit every year due to leaking freon is significant. Funding for this purchase comes from the Oklahoma Legislative Session, FY25 Forestry budget appropriations.

#### **FY25 Wilburton shop new roof- \$15,000**

Installation of new roof on old Wilburton shop to include old roofing material removal, decking repair, installation of new roofing, caulk/seal chimneys, and debris/material removal. Current roof was installed in 2008 and multiple leaks are present and has also rotted out some of the plywood decking. Replacement is needed to prevent further damage and degradation. Funding for this purchase comes from the Oklahoma Legislative Session, FY25 Forestry budget appropriations.

#### **FY25 Wilburton and Talihina office gravel for driveways and parking lots- \$6,000**

Purchase of gravel for driveways and parking lots at Wilburton and Talihina offices. Necessary for maintenance and upkeep of grounds and to present and maintain neat, professional appearance of state offices. Both offices are frequented by our customers and members of the public. Funding for this purchase comes from the Oklahoma Legislative Session, FY25 Forestry budget appropriations.



**FY25 Board Request Wildland Firefighter Boots and Gear for OFS Personnel, \$20,000**

Purchase wildland firefighting boots and firefighting personal gear for OFS personnel. Boots are provided to employees with firefighting responsibilities after successfully passing the work capacity test three years in a row. **Justification:** OFS is required to supply OFS firefighters with mandatory personal protective equipment (PPE) and gear for their protection and care while on duty.

**MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

FY2025 – Healthy Food Finance Grant – Dakota Star Ranch Ministries (Shannon Seaborn-Dobbs) - \$5,339.00

FY2025 – Healthy Food Finance Grant – The Roost Lake Store (Christina Farris) - \$9,000.00

FY2025 – Healthy Food Finance Grant – Flora Fauna Cooperative (Angela Chase) - \$10,000.00

FY2025 – Oklahoma Grape Growers & Winemakers Conference – facility rental & food – Funded entirely by the Viticulture & Enology Revolving Grant Fund - \$9,500.00

FY2025 – Agritourism categorical Fall & Christmas Tree guides – printing - \$30,000.00

Justification: It is the goal of the Agritourism Program to utilize all marketing channels to create a consistent brand awareness campaign and utilize these channels for seasonal promotions within the many categories of Agritourism. The brochure distribution program is one of the top marketing channels for Oklahoma Agritourism as we are able to reach hundreds of thousands of consumers each year. Not only are individual consumers requesting these brochures through TravelOK.com, but they are also distributed at festivals, tradeshows, and other events throughout the year. If this expense is not approved, there will be a negative impact on the ability of the Agritourism Program to promote and advertise the 400+ Agritourism venues in the state, resulting in an economic loss of those businesses and the local economy in those areas.

FY2025 – Tulsa Home and Garden Show – booth rental – cost share basis for 10 Made in Oklahoma companies - \$12,000.00

**WILDLIFE SERVICES**

\$35,000 – ODAFF Wildlife Services is requesting approval to purchase a boat with side console with at least 115 horsepower to conduct various projects that entail large bodies of water. Not approving will result in excessive time, labor, and maneuverability to complete projects.

\$110,000 - ODAFF Wildlife Services is requesting approval to purchase two 4x4 trucks. These are replacements to the fleet of vehicles that have high mileage and will be used for field staff in completing their duties. Not approving will result in excessive vehicle repairs.

# **Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry**

## **October 2024, Board Report**

### **Administrative Services**

# Administrative Services – Investigative Services

## INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 2024



INVESTIGATIONS		AUGUST	YTD	FYTD
LIVESTOCK		6	33	8
FIRE			9	0
PROPERTY		1	13	3
TIMBER			0	0
AGENCY ASSISTS	ODAFF		5	0
AGENCY ASSISTS	EXTERNAL		4	2
OTHER		1	7	2
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS OPENED		8	71	15
CLOSED PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		1	12	3
NO CRIME		1	9	1
NO PROSECUTION			0	0
CLOSED - ASSIST CASE			4	0
PRESENTED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR PROSECUTION		1	8	1
REFERRED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION			0	0
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED		3	33	5
COUNTS FILED		6	15	6
VALUE OF LOSSES - ALL CRIMES		\$119,200	\$641,233	\$197,200
RECOVERED LOSSES - ALL CRIMES		\$21,100	\$249,548	\$33,100
NUMBER OF CATTLE REPORTED STOLEN		52	229	60
NUMBER OF CATTLE RECOVERED		4	62	9



# Administrative Services – Investigative Services

## INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 2024



INVESTIGATIONS		SEPTEMBER	YTD	FYTD
LIVESTOCK		6	39	14
FIRE		4	13	4
PROPERTY		1	14	4
TIMBER			0	0
AGENCY ASSISTS	ODAFF		5	0
AGENCY ASSISTS	EXTERNAL		4	2
OTHER			7	2
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS OPENED		11	82	26
CLOSED PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		3	15	6
NO CRIME		2	11	3
NO PROSECUTION			0	0
CLOSED - ASSIST CASE			4	0
PRESENTED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR PROSECUTION			8	1
REFERRED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION			0	0
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED		5	38	10
COUNTS FILED		0	15	6
VALUE OF LOSSES - ALL CRIMES		\$61,300	\$702,533	\$258,500
RECOVERED LOSSES - ALL CRIMES		\$34,800	\$284,348	\$67,900
NUMBER OF CATTLE REPORTED STOLEN		20	249	80
NUMBER OF CATTLE RECOVERED		4	66	13





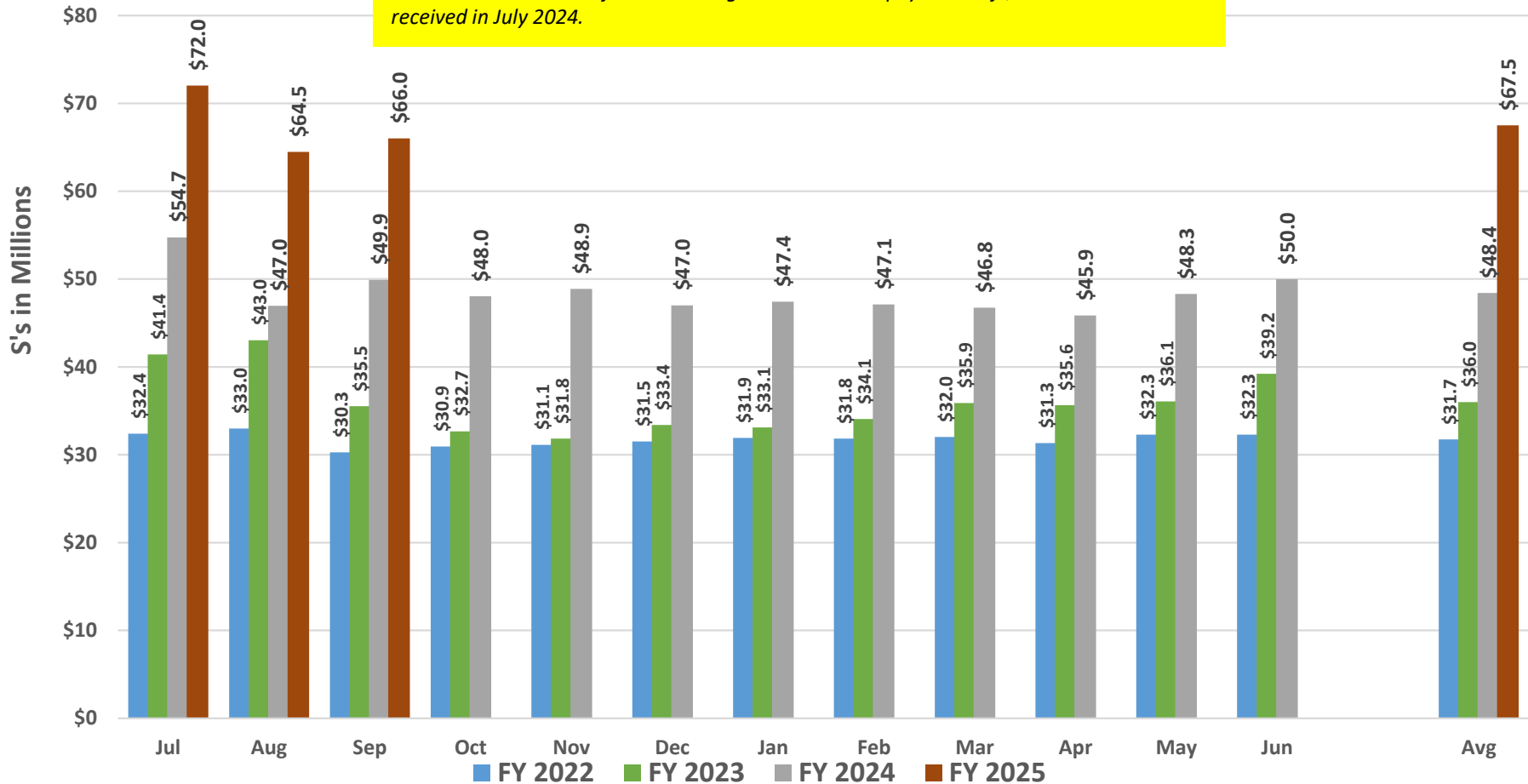
# Available Cash at Month End

## Months Ending: July 2021 – September 2024

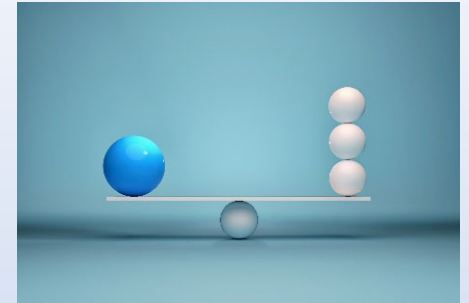
per Allotment Budget & Available Cash Report Fiscal Year 2022-2025

Note 1: The amounts shown here include fund 700, Commodity Storage Indemnity Fund, which had a balance of \$11,786,909 on 9/30/2024.

Note 2: One-time cash for FY 2025 legislative directed payments of \$20.1 million were received in July 2024.



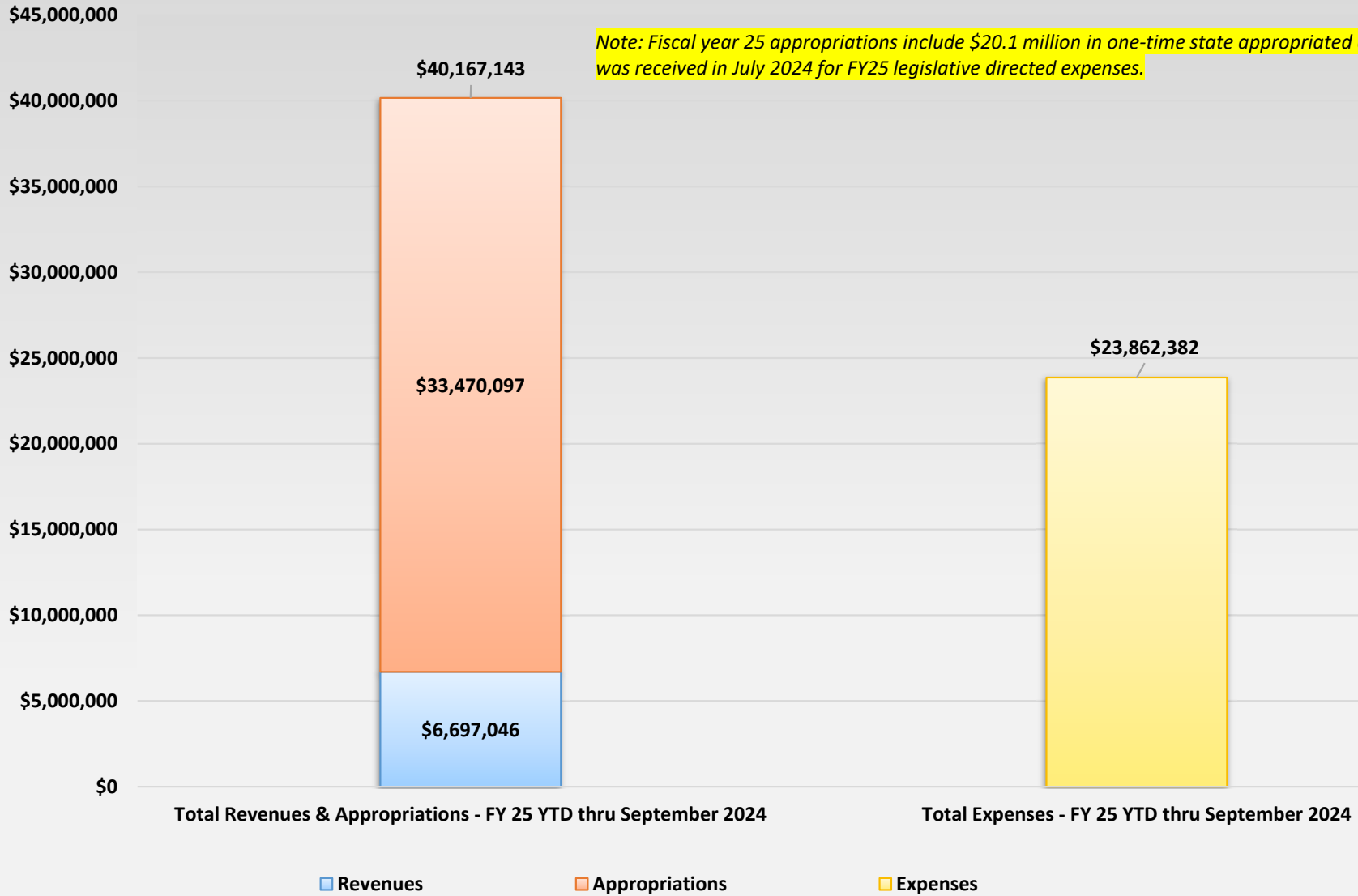
# Administrative Services - Finance



- Cash balance as of 9/30/2024 was \$66 million compared to \$49.9 million as of 9/30/2023
  - Increase of \$16.1 million from the prior year and is primarily attributed to the following:
    - Increase in state appropriated cash received in July 2024 for fiscal year 2025 legislative directed spendings

# Total Revenues, Appropriations and Expenses Fiscal Year 2025 thru September 2024

Note: Fiscal year 25 appropriations include \$20.1 million in one-time state appropriated cash that was received in July 2024 for FY25 legislative directed expenses.





## Revenue By Division September 2024

Division	September 2024 Revenue	Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue thru September 2024
Admin. Svcs.	42,504	96,878
General Counsel		(21,475)
AEMS	5,077	81,844
Stats		
Forestry	342,278	1,510,973
Animal Ind.	35,504	60,551
Mkt. Dev.	82,078	172,664
CPS A-4	811,499	3,207,828
Wildlife	4,800	50,800
Food Safety	185,634	1,151,705
Ag. Lab	49,236	118,945
<b>Division Total</b> (see division receipts graph on next slide)	<b>1,558,610</b>	<b>6,430,713</b>
Commodity Storage Indemnity	33,424	97,891
Appropriations	4,444,944	33,470,097
<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>6,036,978</b>	<b>39,998,701</b>

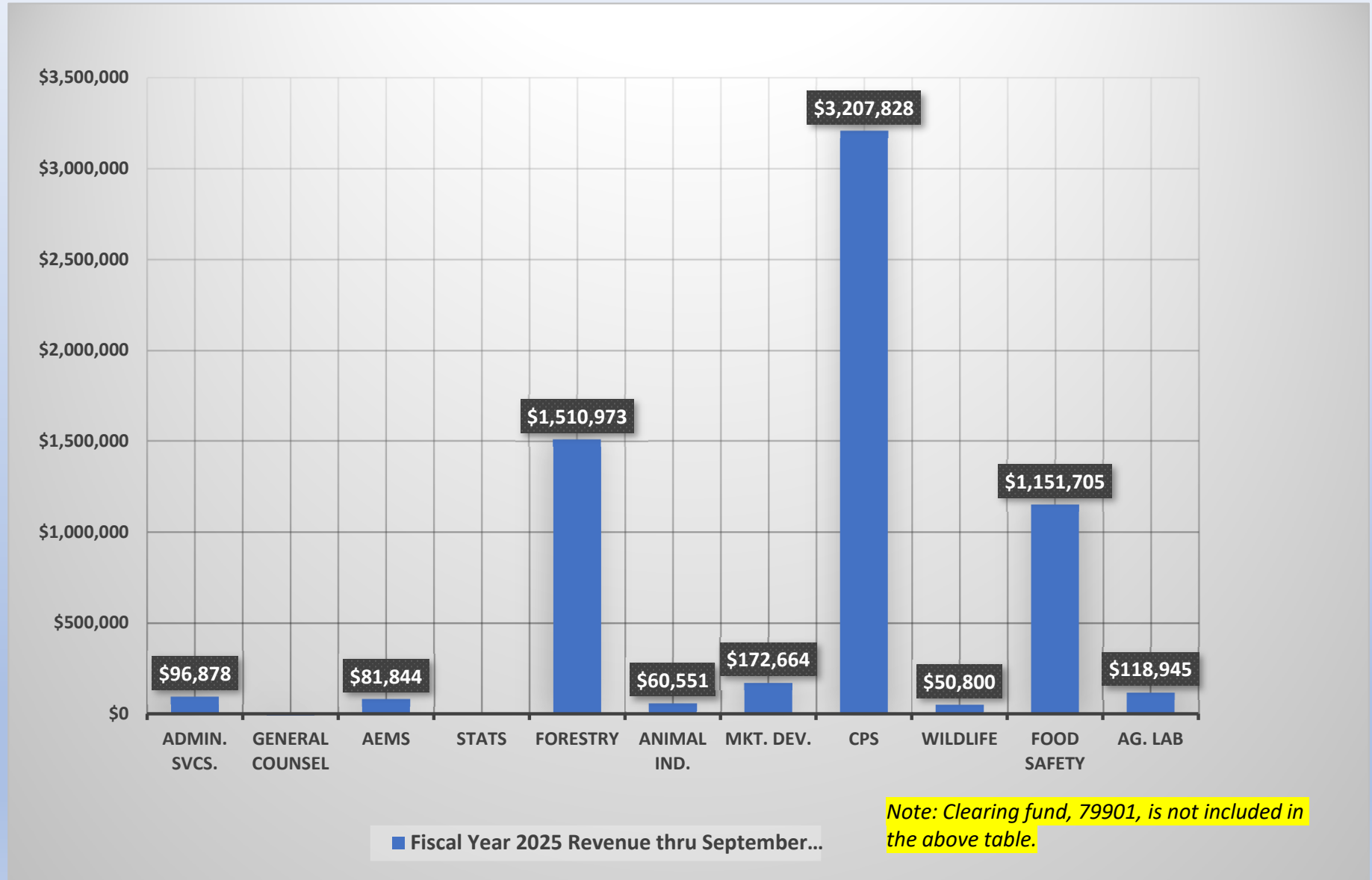
*Note 1: Clearing fund, 79901, is not included in the above table.*

*Note 2: Appropriations shown above, include \$20.1 million in state appropriated one-time cash received in July 2024 for FY25 Legislative directed spendings.*





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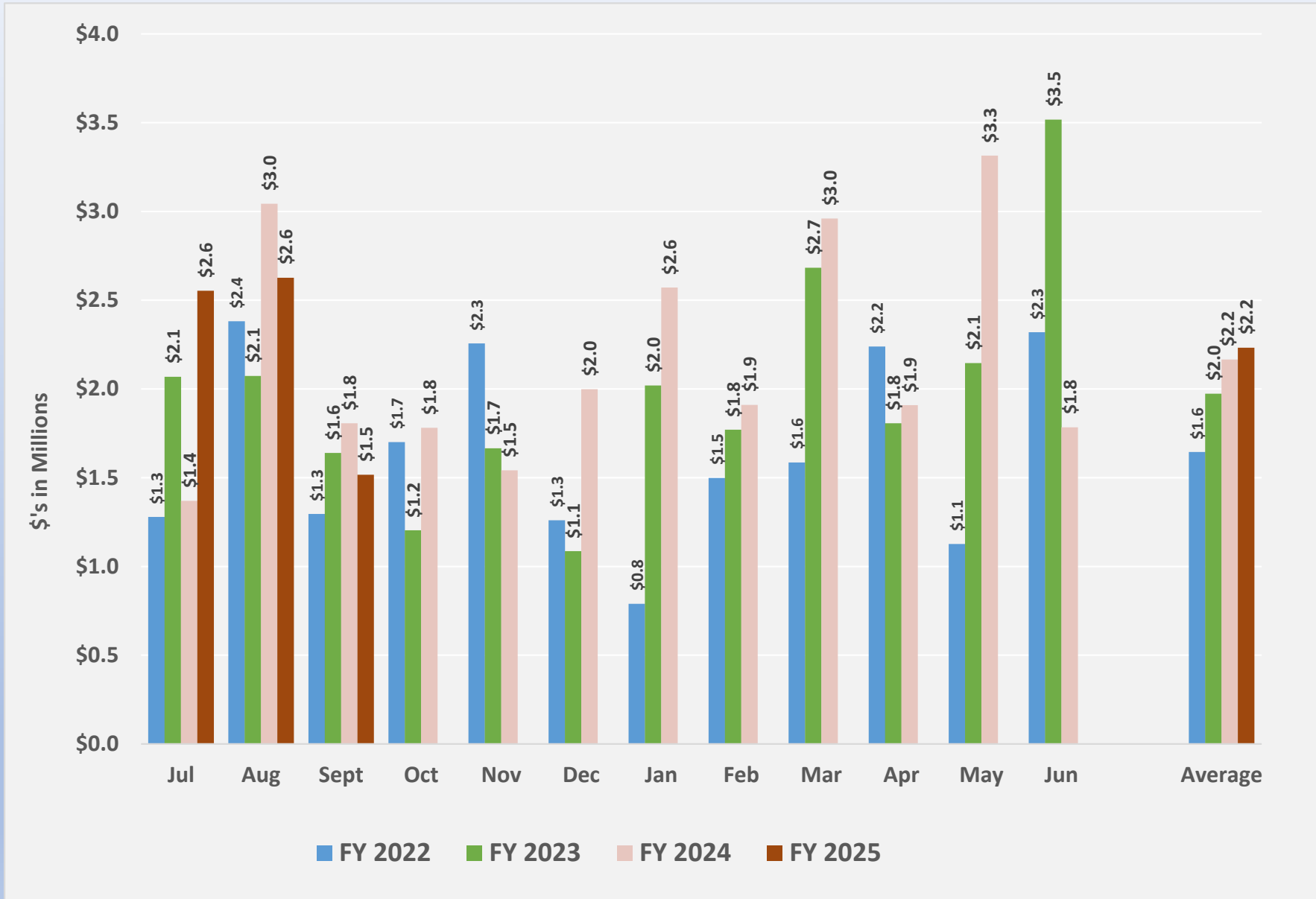


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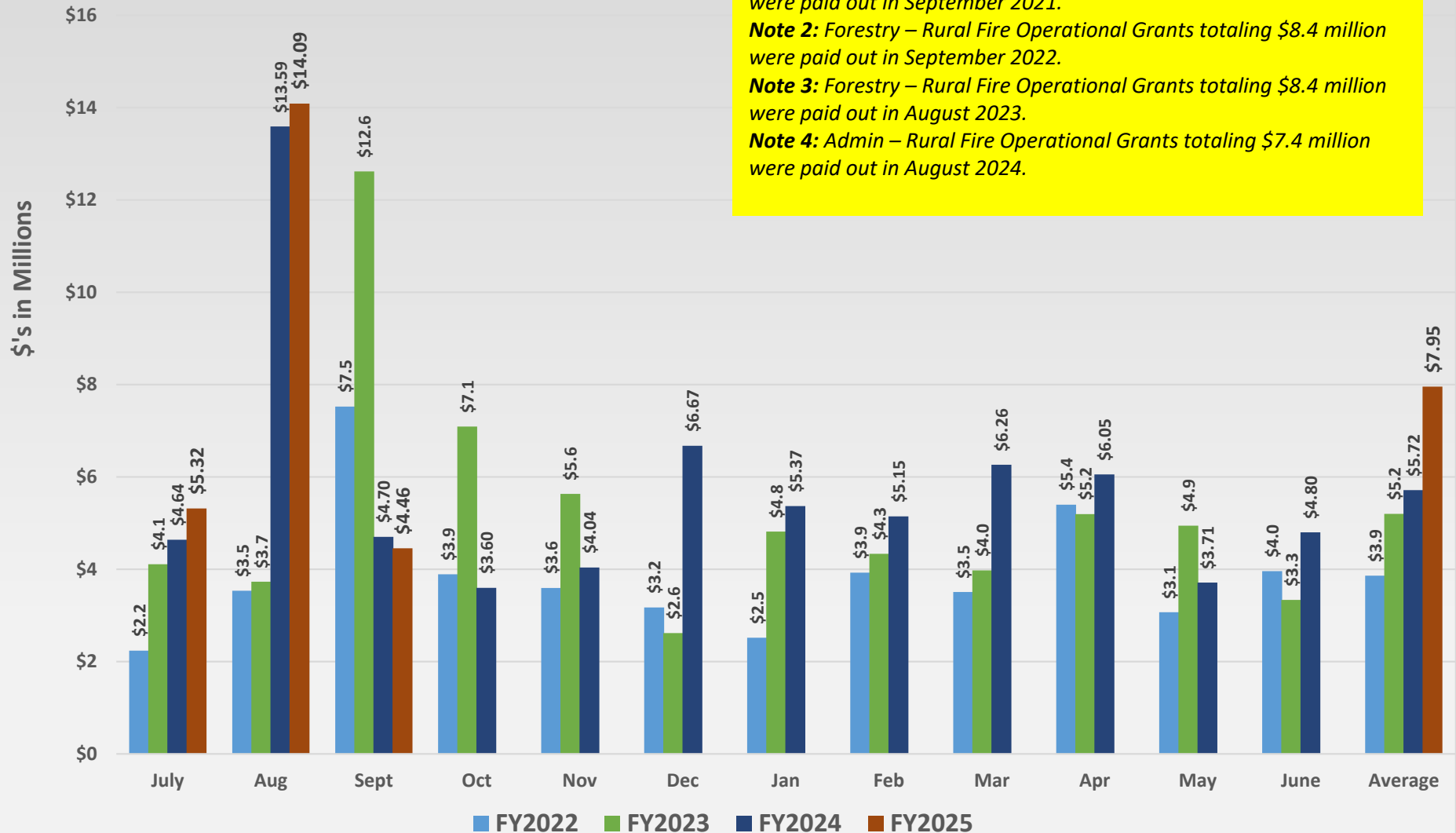
- Revenues (excluding appropriations) for FY 25 thru September 2024 were \$6.7 million compared to \$6.2 million for the same period last year.
- This is an increase of approximately \$500K million and is primarily due to:
  - An increase in federal reimbursements
  - An increase in plant industry revenues



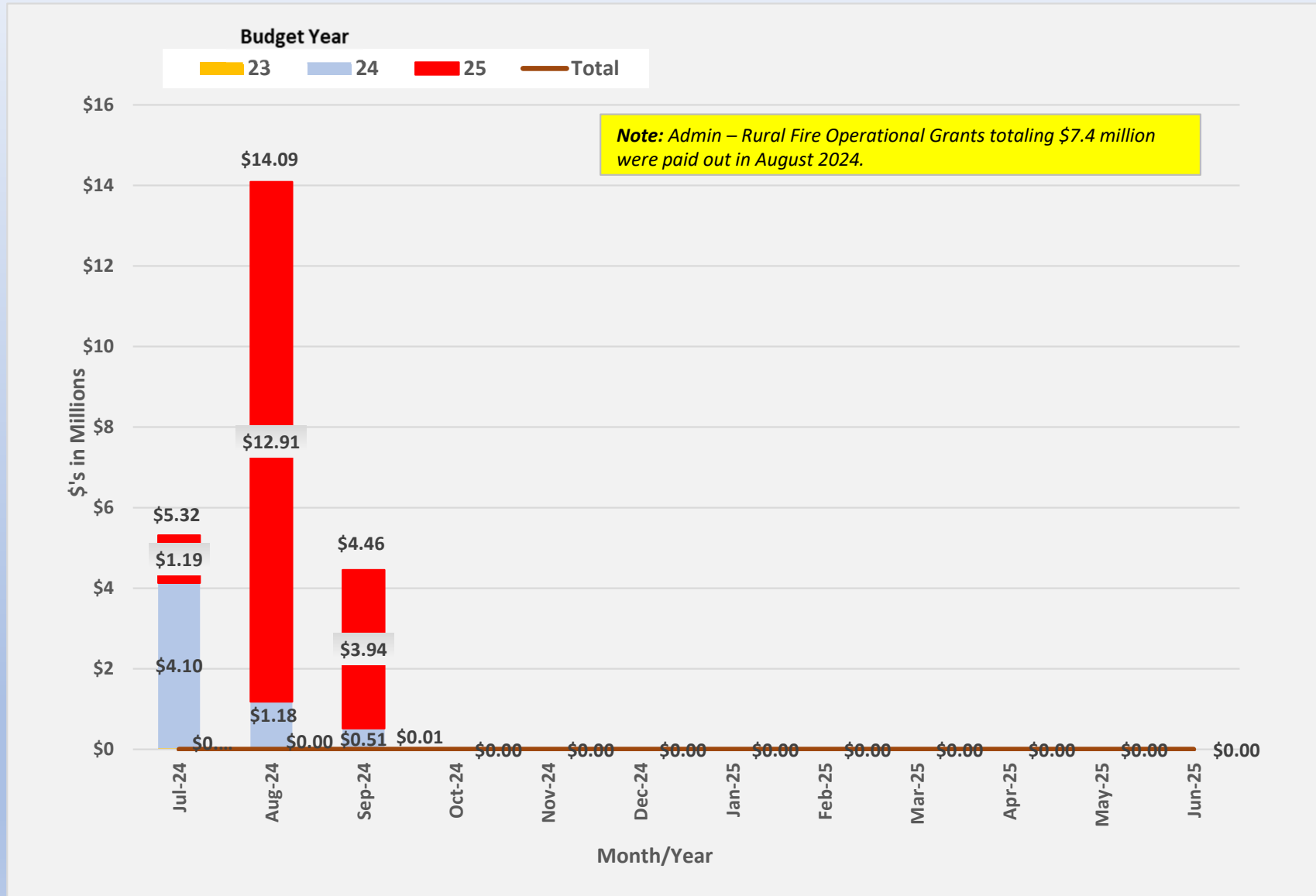
# Total Revenue by Month July 2021 – September 2024



# Total Expenses by Month July 2021 – September 2024



## FY 2025 Total Expenses by Month with Budget Year

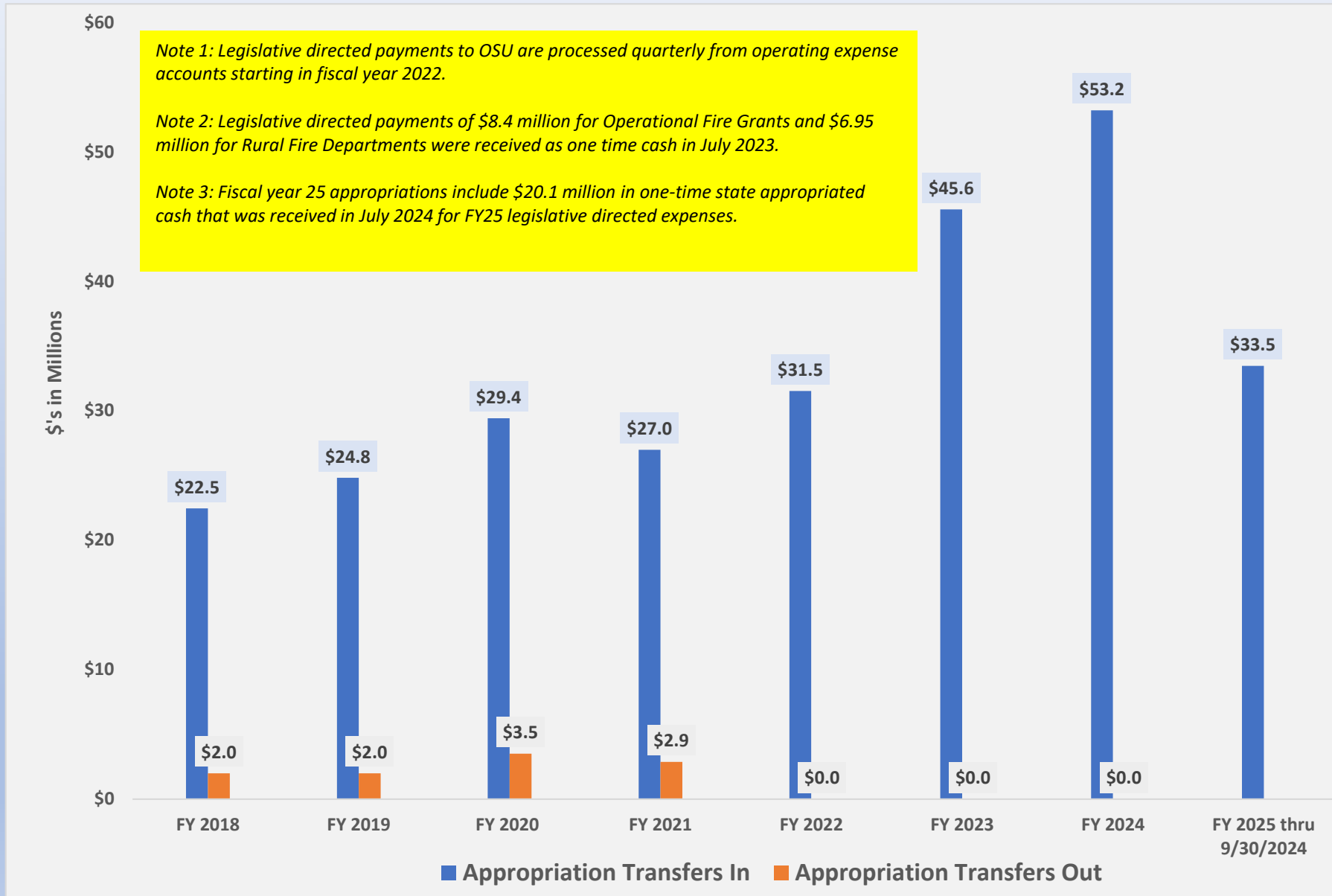


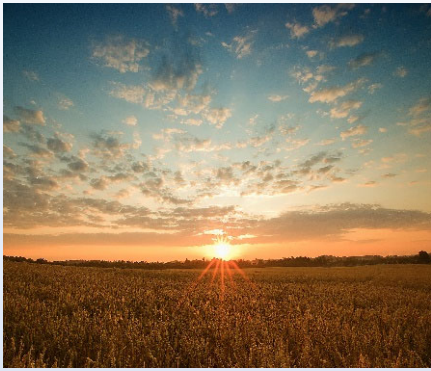
# Administrative Services - Finance

- Total expenses for FY 25 thru September 2024 were \$23.9 million compared to \$22.9 million for the same period last year.
  - This was an increase of \$1 million and is primarily attributed to:
    - Catesby, Oklahoma fire - out of state fire assistance payments
    - Replacement of Forestry radios that are no longer manufactured/supported that are used for
      - Wildfire/emergency response
      - Fuels mitigation projects
      - Communication with state and local cooperators
    - Increased payroll and benefit costs

# Appropriations

## FY 2018 thru FY 2025 (thru September 2024)





## Commodity Storage Indemnity Investment Report

As of September 30, 2024			
Investments with Office of State Treasurer			
Cash Management Account:			\$11,786,909
<u>FY-2025 Receipts</u>			
		Current Month	YTD
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New		-	-
Interest Revenue		33,424	97,891
Reinsurance		-	-
ODAFF Support Services		-	-
Recovered Salvage		-	-
Elevator Salvage		-	-
Matured Long Term Investments		-	-
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	TOTALS	33,424	97,891
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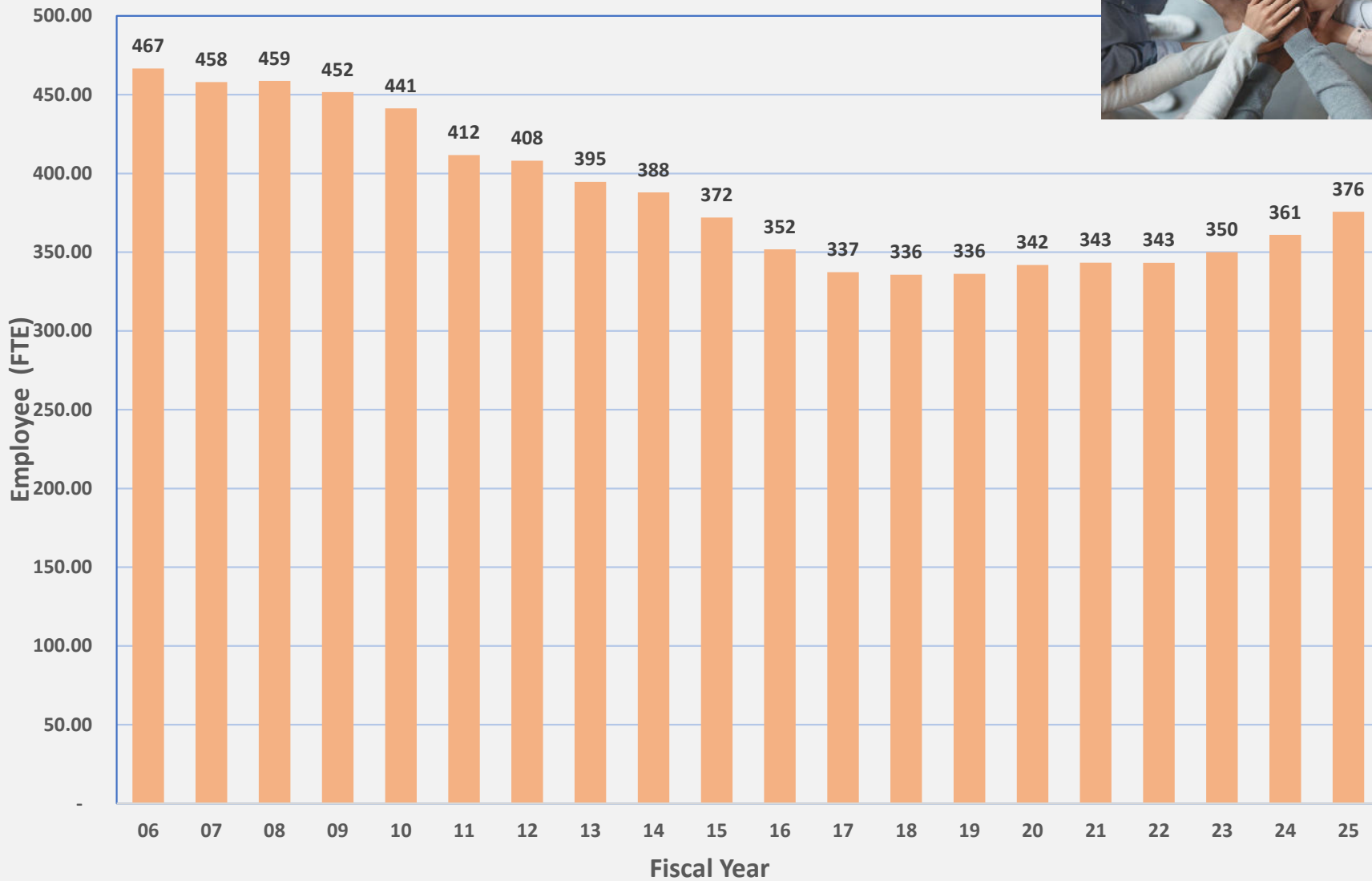
**Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry**
**Monthly Budget Report - Budget Year 2025**
**As of September 30, 2024**
**Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget to Actuals for Budget Year 2025 thru September 30, 2024**

<b>Class Funding</b>	<b>Class Fund Description</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Encumbrances &amp; Pre Encumbrances</b>	<b>Available Budget</b>
19102	Duties	1,500,000	276,011	1,223,989	-
19302	Agriculture Extension Division	20,135,265	8,464,549	4,491,667	7,179,049
19401	GRF- Duties	-	-	1	(1)
19501	GRF-Duties	53,339,326	4,260,052	42,045,136	7,034,138
20500	Rural Fire Defense Eqp Rev Fd	150,000	-	149,999	1
21000	Agriculture Revolving Fund	26,314,057	4,569,350	19,017,309	2,727,399
22500	Enhancemnt & Diversificatn Fnd	16,000	10,000	3,333	2,667
23000	Okla Pet Overpopulation Fund	35,000	-	12,500	22,500
23500	Animal Friendly Revolving Fund	35,000	-	12,500	22,500
24000	Unwanted Pesticide Disp Fund	300,000	-	350,000	(50,000)
24500	Rural Fire Revolving Fund	1,730,575	68	300,541	1,429,966
25500	Ag. Evidence Law Enforce Fund	4,000	-	-	4,000
25600	Ok Viticulture Enology Revl Fd	446,657	35,606	257,979	153,072
26200	Poultry Grading Revolving Fund	1,234,512	255,295	755,250	223,967
28500	Milk & Milk Prod Inspec Rev Fd	466,489	98,351	354,847	13,291
28600	Ag In The Classrm Educ Rvlv Fd	24,000	-	-	24,000
28700	Healthy Food Financing Revl Fd	100,000	9,000	35,670	55,330
42000	Specialty Crop Federal Funds	1,100,000	21,342	686,167	392,492
43100	Marketing's Farm to School	278,352	28,739	130,430	119,183
43500	Local Food for Schools Co-op	452,000	66,628	353,372	32,000
44000	RsInt Food Sys Infrstr Coop Ag	6,407,933	-	-	6,407,933
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>114,069,166</b>	<b>18,094,989</b>	<b>70,180,691</b>	<b>25,793,486</b>

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	<b>Totals</b>	<b>114,069,166</b>	<b>18,094,989</b>	<b>70,180,691</b>	<b>25,793,486</b>

# Employee FTE Totals



**Note 1:** FTE listed for fiscal year 23 was based on the FTE from August 15, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 as the Workday HR system was implemented on August 15, 2022.

**Note 2:** FTE listed for fiscal year 25 was based on the FTE thru September 30, 2024.

**OCTOBER 2024 BOARD REPORT  
 AGRICULTURE LABORATORY SERVICES  
 (August 2024 Activities)**

**QUALITY MANAGEMENT SECTION:** (Daniel Tripp, QA Manager)

The Food and Dairy Section has completed its' Molecular Detection Assay – *Listeria* Shelf-Life Extension Study. The study allowed the Section to use Neogen’s Molecular Detection Assay – *Listeria* kit past the manufacturer’s 60-day expiration date. It was determined that these kits can now be used up to an additional 90 days, allowing the staff to use these reagents for a total of five months before expiring. A report for this study was created to document the background, purpose, and explanation of results.

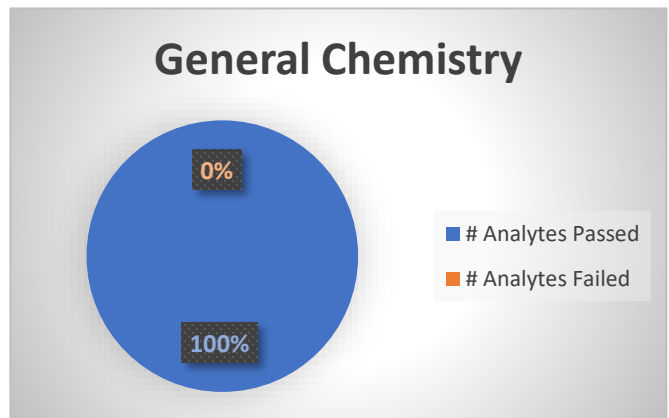
The QA Manager has been updating the laboratory’s *Listeria* Analysis SOP. The new revision of this SOP contains instructions for using the screening samples for *Listeria* using the 3M Molecular Detection Assay Platform and necessary reagents.

Arrangements have been made with the Food and Dairy Section to begin a non-O157 STEC verification project. This project was requested by the USDA after initial findings by the QA Manager’s responses to the findings made during their external audit. All staff will be required to participate in this project.

**PT Results**

The routine distribution of quality control samples to respective Sections of the Laboratory continued. Collection and submission of data to the respective study groups for statistical analysis was conducted.

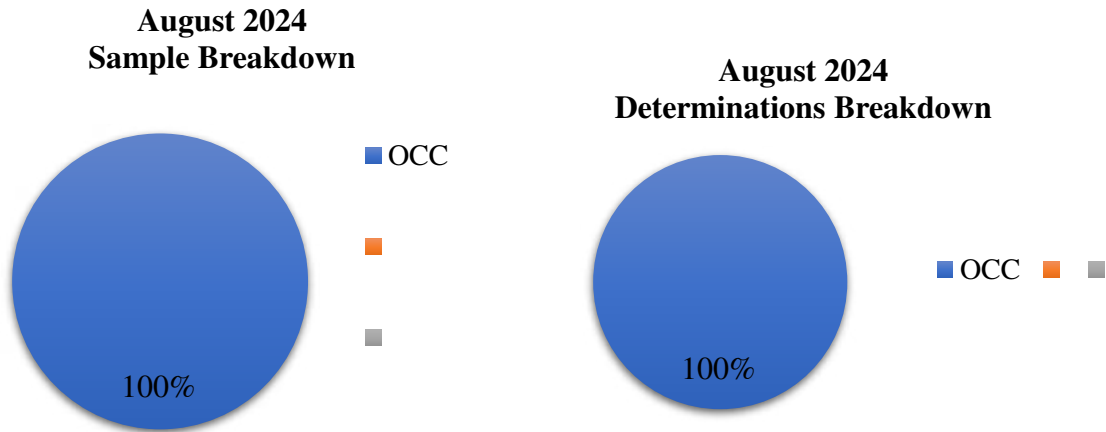
<b>General Chemistry</b>	
# Analytes Results Received	41
# Analytes Passed	41
# Analytes Failed	0



**INORGANIC SECTION:** (Elena Lyon, Environmental/Chemical Laboratory Scientist IV)

In August of 2024 the Section completed 170 samples consisting of 1006 determinations, with the following breakdown:

OCC	170	1006
OSU	0	0
Pollution	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>1006</b>



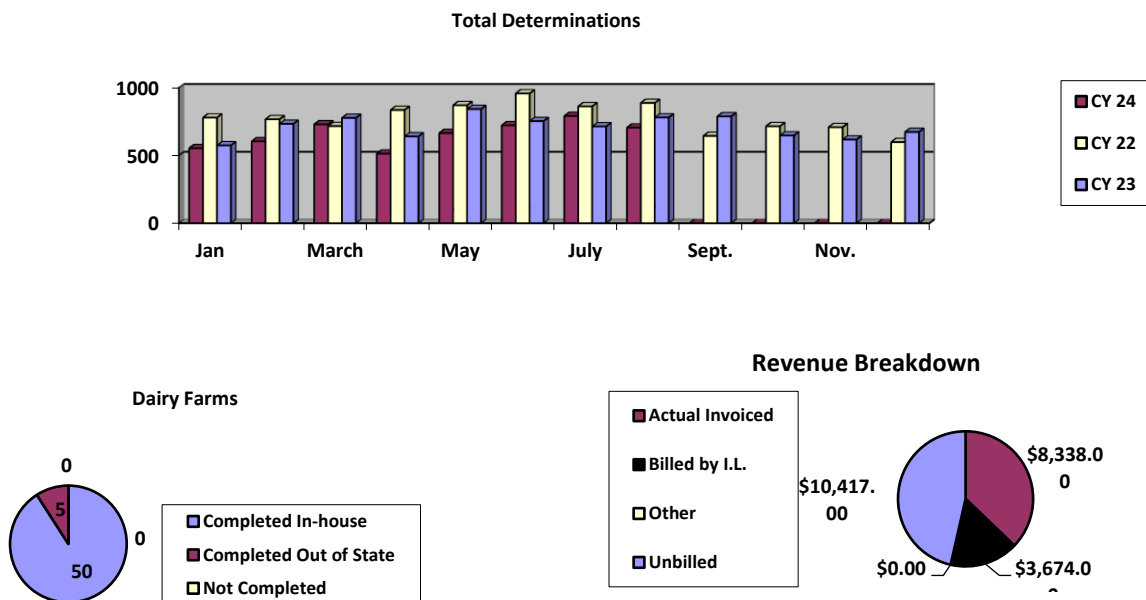
**DAIRY/FOOD SAFETY SECTION:** (Sharon Swyear, Environmental/Chemical Laboratory Scientist IV)

The month of August was a normal testing month for the Section. All dairies were tested, and another dairy closed. There are currently fifty-five dairies tested monthly with five of these dairies tested out of state. The Section was not able to test two meat samples due to reagent issues. There are still issues getting the necessary supplies due to a raw materials shortage and the earliest possible availability is the last of September. They have been out of stock since July. We were able to get it from a different supplier but at an increased cost.

The FDA audit of the Dairy Section was August 19<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>. The FDA observed all testing parameters on each analyte that the Section is approved for as well as audited results. It is required to keep three years records on hand. Also, FDA observed an LEO inspection at one of the plants.

The Kansas LEO needed certification, so she attended a plant inspection and records review here as well. The Section will have 60 days to complete any defects found.

During the FDA audit, the Section did not accept meat samples and will not be testing meat nor dairy the week of September 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> due to the FDA 374, Milk Analyst Class.



**SEED SECTION:** (Tori Gillispie, Agriculture Services Administrator I and Wade Krivanek, State Seed Program Administrator)

Sample records indicate that a total of 205 seed samples were received in August. Overall sampling of small grains has slightly increased compared to last year. Crops tested consisted of wheat, rye, barley and fall season grass.

Overall germination for certified wheat seed is showing great quality, with the exception of a few lots with low germination due to sprout damage. However, germination results were up significantly from last year given the rainfall received.

Seed quality was acceptable for official samples however, there were label violations discovered on a few lots of seed that had expired test dates. All infractions have since been remedied and released from stop sale.

**GENERAL CHEMISTRY SECTION:** (Johnathan White, Environmental/Chemical Laboratory Scientist IV)

August was a good month for our Section. We ran all applicable incoming feed samples unground and then ground through the FOSS unit, giving us a total trial sample size of 280 samples. The Section should have all associated testing complete by the end of this week and the supervisor can perform the statistical analysis. After this we can begin working with CPS to determine how to use the system most productively. We have also continued our efforts to cross train in as many tests as possible. Savanna Henson (our newest chemist) has been most active on this front while also being the primary analyst for the FOSS unit.

We had a great month number wise continuing to improve on our overall productivity from the past five year average. We received 260 samples, completed 279 consisting of 1369 determinations. These numbers keep us on track to exceed our annual goals. We are expecting a final push of fertilizers in September before transitioning to primarily feed samples for feed rush by Mid-October.

We had our second consecutive month of completing all prior month samples before the end of the month, meaning we are succeeding in our goal of not having any samples take over 30 days. Our turnaround time is currently at 15.94 days, hitting our primary turnaround goal as well. September turnaround time may go up slightly due to staff vacation days, but we are hopeful that we will be able to have no carry over from August and still maintain a turnaround average of 18 days or less.

Overview of Section numbers for the month:

	<b>Feed</b>	<b>Fertilizer</b>	<b>Lime</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Samples Received</b>	203	47	10	260
<b>Samples Completed</b>	216	51	12	279
<b>Determinations</b>	1139	144	86	1369
<b>Violations</b>	104	11	11	126
<b>Violation %</b>	9.13%	7.64%	12.79%	9.20%

**PESTICIDE SECTION:** (David Smith, Environmental/Chemical Laboratory Scientist IV)

In the month of August, PM service for Formulation HPLC instruments has been completed per the service agreement. Immediately following PM service, one system developed a malfunction with the robotic sampling assembly. This issue was relayed to the service engineer, who arranged next day repair of the issue.

New Formulation samples are increasing, and Hemp samples have been steadily coming in greater numbers. New Residue drift investigations have slowed, allowing for catch-up in analysis of backlogged samples. Currently, greater than 90% of new samples received are being requested with two or more tests. Most of these tests are performed by LC-QQQ, of which only one is operational, comprising a bottleneck to sample Turn Around Time.

**Pesticide Section samples completed:**

In the month of August, the Section completed 66 samples. Below is the table showing the number of samples, tests per sample, and determinations (Det.) per sample with turnaround times (TAT). The average TAT for this month is 39 days.

	<b>Number of samples</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Det.</b>	<b>Average TAT (days)</b>
Residue Vegetation	30	61	484	68
Residue Soil	18	24	42	15
Residue Water	-	-	-	-
IFA Soil	4	4	26	18
Residue, Other	-	-	-	-
Concentrate	3	5	5	11
Tank Mix	-	-	-	-
Hemp	8	8	8	5

Average Residue Turnaround Time: 45 days
Average Formulation Turnaround Time: 21 days
Average Hemp Turnaround Time: 5 days

<b>Totals</b>		
<b># of Samples</b>	<b># of Tests</b>	<b># of Determinations</b>
66	105	574

**Samples the Section received by month:**

The Section received 70 samples this month, comprising 109 tests, an average of 1.55 separate tests per sample. Most of the samples received are for Residue Analysis (see Fig A).



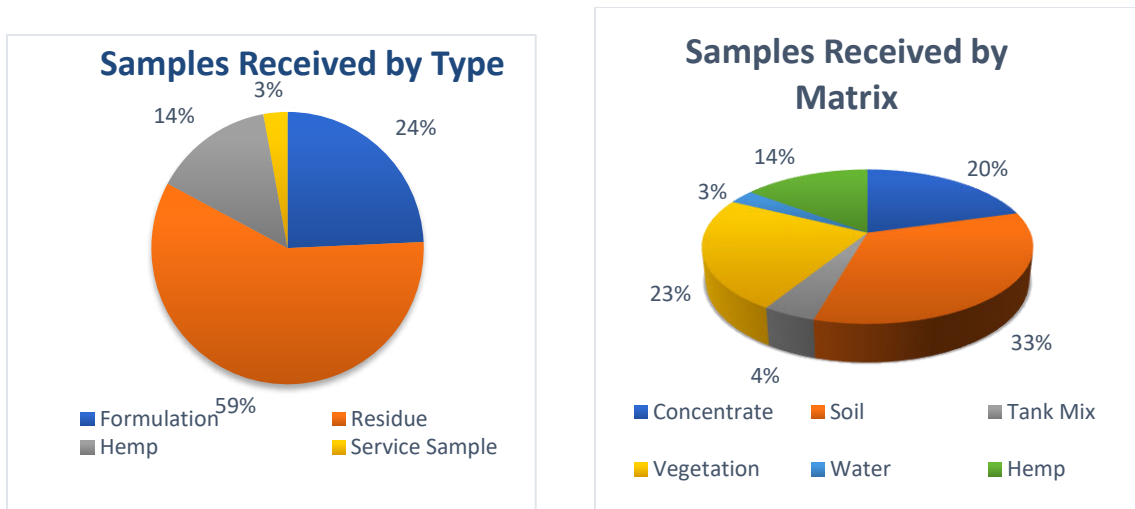


Fig A. Pie charts representing the number of samples received by type (left) and matrix (right).

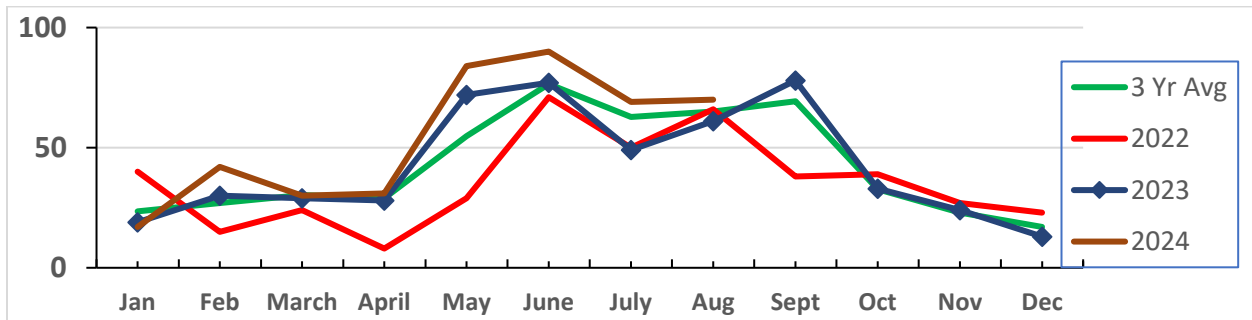


Fig B. Graph showing the number of samples received by the Section each month.

**Determinations the Section completed by month:**

This month, the Section completed 574 determinations with most of the determinations on residue Soil, Vegetation, and Hemp samples.

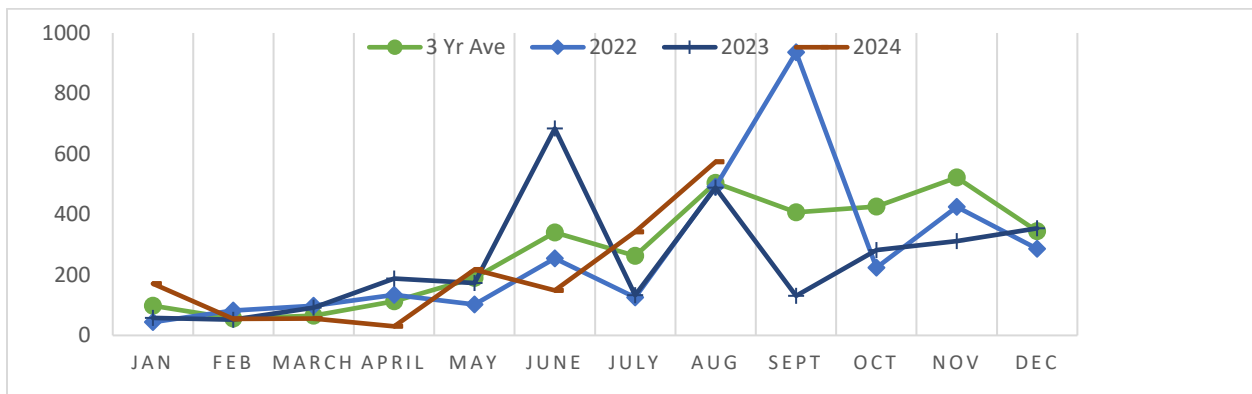


Fig C. Graph showing the number of determinations completed each month.

**OKLAHOMA BUREAU OF STANDARDS: (William Krivanek, Metrologist II)**

The following is a workload summary for the Oklahoma Bureau of Standards from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

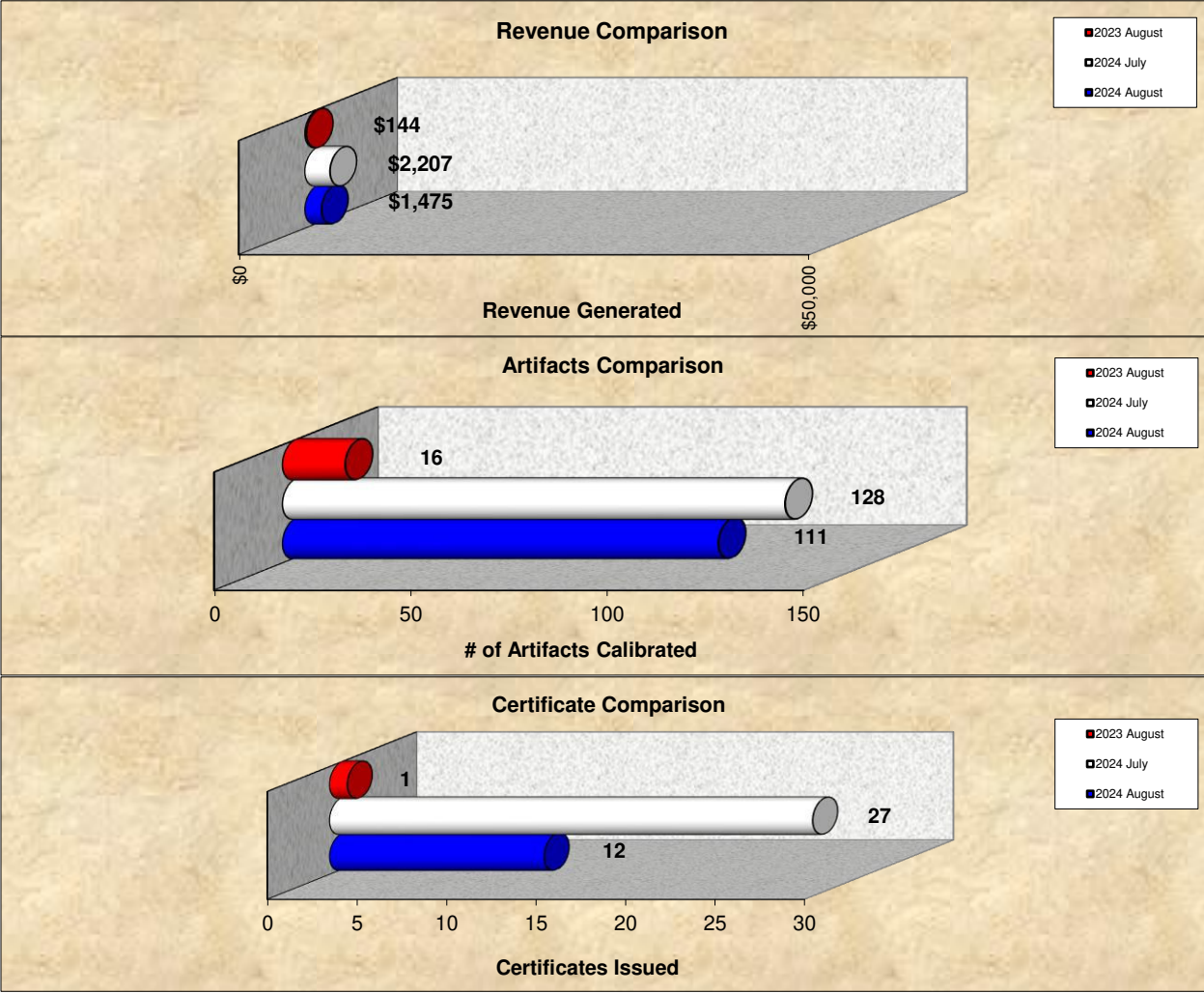
The Oklahoma Bureau of Standards generated a revenue of \$1,475.00 during the month of August 2024. In August, Termelia Hogg and William Krivanek participated in the Southwest Assurance Program (SWAP) meeting held in Broomfield, Colorado. During this time, the Bureau collaborated with metrologists from surrounding states, as well as representatives from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The Bureau focused on topics primarily regarding accreditation and recognition status.



Pictured above: 2024 SWAP meeting participants.

Month	#	Fees	% of Fees	# Standards	% of Standards
Out-of-State Customers	0	\$0.00	0.00%	0	0.00%
In-State Customers	5	\$1,475.00	100.00%	111	100.00%
Totals	5	\$1,475.00	100.00%	111	100.00%

Echelon	Total Fees not Charged	# Working Days Lead Time to Next Available Date for Calibration
Mass I / II	\$0.00	0
Mass III	\$0.00	0
Volume	\$0.00	0



Respectfully Submitted,

Wade Krivanek  
 Laboratory Director  
 Laboratory Services Division

**BOARD REPORT  
 AGRICULTURAL LABORATORY SERVICES  
 AUGUST 2024 ACTIVITIES**

FEED SAMPLES	203
FEED DETERMINATIONS	1139
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS	104
FERTILIZER SAMPLES	47
FERTILIZER DETERMINATIONS	144
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS	11
LIME SAMPLES	10
LIME DETERMINATIONS	86
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS	11
PESTICIDE SAMPLES	66
PESTICIDE DETERMINATIONS	574
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS	0
MEAT SAMPLES	0
MEAT DETERMINATIONS	0
VIOLATIONS	0
INORGANIC LAB SAMPLES	170
DETERMINATIONS	1006
SEED SAMPLES	156
SEED DETERMINATIONS	224
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS	6
BUREAU OF STANDARDS CERTIFICATES	12
NUMBER OF STANDARDS CALIBRATED	111
FEE CHARGES	\$1,475.00
DAIRY SAMPLES	417
DAIRY DETERMINATIONS	705
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS	16
<b>TOTAL SAMPLES</b>	<b>1081</b>
<b>TOTAL DETERMINATIONS</b>	<b>3989</b>
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>148</b>



# OKLAHOMA FORESTRY SERVICES BOARD REPORT

*Serving Oklahomans by conserving, enhancing, and protecting our forest and natural resources for present and future generations.*

*Forestry Services' board report is formatted to reflect the priorities of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, which include Resilient Landscapes, Fire Adapted communities, and Wildfire Response.*

*Activity from August 12 thru September 30, 2024*

## FIRE MANAGEMENT

### Executive Summary - Wildland Fire Activity and Outlook

With the Autumnal Equinox in the rearview mirror and the growing season waning, attention begins to focus on the dormant season regarding wildfire occurrence and severity. Developing outlooks beyond ten days or so is a slippery slope regarding any semblance of accuracy given the vast number of variables that shape the fire environment. The cornerstone of any reliable wildfire outlook is a firm understanding of exactly where we sit currently regarding the state of wildland fuel conditions, weather influence both past and present, and where wildfire threats lie on the landscape especially when intersecting values-at-risk. To summarize:

- Through 2024, cumulative fire occurrence and acres burned have remained below normal expectation however punctuated by a few days of significant fire occurrence accounting for a high percentage of both acres burned and structures lost.
- Winter 2024/2025 are shaping up to be a period of high wildfire danger concern given intensifying drought conditions, transition to a warmer/drier trend with La Niña, and ample growth of herbaceous, carrier fuels.

### Wildfire Statistics

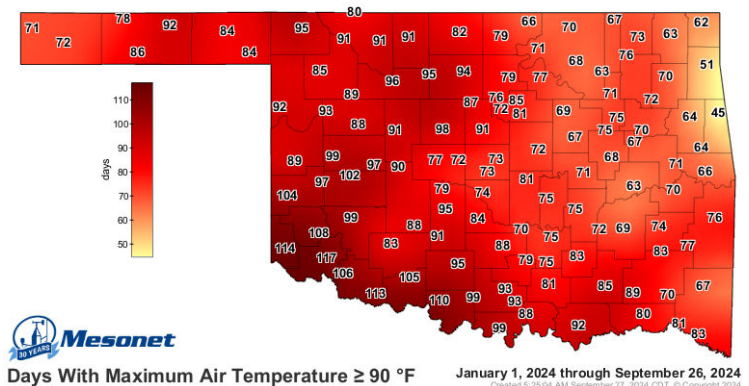
Year-to-Date Wildfires: 953 Wildfires Burning 237,573.2 Acres  
 Structures Directly Protected: 6,235 Structures Valued at \$318,531,275.00  
 Structures Lost: 58 Structures Valued at \$5,332,500.00

### Prescribed Fire Statistics

Year-to-Date Prescribed Fires: 55 Prescribed Fires Treating 18,072 Acres

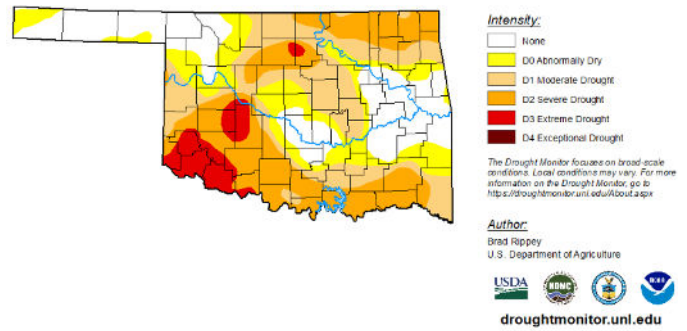
### Outlook

A hot summer with several locations in southwestern Oklahoma registering daily maximum temperature of  $\geq 100^\circ$  over fifty days and, the number of days where locations across the state hit  $\geq 90^\circ$  (right) is ugly – even in Adair County where the thermometer tapped  $90^\circ$  “only” forty-five times. While we did have occasional rainfall with some good amounts in places, the occurrences were infrequent. The lack of intermittent wetting rain combined with persistent heat and dry air over the state drove many areas into herbaceous dormancy and early abortion of leaves on woody species. Additionally, the extended dry periods thrust most of the state into a concerning level of dryness (next page).

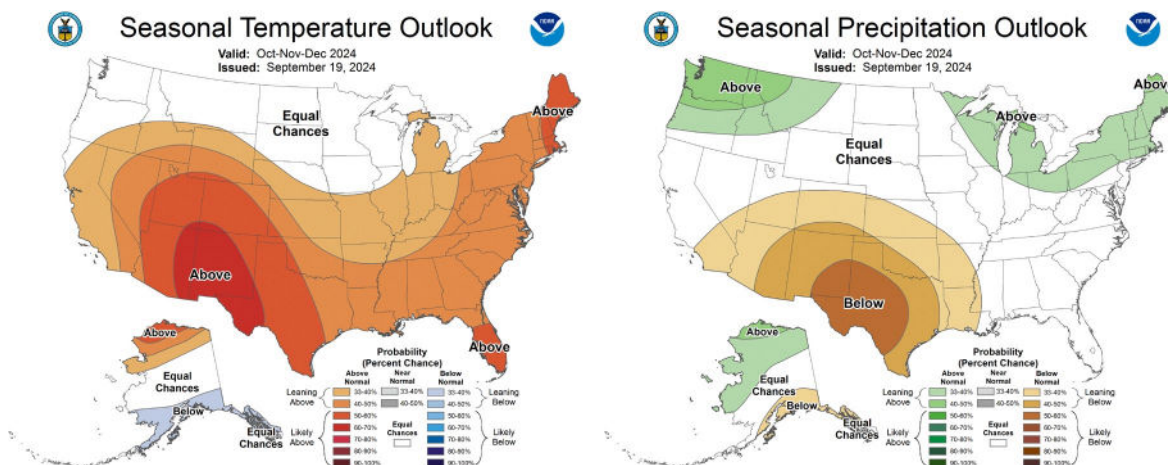


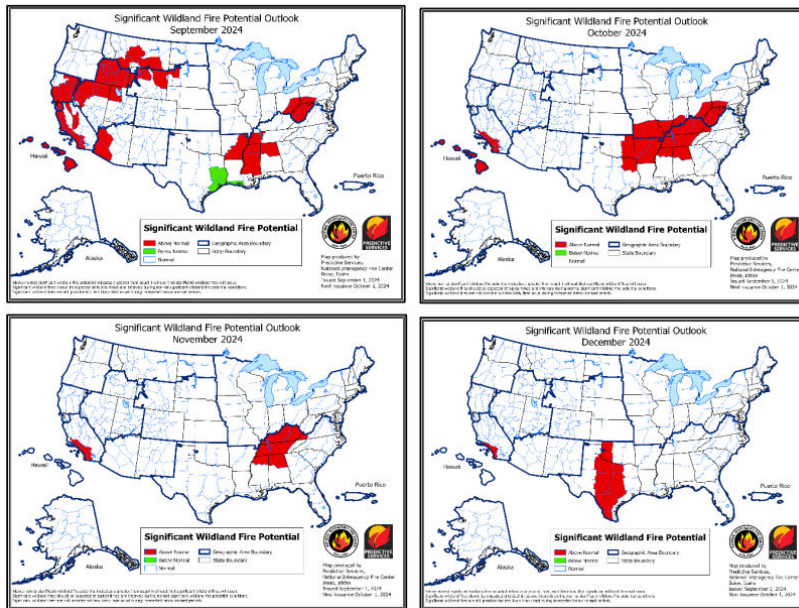
Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Percentage of Normal	Rank (since 1921)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
Panhandle	5.40"	+0.88"	120%	29th wettest	0.86" 2000	9.41" 1927
N. Central	3.86"	-2.06"	65%	21st driest	0.40" 2000	12.95" 1996
Northeast	3.87"	-3.61"	52%	14th driest	1.90" 1956	14.62" 1974
W. Central	4.17"	-1.47"	74%	40th driest	0.33" 2000	13.16" 1996
Central	4.85"	-1.85"	72%	34th driest	1.12" 1956	12.06" 2018
E. Central	7.64"	+0.13"	102%	45th wettest	1.62" 1954	14.38" 2018
Southwest	1.77"	-3.81"	32%	12th driest	0.66" 1952	13.24" 1996
S. Central	3.23"	-3.10"	51%	19th driest	0.97" 1948	16.71" 2018
Southeast	4.58"	-2.23"	67%	23rd driest	2.37" 1956	18.10" 1974
Statewide	4.38"	-1.92"	70%	22nd driest	1.47" 2000	12.32" 1974

As a result, the Drought Monitor reflects some of the concern entering the fall season. The update released on September 26, 2024, holds Extreme Drought indices in southwestern Oklahoma expanding into some of the west-central counties and now including a pocket in the north-central part of the state. At the beginning of the calendar year only 3% of the state registered Severe Drought or worse while currently that coverage has expanded to one-third of the Oklahoma land mass. 7.5% of Oklahoma has tapped Extreme Drought serving as another indicator of dryness entering the dormant season.



While El Niño/Southern Oscillation remained neutral through most of the summer, a transition to La Niña is expected to emerge September through November and persist through the dormant season through March. Unfortunately, dormant season La Niña has all too often translated into an overall warmer/drier trend leading to above normal wildfire occurrence and well-above normal acres burned. Based on Oklahoma’s historic fire records, wintertime La Niña leads to 1.7 times the average fire occurrence and a whopping seven times average acres. In recent history, La Niña has translated into an average of 663,000 acres burned (OFS response only). Some of the years of reference include 2016 (Anderson Creek), 2017 (Northwest Oklahoma Complex), 2018 (Rhea & 34 Complex). The current Seasonal and Precipitation Outlooks (below) support increasing wildfire concern into the new year. The interagency Significant Wildland Fire Potential (further below) also supports the trend as well.





In summary, September will likely close out on a dry note with gradually increasing initial attack activity. Significant fire potential remains limited given slightly improved fuel moisture, and near-normal temperature. Additionally, no significant fire weather stands out on the near-term forecast. October often presents a ‘mini’ severe weather season in Oklahoma as the weather patterns also transition into a more fall-like pattern. This pattern generally calms fire danger concern, or at least significant fire potential, just ahead of transitioning into the winter months when Oklahoma is climatologically dry. If pressed to give an outlook, normal wildfire activity with slightly increased severity is anticipated through October and probably November. Concern increased around the Christmas/New Year holiday period; if the La Niña pattern holds true to form combined with the underlying dryness on the current landscape, both above normal occurrence and severity should be expected across Oklahoma.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

### FORESTRY EDUCATION

On August 1st, Education Coordinator Tony Pascall lead a Project Learning Tree workshop titled “Teaching Math with Environmental Education” at Martin Nature Park. Fourteen pre-K thru 8th grade teachers learned how to incorporate forestry concepts into their math classes.

On August 3rd, Tony partnered with the National Weather Center in Norman to put on a workshop titled “Teaching Climate Science” using Project Learning Tree concepts and activities. Twenty-five pre-K thru 12th grade teachers gained insight and understanding about our changing climate in Oklahoma, and the opportunities for mitigation through care for our forests.



On August 8th, Assistant Director Craig Marquardt, Forest Heritage Center (FHC) Manager Shalee Buzan, and Tony Pascall set up a booth at the Teacher Resource Social at the First Americans Museum. This event, put on by the Oklahoma Museum Association brought over 150 teachers together to learn about various programs available to them. Topics included PLT and the FHC, as well as the various educational opportunities available.

On August 10th, Forester Eddie Woods, Ranger Brayden Hoffman, and Tony Pascall attended Smokey's 80th birthday party, hosted by OK Tourism at Robbers Cave State Park. Approximately 150 people learned about Forestry Services and Smokey's fire prevention message.



On August 13th, Tony taught ten young students at the Iowa Nation Head Start Program. The students learned about habitat and the importance of biodiversity in a forest.

On August 16th, Tony took part in a strategic planning meeting for the Oklahoma Association for Environmental Education. During this meeting, eight partners from around the state set priorities for the organization for the next three years, and how to best approach them.

On August 20th, Tony took part in the Oklahoma Monarch Summit, which was a strategic planning meeting for ongoing monarch butterfly conservation. Over 100 people from 60+ agencies and organizations were present and showed support and gave ideas for this mission. Tony was able to lend support from an education and outreach perspective.

On August 22nd, Tony led a presentation about PLT and environmental education at the Muskogee Master Gardener meeting. He spoke with 25 informal educators who are hoping to use these tools with their growing Jr Master Gardener Program

On August 22nd, Tony led a webinar for the National PLT team. This webinar explained our success in growing the volunteer facilitator program in Oklahoma so that other states can implement similar ideas.

From August 22nd through 24th, Forester Elisabeth Bland-Corbishley and Tony set up a booth at the State School Board Conference. Over 300 school board members, superintendents, and administrators learned about the programs OFS provides for schools.



On September 6th, Tony lead a PLT workshop at the Myriad Botanical Gardens for their education team, as well as the staff at Scissortail Park. These informal educators reach thousands of kids and families a year, and now have access to forestry curriculum for pre-K thru 8th grade.



On September 7th, Tony led a PLT workshop for over 60 early childhood educators. These teachers who work with kids aged 3-6 were taught in depth on the Trees & Me curricula, which allows teachers to build critical understanding of the importance of forests with their students.

On September 14th, Tony attended the NSU Community Partner Fair for Educators in Tahlequah. Approximately 30 educators were in attendance who learned about OFS and PLT opportunities and resources available to them.

On September 18th, Tony trained eleven OFS Foresters and Rangers on Forestry Services' education curriculum at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton. This training went through the importance of education to Forestry Services, strategies for educating young people, and lesson plans and materials so that staff have the tools needed to successfully run an education program. The goal of this training is to expand the reach of Forestry Services into schools, scout groups, clubs, and more so that more youth are exposed to the importance to practice good forest management and how to prevent wildfire.

## FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

On September 10, OFS & The Conservation Fund hosted a hotdog feed in Nashoba, OK to inform the local community about the state forest acquisition effort. About 60 people attended the event. Community members asked questions and raised points for consideration while we write the Management Plan. An overwhelming majority of the community is excited and supportive of the project.



September 13-15, Madison Gore and Justin Jones attended the Racks N’ Rods Outdoor Sports Expo to raise awareness about the Musket Mountain Forest acquisition effort, promote the Forest Legacy Program, and debut the 2024-2025 Seedling Catalog. Fifty seedling catalogs were handed out and about 1,200 total people were reached over three days.



Madison and Craig on September 16th hosted an OFS agency-wide meeting to provide an update on the state forest acquisition effort and information on the Forest Legacy Program. About 45 OFS employees attended.

On September 22nd, Madison Gore and JT Allen have begun developing a management plan for Musket Mountain Forest, a state forest management SOP, and an annual work plan template.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Information Representative Keith Merckx is now L-952 All Hazards Position Specific Public Information Officer certified after attending a weeklong training as a guest of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency at their eastern headquarters in Knoxville. There was some firsthand observation happening as other class attendees are active PIOs with area agencies actively involved in preparations for the arrival of the remnants of Hurricane Helene which moved into the east Tennessee/western North Carolina area on the Friday of the training.

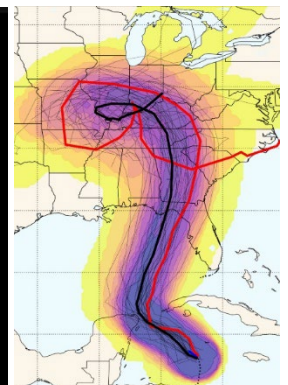


**High Wind Watch**  
**IN EFFECT**  
 8:00 PM Today

**EXPIRES**  
 8:00 PM Tomorrow

**SUMMARY**  
 High Wind Watch issued September 26 at 3:45AM EDT until September 27 at 8:00PM EDT by NWS Morristown TN

\* WHAT... East winds 20 to 35 mph with gusts up to 60 mph possible.



**ORDERING BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 30**



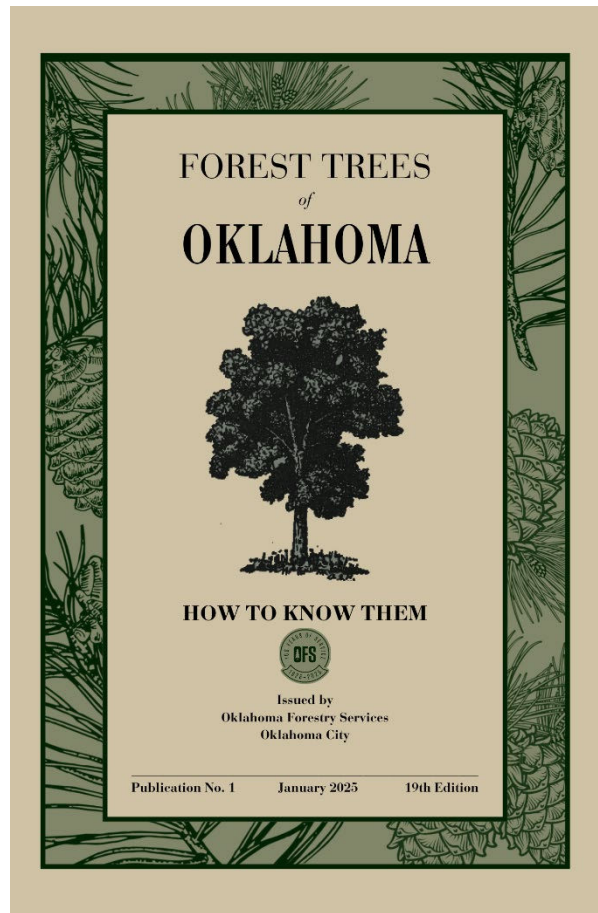
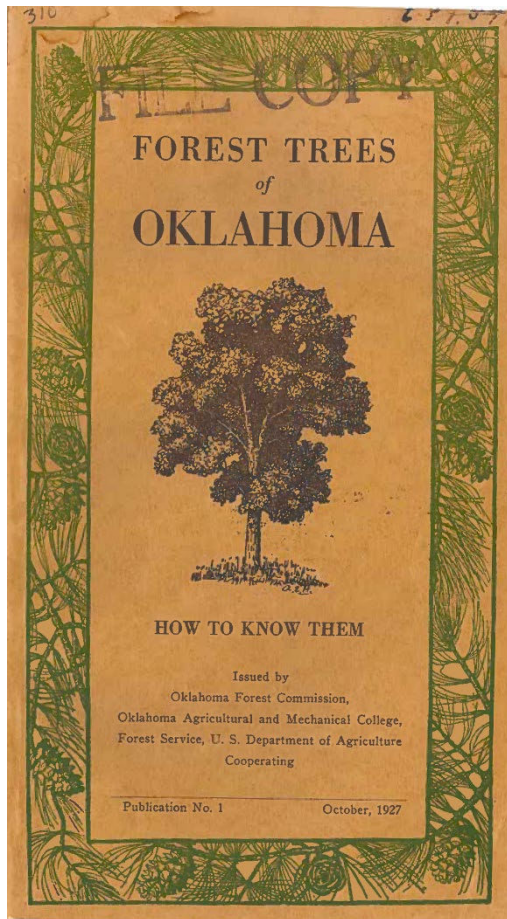
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The Forest Regeneration Center/State Nursery has opened its popular seedling sale for the season. Keith has actively partnered once again with staff to promote the sale through an email blast and social media. There has been a high level of engagement on social platforms and at least one species sold out on the first day.

Preparations for the OFS centennial observation in 2025 have been proceeding. Keith is combing various archives for interesting and relevant material and has been finding some treasures such as this photograph from 1959 which features Oklahoma forestry staff, including State Forester Elmer Peebles (below center), discussing a piece of equipment.



Keith is part of the effort by OFS to publish a commemorative new edition of *Forest Trees of Oklahoma*, the first-ever OFS publication. The plans are for this edition of the volume originally produced by the first State Forester, George Phillips, to feature a recreation of the first cover.



Keith has accepted an appointment to a two-year term as the Southern Group of State Foresters Communications Committee [Landscape Scale Restoration Program](#) grant reviewer. LSR projects leverage federal and non-federal dollars to restore healthy and resilient landscapes and communities. These projects are developed by state forestry agencies in collaboration with various partners for projects by state agencies, local governments, tribal entities, non-profit organizations, and universities on nonindustrial private forest land or state forest land that is also rural. OFS has a long history as a participating agency in these USFS Landscape Scale Restoration Projects.

## URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY

On August 12<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Bland-Corbishley was promoted to Urban & Community Partnership Coordinator and Urban Forestry Coordinator Riley Coy met with Anthony Pascall, the OFS Education Coordinator, and representatives from the OKC Memorial to discuss Project 77 whose goal is to plant a survivor tree in each of the 77 counties across Oklahoma.

From August 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Conference in Atlanta Georgia and manned a booth there on Urban wood utilization.





August 20th Elizabeth attended the U.S. Forest Service Community Accomplishment Reporting System (CARS) Training.

August 22nd Elizabeth assisted the Forestry Education Coordinator, Anthony Pascall, with a booth at the Oklahoma State Superintendent Conference in OKC. There they spoke with school superintendents and board members from around the state on outdoor education opportunities.

From August 26th – 29th Elizabeth attended the ISA’s Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) Course to become a TRAQ Qualified Arborist. On September 26th Elizabeth received news that she passed and is now qualified!

On August 28th and 29th, Riley and Information Representative Keith Merckx assisted Keep Oklahoma Beautiful to deliver 916 gallons of recycled paint to 23 communities across the state for their Fresh Paint Days. That’s 10,305 pounds of paint diverted from the landfill!

September 11th Urban Forestry Coordinator Riley Coy was busy! He was a judge at the Oklahoma State Fair Forestry competition, attended the U.S. Forest Service CARS Batch Loading Training, and attended Davey Resource Group’s Presentation of Results from the Edmond Tree Inventory with Elizabeth.



September 17th Riley visited Will Rogers Gardens to scout a location for a Survivor Tree sapling.

On September 18th Riley and Elizabeth assessed the health of a Survivor Tree planted at Fairlawn Cemetery in OKC near Alfred P. Murrah's grave concluding its decline was due to Dutch Elm Disease. They also conducted the first of 13 site visits for the IRA Grant sub-awardees with OKC Beautiful.



September 20<sup>th</sup> Riley met at The Uncommon Ground Sculpture Park with the Executive Director and the Edmond Urban Forester to discuss tree preservation.



On September 25<sup>th</sup> Riley presented to the City of Ada on tree care including proper planting, pruning techniques, tree selection, and maintenance.

September 26<sup>th</sup> Riley kicked off Project 77, a collaboration with the OKC Memorial to plant a survivor tree in each county by planting a tree at Deer Creek Middle School. There were four-hundred 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students present and 25 adults, including senators and rescue workers present in 1995 at the bombing site.



## FOREST INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) crew was busy in the east central and northeast areas of the state. The FIA protocol remeasures change at permanent, fixed area plots and uses that data to estimate wildfire risk, observe forest health, and monitor the sustainability of our forest harvest. More than 400 plots are completed every year.

Recent work completed in: Delaware, Mayes, Cherokee, Adair, Rogers, Muskogee, Okmulgee, McIntosh, Sequoyah, Haskell, Leflore, Latimer, Pittsburg, Coal, Atoka, and McCurtain counties.

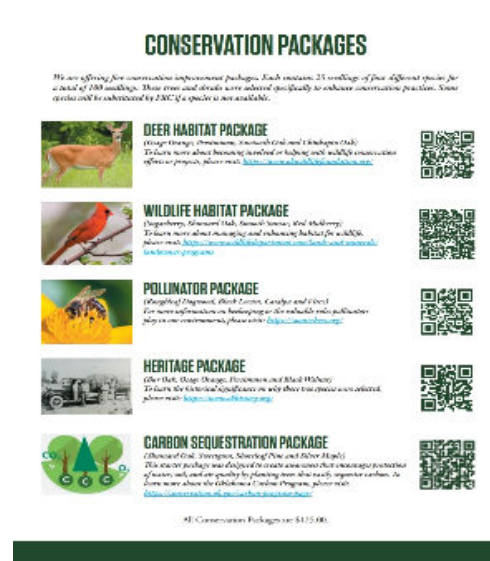
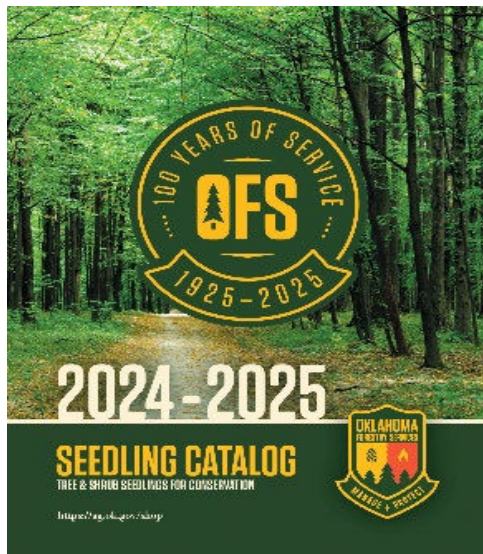


Forester Wyatt Ables uses his index finger to help him sight a tree for height measurement in Pittsburg County. Measuring diameter and height growth is crucial for timber volume and tree health estimates.

## FOREST TREE IMPROVEMENT CENTER/FOREST REGENERATION CENTER

It is a busy time for both the FTIC and the FRC and it starts with one of the biggest efforts of the year, every year. The online store opened Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. This year the seedlings look great and will be ready to be out-planted in locations across the state.

The newly updated seedling catalog features an expansion of the new conservation packages along with QR codes that link customers to our new partners: ODWC, Oklahoma Wildlife Foundation, Conservation Commission, the Beekeepers' Association, and the Oklahoma Historical Society. By strengthening relationships with these partners, and helping to share their missions, they have reciprocated the same level of excitement to inform their customers on the benefits of Forestry Services' landowner assistance programs.



Spring and end of summer pics of hardwood beds, from the same location within the field. With just a few months of growing, the nursery staff puts in a lot of year-round work of planning, prepping, planting, monitoring, cultivating, and harvesting along with pouring a lot of sweat equity into producing these 1 yr. old seedlings. The seedlings are looking great and will be ready to harvest beginning the first of next year.





FRC/FTIC Manager Justin Jones recently got to work with a new partner to Forestry Services at the Oklahoma State Fair. The Oklahoma Beekeeper's Association invited him to participate with them at this year's educational booth. The Seedling Catalogs were a big hit and initiated many conversations about the importance of pollinators to the trees and shrubs they prefer. Many of these species can be purchased from OFS and a number of them have been included into a special pollinator package. Overall, the package will include vitex, southern catalpa, roughleaf dogwood, and black locust.

### **Future Christmas Trees**

The Virginia pine crop is really starting to show out! Oklahoma's Christmas tree growers have already inquired about the availability of Virginia Pine and are looking forward to placing this year's order. The Forest Regeneration Center is anticipating selling close to 20,000 seedlings this season.

To promote flowering for the increase of future cone/seed production, Randy Holeman recently fertilized the loblolly seed production orchards at the Forest Tree Improvement Center in Idabel. The heavy spike of ammonia nitrate introduces a timely stressor in conjunction with the trees physiology for determining a more excessive amount of flower production needed for reproduction before it succumbs to potential mortality. The timing couldn't have been any better with the timely rains that entered the county that weekend.



### **Acorns, Lots and Lots of Acorns!**

Randy Holeman, Forest Tree Improvement Center Manager at Idabel, is trying to beat the wildlife from gathering our much-needed acorns to be planted at the Forest Regeneration Center at Goldsby. OFS collects most of the seed needed for planting at the FRC from all corners of the state. Randy's target weight for sawtooth oak acorn collection is 300 lbs.



Recently, OFS foresters Craig Marquardt, J.T. Allen, Brandon Faulkenberry, Justin Jones, and Randy Holeman visited a loblolly pine tract planted in Leflore County last winter. Utilizing the advice of OFS staff, the landowner was able to successfully plant close to 87,000 seedlings with good survival. The site showcased the performance of superior genetics through sound management.



### **Something new!**

OFS' promotional trees usually consist of loblolly pine, but this year Oklahoma's state tree was added. This effort is being made to support some of Tony Pascall's educational programs offering an alternative from the traditional loblolly pine.

### **A Couple of Traveling Notes**

Justin was able to attend the Racks-N-Rods Outdoor Sports Expo in Woodward, Ok with Forest Legacy Program Coordinator Madison Gore on September 13th.

Madison, Water Quality Coordinator Aaron Black, and Justin attended OTCAC – NRCS – Quail Forever – USDA Agencies, Choctaw Nation & OTCAC Hosts, September 18th in Atoka.

Both events were hopefully successful in sharing our seedling catalog and information on the new state forest.

## **FOREST HERITAGE CENTER**

### **Regular Activities Summary**

Since last report, the Forest Heritage Center has been actively engaged in promoting the mission of celebrating Oklahoma's forestry heritage through a variety of educational programs and community events. Regular activities included curated tours of our sustainable forestry dioramas, educational workshops on local flora and fauna, engaging social media campaigns to reach a broader audience, partnering with Oklahoma Tourism to make sustainable updates to the park and its amenities, as well as working with the FHC Board and community members.

### **Unusual Events or Accomplishments**

Highlighting commitment to innovation, the Folk Festival Heritage Gallery was successfully launched which showcased local artisans and their contributions to forestry's cultural heritage. This event not only attracted record attendance but also garnered positive media coverage, further enhancing OFS' visibility in the community. Additionally, the FHC is in the process of securing WiFi to further modernize the facility and bring the FHC into the tech world. This will enable the FHC to host board meetings, make presentations, and educational programs via internet services.

A great step forward at the FHC is that the audio system has been finally updated, with the call buttons now functioning properly for the first time in years, making the museum much more user-friendly—especially for disabled visitors.

In September, the Museum Curator and Shalee Buzan attended the Oklahoma Museums Association convention hosted by the Museum of the Red River in Idabel. This provided valuable insights and ideas to bring back to the FHC which will help improve operations and enhance visitor experience. Also the process is underway of updating the FHC website and expanding online social media presence. This will allow a wider audience to be reached with more effective engagement with visitors and supporters.

### **Counties Worked In**

Since last report, FHC activities have spanned across McCurtain County and neighboring regions, directly impacting communities that the FHC Board Members serve. By focusing on these areas, FHC efforts align with local interests and needs. Recently connections have been established to the newly instituted Hochatown City Administrator's Office in hopes to continue furthering educational reach.

## Visual Highlights

Below are pictures capturing the vibrancy of recent events, including the Folk Festival Heritage Gallery, educational workshops with local schools, and the vibrant displays in our sustainable forestry dioramas which received some new paint.



## Upcoming Events

Looking ahead, FHC staff is focusing on initiatives such as the annual Beavers Bend Folk Festival in November and the expansion of educational programming by partnering with OSU Extension. These events not only highlight an ongoing commitment to community engagement but also provide opportunities for FHC Board Members mission support and participation.

## FOREST HEALTH

On August 21, Forest Health Coordinator Dieter Rudolph and Education Coordinator Tony Pascall met with the Girl Scouts of the USA at Camp Trivera in Oklahoma City to discuss future management practices to address invasive plant species in and around the park. OFS and the Girl Scouts will work together to suppress and possibly eradicate the invasive species while also educating Girl Scouts on the importance of our natural resources and the threat of invasive plants, pests, and pathogens. This will be an ongoing project combining forest management and education in the highly visible camp.

On September 3rd through the 5th, Forest Health Specialist Evan Long and Information Representative Keith Merckx led an educational activity at a Lawton event focused on natural resources. Evan educated fifth graders on the history of logging in Oklahoma and why forest management is important to conserve Oklahoma's forests. An estimated 1,500 students attended this event.



Dieter and Education Coordinator Tony Pascall attended the National Stewardship Gathering in Maryland on September 10th thru 12th. This meeting allowed for stewardship coordinators across the country to meet and discuss their programs. The meeting also allowed for discussions of program delivery problems and solutions. Success stories of the stewardship program were discussed, as were national and state-level priorities. This meeting also served as establishing a Community of Practice to focus on increasing the availability of all forestry programs to underserved and disadvantaged landowners across the country. A significant amount of funding has been allocated to increased outreach and project implementation in underserved and disadvantaged communities. Meetings such as this allows for a singular message across the country to utilize available resources to meet the goals of the funding.

On September 17th and 18th Dieter met with members of Oklahoma Consumer Protection Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and US Army Corps of Engineers to evaluate three sites for biocontrol species release to combat the invasive emerald ash borer (EAB). EAB threatens to decimate the state's native ash trees and has already caused massive amounts of mortality in the eastern US. Both State and Federal agencies plan to release parasitic wasps that are native to EAB's native range in East Asia to limit the pest's population size and reduce the impact across the landscape. The three



sites in focus are Red Slough WMA in McCurtain County, Hugo Lake in Choctaw County, and Lake Murray in Love/Carter Counties. All three of these have established EAB populations and sufficient ash populations to support the release of parasitic wasps. Final approval of sites depends on the total number of wasps raised in the lab and total number of requests across the country.



Dieter and Evan joined multiple organizations at the 9th Annual Monarchs on the Mountain at Tulsa's Chandler Park on September 21st. OFS has been involved with this event since its beginning, helping it outgrow its initial location at Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness Area. The event focuses on the monarch butterfly's migration, the role of pollinators in the environment, and the importance of Oklahoma's natural resources. OFS's booth focused on invasive insects that are currently or a potential threat to Oklahoma's forests and how they will impact pollinator habitat and overall forest health. There were an estimated 2,500 people that attended the event throughout the day.



### Coming Up

Forest Health Coordinator and GIS Specialist Chris Mask will be at Tinkerfest on September 28th at the Oklahoma Science Museum. This event focuses on careers in STEM by bringing in multiple representatives across numerous fields of science. Oklahoma Forestry Services will be hosting a booth that focuses on invasive insects and their impact on the environment.

Attendees include school-age children as well as their parents, allowing for education on multiple levels, promoting natural resources and awareness of potential threats to the landowners' forests.

Forest Health Specialist Evan Long will be performing the annual "bug flights" on October 16th through 18th. These flights serve to monitor Oklahoma's forests to assess damage that occurred throughout the year as well as a method of early detection for any emerging issues. Initially these flights were focused on the threat of the southern pine beetle (SPB), a bark beetle that causes large scale damage on the landscape and can lead to economic loss on industry lands and private pine plantations. While SPB has not been an issue west of the Mississippi River since the early 2000's, states remain vigilant. These flights have also expanded to include monitoring for the impact of native pests as well as abiotic factors such as droughts, flooding, and fire to better understand the issues occurring across the landscape.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EASTERN AREA OFFICES**

### ***NORTHEAST AREA***

#### **Forest Protection Highlights**

From August 14th thru September 27th, the NE Area responded to 16 fires that burned 148.9 acres. Craig Longshore and Cole Hix attended a Cherokee County Fire Chiefs' meeting on August 19th. Craig Longshore, Matt Hendrix, and Cole Hix attended a radio training held in Westville. Harris Groberg, Kasandra Roberts, and Charles Kimble conducted a fire prevention presentation at the Boy Scouts event in Muskogee on August 27th. Craig Longshore, Billy Riggs, and Rick O'Daniel met in Tahlequah on August 29th to develop an emergency vehicle operations training class. Charles Kimble, Tony Hadley, and Kaley Helton presented another fire prevention program at Sequoyah School in Tahlequah on September 17th. Several new BK M150HP mobile radios were installed into several pieces of NE Area firefighting equipment.



#### **Forest Management/Program Highlights**

Connie Robinson attended the White Oak initiative workshop. Connie wrote two Oklahoma management plans for tree planting in Rogers County and assisted the city of Tulsa with onsite assessment re-harvest on conservation easements. She also assisted three landowners with forestry issues.

Ryan Pope completed a Forest Stewardship Plan for a property in Wagoner County, focusing on Timber Stand Improvement and hazardous fuel reduction. He completed six prescribed burn plans in Adair County. Ryan met with NRCS offices to see what programs were available for landowners from that agency. He also re-measured possible champion trees in the area. Ryan and Harris attended the Forestry Education training held in Wilburton. Ryan assisted landowners in the area with firebreak questions, tree planting, and forestry information.

Craig Longshore assisted a landowner with planting pine trees for future harvest.

#### **Ongoing Issues & Upcoming Events**

S-130 Basic Wildland Firefighter/S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior in Afton - September 27th – 29th

Smokey Bear Fire Prevention Event in Jay – October 7th

Smokey Bear Fire Prevention Even in Sallisaw – October 8th

Smokey Bear Fire Prevention Event in Mazie- October 10th

Smokey Bear Fire Prevention Event in Tahlequah- TBD

## ***EAST CENTRAL AREA***

### **Forest Protection Highlights**

Since the last board report the EC Area has suppressed 19 fires on a total of 330.9 acres for an average fire size of 17.4 acres. Fifteen (15) primary structures were saved at a total value of \$2,322,077.00. Eight (8) secondary structures were saved valued at \$125,500.00. Two secondary structures were lost prior to OFS arrival at a value of \$10,500.00. Since the last report, five EC Area Rangers have provided fire suppression response in Texas and one other Ranger and Forester served on an incident management teams in Oregon.

### **Hazardous Fuels Mitigation**

Wilburton forester completed two prescribed burn plans for private landowners on two properties for a total of 353 acres. Talihina rangers also completed prescribed burning on 145 acres for a LeFlore county landowner.

### **Forest Management Highlights**

Forester Brandon Faulkenberry met with Water Quality Forester Aaron Black to tour an active logging job in LeFlore County. Eddie Woods completed one forest management plan covering 80 acres. East Central foresters also completed stewardship monitoring on six properties.

### **Information / Education**

Talihina District personnel presented Smokey Bear fire prevention programs at Panama and Talihina elementaries and a Green Jobs program at Panama and Talihina middle schools. Forester Eddie Woods attended the Blue Thumb water quality meeting at Bristow, attended the EOOSC Forest Technology meeting, and assisted Panola 4-H students with their leaf collections for the Latimer County Free Fair.

### **Personnel Update**

One of the EC Area's newest employee's time was short-lived and he gave his resignation a couple months after beginning. The Yanush Ranger I position is in the process of being reposted for hire.

### **Safety / Training Highlights**

EC personnel participated in the monthly September/October safety meetings and forester Brandon Faulkenberry completed S-130/S-190. East Central also conducted an area meeting to discuss various topics of concern within the area. Lunch and a chili cookoff were provided by EC Area personnel. Co-winners of the cookoff were Eddie Woods and Ry Johnson.

### **Ongoing Issues**

With the resignation of one of our newest employees our most pressing issues will be filling that vacancy and continuing with new employee training in preparation for the upcoming fire season.

## ***SOUTHEAST AREA***

### **Forest Protection Highlights**

In Protection Fires: August - 48 fires that burned 1,209 acres with 35 structures saved; 3 structures lost. To date in September - 43 fires that burned 929.8 acres with 16 structures saved.

The following resources have traveled to wildland fire assignments across the US in September: Tama Lester – Fish Creek Fire in Dubois, WY; Pat Wayman – Willamette Complex, Oregon; Bryden Walker – Homestead Complex, Oregon; Adam Burleson and Terron Gee – 2024 Texas Initial Attack.

### **Forest Management/Programs Highlights**

Will Phifer had 21 landowner assists in August/September. Tyler Hyatt had nine landowner contacts in August/September. Jacob Lewis had eight landowner contacts in August/September. Will Phifer had 30 acres of site prep burning. Will Phifer had 373 acres of aerial spraying implemented – 57 acres woody release spraying and 317 acres of site prep spraying.

Forest Ranger Derik Gee and Forest Ranger Steve Painter accompanied Smokey Bear to the 2024 Pushmataha County Fair where they represented OFS with a message of Wildfire Prevention.



### **Prescribed Fire Assistance**

Broken Bow District personnel completed two prescribed burn plans and conducted the planned burns on 125 acres total. Broken Bow District personnel also pushed control lines on two separate tracts – 5,300 feet and 6,000 feet respectively.

### **Safety/Training Highlights**

- Broken Bow District personnel conducted a safety meeting on radio communications.
- Derik Gee, Steve Painter, Oley Walker, and Chris Hutson traveled to Fort Cobb, OK to facilitate the S-130/S-190 to help further VFD firefighting education and training.
- Derik Gee, Terron Gee, Calvin Webb, and Mark Webb help an educational program for home schooled kids in Northern Pushmataha County. Smokey Bear attended as a special guest.

### **Upcoming events/activities:**

- Site Preparation – ripping
- Hochatown mapping/collection
- New radio installation



## STATE FORESTER ACTIVITIES from 17 August thru 3 October 2024

- Attended the August Meeting of the Oklahoma Rural Fire Coordinators
- Provided content input for the beta delivery of *S-320 Introduction to Incident Management Teams* course. Goeller serves as the Southern States representative to the course's Steering Committee.
- Represented Forestry Services at the inaugural meeting of the OSU Fire Service Training Strategic Advisory Board.
- Attended ODAFF Director's Meetings when on-duty.
- Participated in two on-line meetings of the National Ass'n of State Foresters to review the strategic plans for NASF and the National Ass'n of State Foresters Foundation.
- Responded from 23 August to 7 September with Northern Rockies Incident Management Team #1 to the Fish Creek Fire east of Moran Junction, Wyoming.
- Attended the September Monthly Meeting of the Cleveland County Fire Chief's Ass'n.
- Participated in an on-line meeting of the NASF to review Annual Meeting Action Items.
- Attended the September Meeting of the Oklahoma Rural Fire Coordinators.
- Attended the September Meeting of the Logan County Fire Chief's Ass'n.
- Attended a meeting with Secretary Arthur, JanLee Rowlett and the Commissioners of the Land Office.
- Attended the September Meeting of the Oklahoma Ass'n of Regional Councils to discuss the FY25 Contract for Rural Fire Coordinators.
- Attended the National Ass'n of State Foresters' Annual Meeting in Providence, RI
- Attended a meeting with OMES Construction and Properties to begin the process to construct a new office facility at Goldsby.
- Participated in the September MS-Teams meeting of the Southern Group of State Foresters' Fire Management Chiefs.
- Attended the Eastern Oklahoma County Fire Chief's monthly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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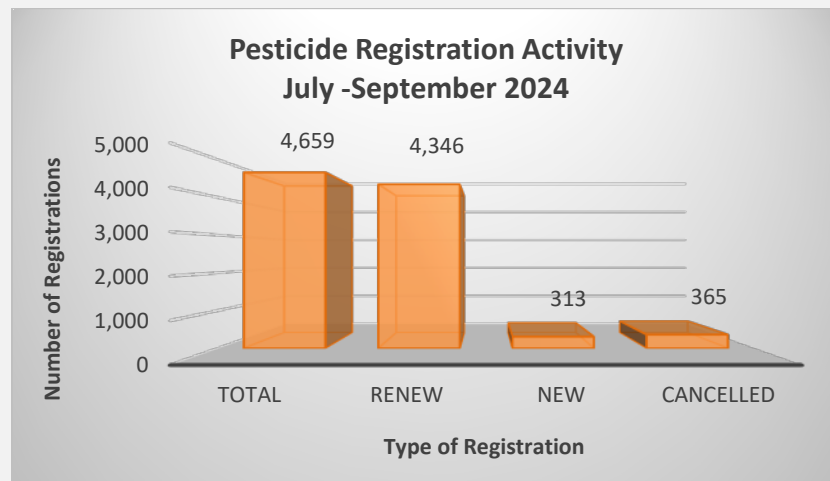
## CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICES DIVISION

### OCTOBER 14, 2024, BOARD MEETING REPORT FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

#### PESTICIDE SECTION

##### Pesticide Registration Activity

Pesticide registrations for July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> in 2024 are presented in the following chart. A total of 4659 products were registered, of the products registered 4346 were renewals and 313 were new. There were 365 products cancelled.



##### Pesticide Samples

Pesticide samples taken during the FY 2024 are presented in the following chart. A total of 429 Residue, 13 Tank Mix, 38 Pollution, 96 Documentary, 8 Plant Food, and 81 Concentration samples were taken.

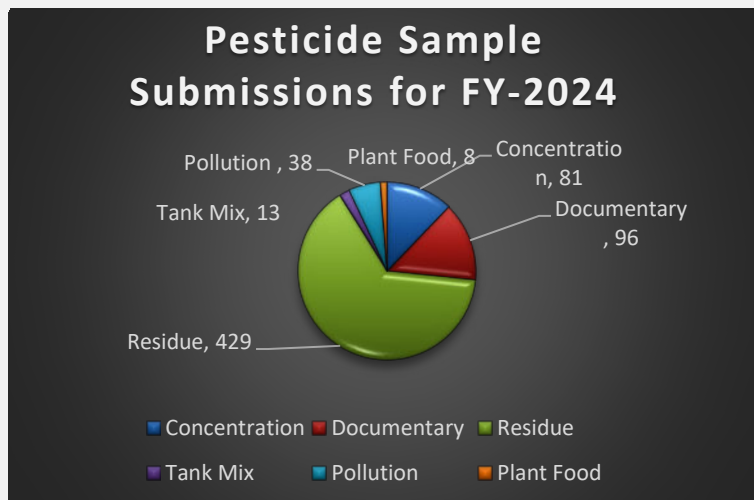


Table 1. Inspection Count for State Fiscal Year 2024

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections
	FY 2024
Noxious Weed	39
Marketplace	365
Pesticide Applicator Facility	281
Restricted Use Pesticide Dealer	143
Container Containment Inspection	9
Producer Establishment	15
Use	838
Termite	93
Wood	1
Pre-treat	36
Drift Investigation	115
Pesticide Label	26,128
Worker Protection	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,082</b>

Along with the above inspections CPS Field Agents also took 183 agriculture use samples, 88 agriculture use follow up samples, 216 non agriculture use samples, 56 non agriculture follow up samples, 35 marketplace samples and 87 producer establishment samples for a total of 665 samples.

#### Unwanted Pesticide Disposal

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) is continuing their program to help collect and properly dispose of unwanted pesticides that homeowners, farmers, ranchers, commercial applicators, or dealers may have. Unwanted pesticides are pesticides that are unusable as originally intended for various reasons. Unwanted pesticides are leftover pesticides, pesticides that are no longer registered in the state of Oklahoma, pesticides that no longer have labels and pesticides that are no longer identifiable.

Oklahoma commercial and non-commercial applicators and pesticide dealers may participate. Oklahoma farmers and ranchers and homeowners can use the program as well. Dealers are asked to pre-register due to the potential of large quantities coming from multiple dealers and/or multiple locations. This allows the contractor to plan the appropriate resources to handle the quantity of pesticides that comes into the collections.

ODAFF will conduct two collections this fall at the following locations.

- October 22, 2024, at the Major County Fairgrounds, 808 E Highland St, Fairview, Ok from 8:00am–1:00pm.
- October 24, 2024, at the Atoka County Fairgrounds, 2071 W Liberty Rd, Atoka, Ok from 8:00am-1:00pm.

EPA Cooperative Agreement Grant

The goal of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Cooperative Agreement Grant, consistent with Fungicide, Insecticide, Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), is to ensure that pesticides are made available for use and are properly sold, distributed, and used in a way that is protective of human health and the environment. The EPA and State Lead Agencies (SLA) protects people and ecosystems that may be exposed to pesticides, through its pesticide product registration and registration review program, outreach, technical assistance, and compliance and enforcement programs. Achieving these protective outcomes requires collaborative efforts by citizens, pesticide users, states, Tribes, territories, EPA regions, OCSPP, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), and other partners. As co-regulators, states, Tribes and territories serve an essential role as the EPA’s “eyes and ears” on the ground to identify pesticide concerns; to provide EPA feedback from the field to determine if intended risk mitigation measures are effective; to monitor compliance with the regulated community; and to take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) provides funds to support “program activities” for pesticide program development and implementation, including education, outreach, training, technical assistance, and evaluation activities. OECA provides funds to support “compliance and enforcement activities,” which include compliance assistance, compliance monitoring, case development and enforcement.

ODAFF has just completed FFY24 grant. ODAFF met and in most cases exceeded EPA’s program requirements. This cooperative agreement provides resources that allows ODAFF to perform routine inspections on pesticide dealers, manufacturers, and users. Furthermore, this agreement also provides resources for pesticide related investigations and applicator trainings.

Pesticide Complaints

PESTICIDE COMPLAINTS	August 13, 2024 – October 1, 2024			
	RECEIVED	CLOSED	WARNINGS ISSUED	NO ACTION
CONSUMER GENERATED:	7	9	7	9
MUSK THISTLE:	1	0	0	0
PMR CASES:	20	0	0	0
CASES REFERRED TO OGC:	7			

## ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AND HORTICULTURE SECTION

### Plant Protection Program

#### Phytosanitary Certificates

Federal phytosanitary certificates Issued from **September 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024**

Commercial value of shipment \$1,250 or more:

3 Federal phytosanitary certificates issued @ \$106.00 each

Commercial value of shipment less than \$1,250:

3 Federal phytosanitary Certificates issued @ \$61.00 each

Federal Phytosanitary Certificates (September 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024)			
Country	Product	Quantity	Phytos Issued
Argentina	Peanut Seed	21 Packets	1
Japan	Agave Plants	24 Plants	2
Thailand	Miscanthus Seed	40 Totes	2
United Kingdom	Barrelclover Seed	5 Kg	1
		Total:	6

Companies applying for federal phytosanitary certificates:

International Ingredient	2
OSU Bioscience	1
Tobin Newcomb	2
USDA ARS	1

#### State:

State phytosanitary certificates Issued from **September 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024**

80 phytosanitary certificates for 1,501 plants



## Japanese Beetle Trapping

CPS Field Agents set 32 Japanese Beetle in late May in 7 counties. This survey involves trapping at farms/operations that require negative trapping data to ship to Western states due to state quarantines. We will remove the traps in early October and wrap up the survey for the year. There have been no new finds of Japanese Beetle in Oklahoma this year

## Sweet Potato Weevil Trapping

Richard Folsom, CPS Inspector, is conducting trapping for Sweet Potato Weevil on two farms in Western Oklahoma. This trapping is to obtain negative trapping data for compliance agreements to ship Sweet Potatoes out of state. This survey will conclude in November.

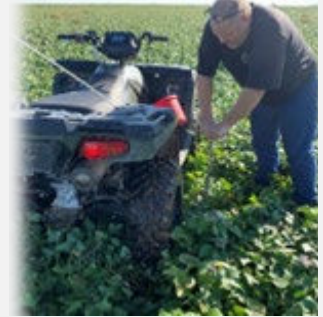
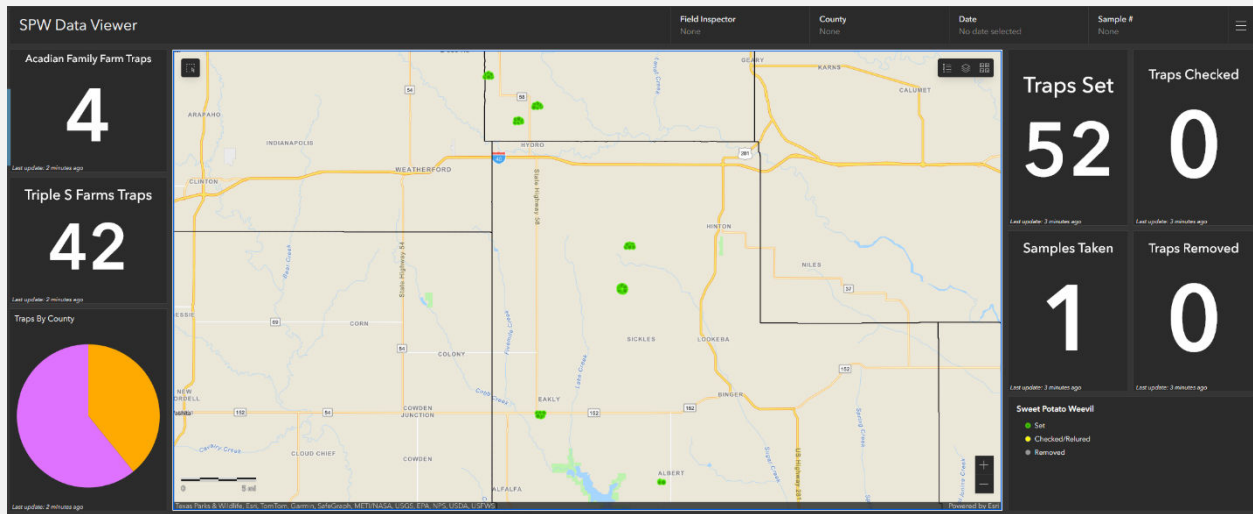


Figure 1: Setting a Sweet Potato Weevil Trap



## Phytophthora ramorum Survey

Means Nursery, a *P. ramorum* positive nursery in Oregon, ships to Lowe's stores in Oklahoma. Due to past positive finds at the nursery CPS Field Agents are checking the plants shipped into the state to make sure they're symptom-free.

We are also checking local nurseries and garden centers host-associated plants (HAP). HAP include Azalea, Rhododendron, Pieris, Camellia, Kalmia, Viburnum, and Lilac.

Shipments have slowed down, but we are continuing to check these plants as we are in the area.

## HIS-SC Conference



Figure 2: Attendees at the HISSC conference

CPS Field Agents Joe Rackley, Andrew Keathley, and Joey Baker attended the Horticultural Inspection Society Southern Chapter Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA from September 23-26, 2024. They learned about Boxwood Dieback, the Yellow-Legged Hornet, the SANC program, and other issues related to horticultural inspections.

## SANC Audit

Kaci Hubbell, along with CPS Field Agents John Nunnery and Rusty Patzack, performed a surveillance SANC audit at Greenleaf Nursery Company on September 25, 2024. This audit was also audited by SANC board members Dana Rhodes, from Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and Wayne Dixon, retiree from Florida Department of Agriculture for the National Plant Board.



Figure 3: SANC Audit Team

## Hemp

It is the time of year that hemp growers are harvesting their crop unfortunately we have had quite a few fails because their THCa levels are too high. There seems to be a misunderstanding by growers and the public between Delta 9 value and total THC which includes THCa as required by USDA to be considered Hemp.

- 99 total active growers
- 205,362 licensed square feet
- 8,133 licensed acres
- 59 licensed hemp processors/handlers

Worked with OBN and OMMA to investigate THCa flower complaint in Lawton. They were selling flower with high total THC and did not have an ODAFF or OMMA license. Product has been marked for destruction by OBN.

## AGRICULTURE RESOURCE SECTION

### Feed Program

#### *Program Performance*

During this reporting period there were a total of 214 official feed samples analyzed, with 1107 feed determinations made from these samples. These determinations resulted in the issuance of 49 violations for feeds or feed ingredients that did not meet established tolerances based on their guaranteed analysis. Most of these violations were issued for products deficient in Calcium. Other violations include Zinc, Potassium, Crude Protein, Crude Fat, Crude Fiber, Phosphorus, Salt, Vitamin A, Copper. Fourteen stop sale orders were issued for feed products with severe deviations from their guaranteed analysis. Four stop sales were issued for products deficient in Vitamin A. Three stop sales were issued for products deficient in Crude Fat. Two stop sales were issued for products deficient in Copper. Two stop sales were issued for products deficient in Salt. Two stop sales were issued for products deficient in Crude Protein. One stop sale was issued for a product deficient in Phosphorus.

The following tables show a two-month comparison of label violations and stop sale orders issued by the Department for feed products that did not meet their guaranteed analysis.

**Table 1. Feed Notice of Label Violation Summary August 2024 – July 2024**

Nutritional Guarantee	Number of Label Violations		
	August <sup>1</sup>	July <sup>2</sup>	Two Month Total
Crude Protein	5	4	9
Non-protein Nitrogen	0	0	0
Crude Fat	5	4	9
Crude Fiber	4	2	6
Calcium	10	5	15
Phosphorus	4	1	5
Salt	3	6	9
Magnesium	0	0	0
Potassium	6	2	8
Copper	2	3	5
Manganese	0	2	2
Zinc	8	8	16
Vitamin A	2	2	4
Methionine	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>88</b>

<sup>1</sup> 214 feed samples analyzed with 1107 determinations; <sup>2</sup> 189 feed samples analyzed with 1091 determinations



**Table 2. Feed Stop Sale Summary August 2024 – July 2024**

Nutritional Guarantee	Number of Stop Sales		
	August <sup>1</sup>	July <sup>2</sup>	Two Month Total
Crude Protein	2	1	3
Non-protein Nitrogen	0	0	0
Crude Fat	3	2	5
Crude Fiber	0	0	0
Calcium	0	2	2
Phosphorus	1	0	1
Salt	2	1	3
Manganese	0	0	0
Potassium	0	0	0
Copper	2	5	7
Zinc	0	0	0
Vitamin A	4	3	7
Medicated Feed	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>

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## Fertilizer Program

### *Program Performance*

Below you will find the performance numbers for the fertilizer, agricultural lime, and soil amendment programs for the time-period of August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Sample Type	Number	Deficiency Penalty/SS
Fertilizer	53	7
Lime	7	-

Investigation Type	Number
Facility Pre-Site Inspections	0
Dry Bulk Fertilizer Storage Facility	28
Liquid Bulk Fertilizer Storage Facility	28
NH <sub>3</sub> Nurse Tank Inspections	0
NH <sub>3</sub> Storage Tank Inspections	0

During this time-period, program administrator, Joshua Maples, represented Oklahoma at the 2024 Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO) Summer Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas from August 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. His attendance provides Oklahoma with a voice in leadership in AAPFCO decision making, as Joshua is a current board member, committee chair, vice-chair, and active member on numerous committees and is active in participating in discussions in this organization. He is the chair and led the meeting for the Education and Information committee, whose purpose is “To promote the role of AAPFCO as a source of uniformity in plant food regulations, labels, and definitions. To develop and disseminate information and educational materials to help ensure the safe and effective use of fertilizers, beneficial substances, and soil amending products in agricultural and consumer applications.” He oversees the AAPFCO labeling guide, as well as the AAPFCO inspector manual. The purpose of AAPFCO is to help achieve regulatory uniformity through state

regulations, as well as provides regulatory control officials and industry a chance to interact and discuss the implementation of regulatory decisions. The AAPFCO mission highlights the benefits of involvement and inclusion from the state regulatory programs, “The mission of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials is to establish uniform standards that promote consumer protection, environmental stewardship, and provide a forum to achieve regulatory consensus.” In attendance of this conference were 117 industry representatives and 60 control officials, representing 33 states, a record state attendance in recent years.

#### Weights & Measures Program

During this period the large capacity scale technicians tested 120 Vehicle scales and 19 of the scales were rejected.

CPS Field Agents checked a total of 917 small scales and 10 platform scales, 7 of the scales were rejected. There were 53 random pack inspections and 110 standard pack inspections conducted that resulted in 12 companies receiving letters of warning and 1 company receiving a stop sale. Additionally, 80 price verification inspections were conducted at various retailers that resulted in 2 companies receiving a letter of warning.

Five scale companies received a letter of warning for not properly servicing scales.

During FY24 CPS’ four COOL Field Agents conducted 39 Country of Origin Labeling inspections for the USDA.

I will be glad to answer any questions from the Board members.



Kenny M. Naylor



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**Animal Disease Traceability:**

On September 24 Dr. Gorczyca-Southerland and I hosted a one-hour webinar for livestock market veterinarians to demonstrate the software we are planning to purchase and develop for their use. We believe the software, with electronic tag readers we're distributing to them, will help them document the cattle at the markets more quickly and efficiently and enable them to submit the data to us in a more consistent fashion.

On September 25 Dr. Gorczyca-Southerland and I were interviewed by Emma Hickey for one of her classes at OSU. Emma was interested in the transition to the use of electronic official ID tags beginning November 5. She asked some very good questions and I believe will produce a good paper.

We continue to distribute the free RFID tags to interested veterinarians and producers. During this time, we shipped 12,100 tags to eight veterinarians and 13 producers.

Even though the official metal ID tags will not be able to be applied after November 4, we distributed 18,000 of them to veterinarians.

Two electronic readers for the RFID tags was distributed to livestock market veterinarians.

We had 24 new account requests for our no cost electronic CVI to make a total of 279 registered users.

Dr. Gorczyca continues to work with Gina Becker, Datawise Up, LLC, modifying the livestock market software program that Datawise developed for the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

We have been assisting Investigative Services with cattle theft investigations by reviewing official identification records in USAHerds to determine if movement has occurred.

**Aquaculture:**

All licensees due for inspections have had those inspections completed with one exception.

During this timeframe a Farmers Market representative reached out inquiring about shrimp being sold. We provided assistance based on information we have learned in regards to legally selling seafood and provided the individual the health department contact info for further follow-up.

**Biologics:**

Three new biologic products registered during this time.

**Cattle Programs:**

After some initial concerns about the confirmation of finding Asian Longhorned Ticks in northeastern Oklahoma, the interest has died down. The few ticks that have been submitted to OADDL have not been ALTs. OSU Extension, OSUCVM, and OADDL are making plans to do some surveillance to try to learn if the ticks are spread over a wider area than we're aware of currently.

The outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in dairy cattle is continuing. It has now affected over 230 herds in 14 states. California has found 33 infected herds in the past few weeks.

We are requiring lactating dairy cattle to have a negative HPAI test before moving to exhibitions. I've seen close to 50 test results for LDCs and they have all been negative so far. We just received results for the third round of testing bulk tank samples from dairies that are within 20 km of commercial poultry farms and so far they are all negative as well. If positive farms are found, we will increase efforts to encourage enhance biosecurity to hopefully prevent farms from becoming infected.

**Brucellosis:**

The only remaining reservoir of *B abortus* in the U.S. is in elk and bison in the Greater Yellowstone Park area.

While there is very little need to test for *B abortus* any longer, this means we have very little or no surveillance for *Brucella suis* (Swine Brucellosis) in cattle, which currently infects approximately 20% of the feral swine that our Wildlife Services personnel test. *B suis* can, and does, infect cattle occasionally.

**Trichomoniasis:**

On July 23 I conducted a training for new OSU CVM clinicians to certify them to do regulatory Trichomoniasis testing.

During this period there were 1,384 Oklahoma bulls tested for Trichomoniasis with one bull and one cow found to be positive. The cow was part of a herd that had an inordinate number of open cows. One cow with pyometra was sampled and was positive for Trich. Dr. Proctor is doing an epidemiology investigation, and so far, we have not found a positive bull that explains the infected herd.



On September 4, Dr. Stone toured a forced air composting demonstration designed for management of on farm mortality. Using saw dust and a tissue grinder that allows mixing of the nitrogen rich tissue with carbon rich saw dust, the compost is piled on concrete containing air flow channels connected to a forced air compressor. This method allows rapid decomposition that reach internal temperature that will inactive most disease concerns. This internal temperature is reached by biological growth. In a few weeks the pile is turned and the mixing refreshes the biological activity. This is one method for farms to manage routine losses. It improves biosecurity, reduces disease risk, and produces a product that can be land applied when composting is completed. In the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak this particular composting system will need to be modified slightly to satisfy disease mitigation assurance.

On September 9, Dr. Gorczyca and Dr. Beth Ruby, USDA VS, attended the Joint County Emergency Management Though Exercise hosted by OSU Extension in Guymon, OK.

On September 10, Dr. Gorczyca met with Dr. Beth Ruby, USDA VS, and John Kane, OK FBI WMD Coordinator, to discuss security in agriculture.

On September 10, Austyn Fuss and Dr. Gorczyca interviewed candidates from Redlands Community College to participate in the Secure Food Supply internship. Three candidates were selected for the fall internship: McKenna Gay, Ally Taylor, and Kori Jenkins. Initial SFS training was held for the interns on September 17-18. They each will work with a producer of their choice to develop a site specific SFS plan by the end of the fall semester.

#### **Equine Programs:**

There are no reported cases or quarantines for CEM or Piroplasmosis in Oklahoma. We have had three West Nile Virus positive cases in horses. One from Latimer County, one from Cleveland County, and one from Choctaw County.

On 9/13/24 we were notified of a suspect EIA case in Cherokee County. The suspect horse and other horses on the premises are under quarantine. The suspect horse will be retested in 30 days.

The horse that was discussed in the previous report, that was very anemic and had symptoms of EIA, has had two negative tests now. It will be tested one more time before the quarantine is released.

#### **Farmed Cervidae Programs:**

AIS was awarded a second USDA Cooperative Agreement grant application to continue and expand the genetic testing for resistance to chronic wasting disease for our whitetail deer producers. We hope to include all of our CWD-HCP participants who have whitetail deer to assist them in choosing the favored genetics for CWD resistance.

AIS has been planning and reviewing proposed rule changes for the farmed cervidae program. Discussions are underway for developing and drafting rules to administer and

manage the activities outlined in HB 3462, the Chronic Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Act, as they pertain to ODAFF AIS specific responsibilities.

On behalf of our newest and largest Farmed Cervidae Producer, Hamish Fraser, Dana Call, Dr. Gorczyca-Southerland and Dr. Stone coordinated efforts for training Mr. Fraser's hunting preserve staff to become CWD sample collectors. Dana Call also coordinated with the USDA to extend their derogation approval to December 31, 2024, to accommodate animal movements from Canada to Oklahoma. It became necessary to pause movements during the elk and red deer breeding season as it has become too dangerous for the animal handlers and animals because of the intensity of inter-male aggression during this time.

On September 26, Dr. Stone provided training for on farm sampling of a deer hunt facility.

**Feral Swine:**

Feral swine hunter license applications are increasing as the fall hunting season approaches. AIS has been planning and reviewing proposed rule changes for the feral swine control regulations. There have been no complaints regarding feral swine facilities during this reporting period.

**Foreign Animal Disease:**

We had no FAD investigations during this time.

**Livestock Market Audits:**

During this period, staff approved two livestock market applications. Robert Crozier has completed all requirements to become a licensed auction market selling sheep and goats. Crozier Livestock Auction will be operating a monthly sale at the Stilwell Livestock Auction facility.

In addition to this new market, The Fort Smith Horse and Mule Sale was issued a new market license during this period also. Operated by Clint Smith, the state's newest horse and mule sale hosted their first offering at the Fort Smith Stockyards facility on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The sale will continue being held at the Moffett, Oklahoma facility on the third Saturday of each month.

Staff continues to work with Rob Goolsby concerning his addition of a sheep and goat sale to his current horse sale operation. The Wister facility is expecting to start selling small ruminants early this fall.

In addition to this new sale activity, staff also sent packets to a couple of individuals interested in sale barn ownership. This period also allowed for a number of custodial account reviews.

Livestock Auction Market Activities

Auction market licenses issued	2
Auction market licenses pending	0
Market custodial audits completed	7
Auction market complaints investigated	0
Fines collected	0
Livestock Markets with Legal Action	0
Special Audits (Market Development)	0

**Outreach:**

On August 13 I hosted four new veterinarians for a USDA Accreditation orientation class to prepare them to perform regulatory testing as part of their private practice.

On August 15 the majority of AIS employees participated in an agency wide virtual meeting.

On August 20 we hosted the OVMA's Power of Ten class for their meeting. Power of Ten is aimed at newer veterinarians and encourages and prepares them to become leaders in their practices and in the profession.

On August 21 we hosted the monthly Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO) meeting with ODAFF and USDA veterinarians to discuss cases, disease updates and outbreaks, and plan activities.

On August 26 Dr. Gorczyca-Southerland and I participated in a virtual meeting with Ag Groups and Farm Bureau Foundation to discuss and begin gathering information about the shortage of rural veterinarians and make plans to help solve the problem.

On August 27 I traveled to Stillwater and met, as part of the OADDL Advisory Committee, with the National Animal Health Laboratory Network Accreditation Team as part of the team's accreditation visit.

On August 27 I was interviewed by former Representative John Enns from KFRM Radio about the recent confirmation of the finding of Asian Longhorned Ticks in Oklahoma.

On August 28 several of the ODAFF Directors ate lunch with and shared information about our divisions with the new class of Ag Youth Council.

On September 5 Dr. Stone met with OSU veterinary and pre-vet students and Langston University Ag students for State Fair Birthing Center orientation.

On September 10 I gave a presentation to OSUCVM's Veterinary Emergency and Disaster Management class on the State Veterinarian's Role in Emergency Management.



The Oklahoma State Fair was September 12-22. Our Inspectors, with some assistance from office staff and USDA interns, were at the gates to verify that livestock were properly documented to enter the fairgrounds. No major issues were encountered.

On September 14 I helped with ExpOSUre: Livestock Docs event at the Oklahoma State Fair. It is a collaboration between OK State Fair, OSU CVM, OK Pork Council, and ODAFF to expose students to veterinary medicine. OSU vet students set up stations where students received hands on instruction on vaccine mixing and injections, equine leg wrapping, proper placement of chains or straps for calf dystocias, and others.



Student mixing vaccine at ExpOSUre



Addressing students at ExpOSUre

On September 19 I worked a shift at the Oklahoma State Fair Barnyard Birthing Center. It's always enjoyable to visit with the public about animal agriculture and get the opportunity to educate a few people about why we do things the way we do. Dr. Stone was instrumental in setting up and managing the Barnyard Birthing Center. In addition to the birthing center animals, One Health posters covering rabies exposure from bats and the 100 year anniversary of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance were presented. Dr. Whitworth brought the Bovine Birthing Simulator and Dr. Whitworth, Dr. Stone, and others demonstrated bovine birthing. The entire exhibit was well managed and very popular.



Secretary Arthur and OVMA Executive Director  
Cordon DeKock at the Birthing Center



Dr. Stone demonstrating the bovine birthing  
simulator

On September 20 I was interviewed by a group representing USDA Animal Care about animal welfare structure in Oklahoma. The interview was 90 minutes long and covered a lot of information. The goal was to help Animal Care understand gaps in animal welfare and attempt to bridge those gaps.

On September 23 we hosted the monthly VMO meeting for ODAFF and USDA veterinarians.

On September 24 I submitted my report to OVMA for their Board Meeting on September 26.

On September 26 I virtually attended the OVMA Board meeting. The in person meeting was held at the Southwest Veterinary Symposium in Fort Worth, TX. They discussed several topics including the animal rights activity at Oklahoma State Fair and Tulsa State Fair, mid-level veterinary practitioners, and the shortage of rural veterinarians.

The Tulsa State Fair began September 26. Our Inspectors and some of our staff will be there to verify that all livestock are correctly documented to enter the fairgrounds.

September 27, Dr. Stone visited with the Quapaw Nation on health issues and challenges within their bison herd.

### **Poultry Programs**

There have been 31 sick or dead birds submitted for our sick bird/dead bird program since last report and a total of 84 since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have had no detection of HPAI in Oklahoma and we continue to respond to sick bird calls with testing of suspect birds. Furthermore, we are actively engaged in HPAI

surveillance, which includes testing of avian populations at live bird markets, auctions, and feedstores.

The ongoing 2022 incursion of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has affected domestic flocks in 48 states with the death or depopulation of over 80 million birds and 1175 confirmed premises. There have been 947 control areas/surveillance zones released. This is the largest foreign animal disease incursion in US history. We continue to stress the importance of biosecurity in both commercial and backyard flocks through outreach such as emails, social media, and county extension officers. With the fall waterfowl migration beginning, there is potential to see more cases this fall.

Dr. Parrott attended the NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) Biennial Conference 2024 the week of August 26<sup>th</sup> in Providence, Rhode Island. This is a national meeting where the poultry industry, SAHO's (State Animal Health Officials), and USDA consider poultry health issues. Dr. Parrott was a delegate for Oklahoma voting on proposed changes to the NPIP Code of Federal Regulations.

Dr. Parrott attended the 2024 Poultry Agribusiness Course the week of September 16<sup>th</sup> at Mount Pleasant, TX. This is a one-week hands on training for State Animal Health Officials (SAHO's) to learn the daily agribusiness realities facing the U. S. poultry integrators. This training emphasizes the development of emergency preparedness between the SAHO's and the commercial poultry industry.



Dr. Parrott at Poultry Agribusiness Course

### **Public Health**

We've developed a system of forwarding notifications of positive results for diseases such as West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease, etc. for animals that are potential zoonotic diseases to the State Public Health Veterinarian and State Epidemiologist with OSDH.

### **Rabies in Livestock:**

During the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>, we were notified of a positive rabies case in a goat in Stephens County. This goat was part of a herd consisting of 11 other goats. To mitigate the risk of further spread, we implemented a quarantine protocol for the goat herd. The health department conducted an investigation to assess any potential human exposure.

### **Sheep and Goat Programs:**

There were no significant activities in this program during this time.

### **Swine Programs:**

On September 3-5 Dr. Gorczyca-Southerland and I attended the U.S. SHIP House of Delegates meeting in Minneapolis, MN. This was the fourth meeting of the organization whose goal is to create a recognized organization to allow swine producers to demonstrate sufficient biosecurity practices and routine surveillance testing to allow for continued trade and easier movement of swine. Dr. G provided a presentation in the breakout session for biosecurity and feral swine mitigation over SPS planning with the show pig sector in Oklahoma.



Dr. G presenting at U.S. SHIP HOD meeting

We continue to educate and promote secure pork supply planning for our swine producers.

**Miscellaneous:**

We received information that an animal welfare group, specifically targeting swine and confinement gestation crates, might be planning a protest at the State Fair Birthing Center. The OVMA, both state fairs, the Oklahoma Pork Council, and ODAFF coordinated messaging and a response plan. Oklahoma Farm Bureau, OYE, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, and the Poultry Federation partnered in the messaging.

On September 25 I spoke with Lauren Feger, Executive Director of Association of PEMF Professionals. PEMF is Pulsed Electromagnetic Field therapy. It is considered to be the practice of Veterinary Medicine in the Veterinary Practice Act, so it can legally be performed by or on the order of a veterinarian. More and more people are purchasing the PEMF units and using them on animals, but horses are the species treated most often. Horse show management has become aware of the issue and in some cases are telling practitioners of the therapy that they cannot operate at the shows unless they're working with a veterinarian. Ms. Feger is advocating for the members of her organization. I explained the law and she was understanding, but I suspect she will ask me to stand up the Animal Technology Advisory Committee to look at the technology and advise the Veterinary Board about it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Hall DVM". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

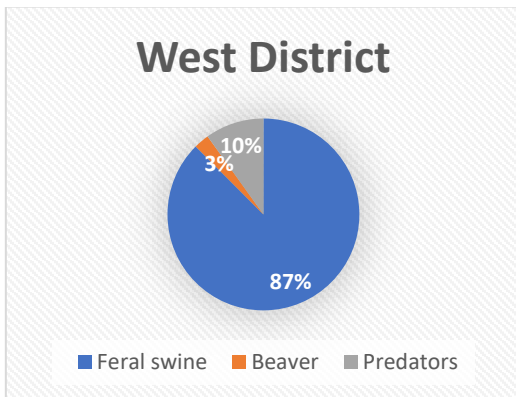
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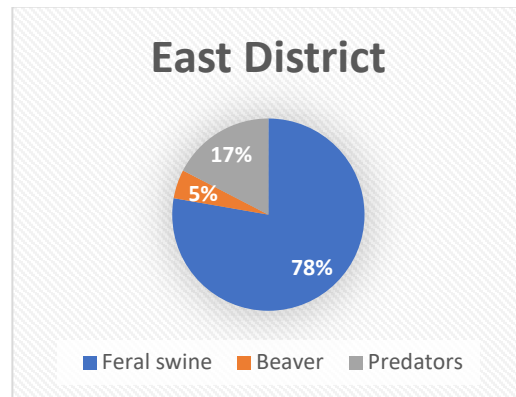
**Introduction**

Wildlife Services (WS) responds to damage complaints caused by wildlife to resources or property throughout Oklahoma. WS Specialists conduct operational damage management programs for many of the complaints they receive to resolve these wildlife damage problems. During this period, these projects were conducted on 509 properties with an estimated 975,689 acres of land under agreement. Additionally, WS helped 127 persons and entities with technical assistance which involved providing information to cooperators so they can resolve problems themselves. Cooperators reported and WS Specialists verified wildlife damage of \$257,129 during this period. Beaver damages accounted for losses totaling \$19,291. Predation, primarily coyotes were responsible for a number of damage requests, largely to livestock, with losses totaling \$10,709. Feral swine damages accounted for losses totaling \$210,182, while other species of wildlife were responsible for \$16,947 in damages to property, agriculture, and livestock.

**Providing Wildlife Services**



*Figure 1: Species Removed in West District by percentage during August 2024*



*Figure 2: Species Removed in the East District by percentage during August 2024*

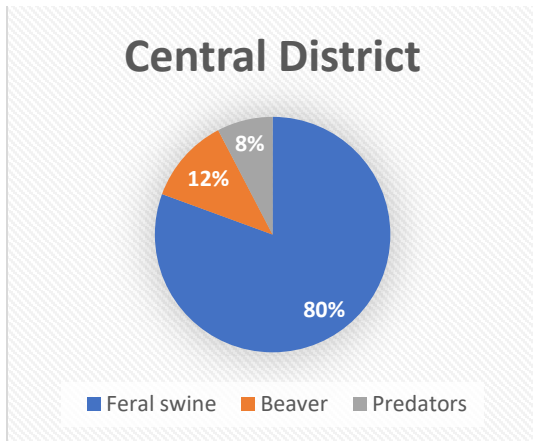


Figure 3: Species Removed in the Central District by percentage during August 2024

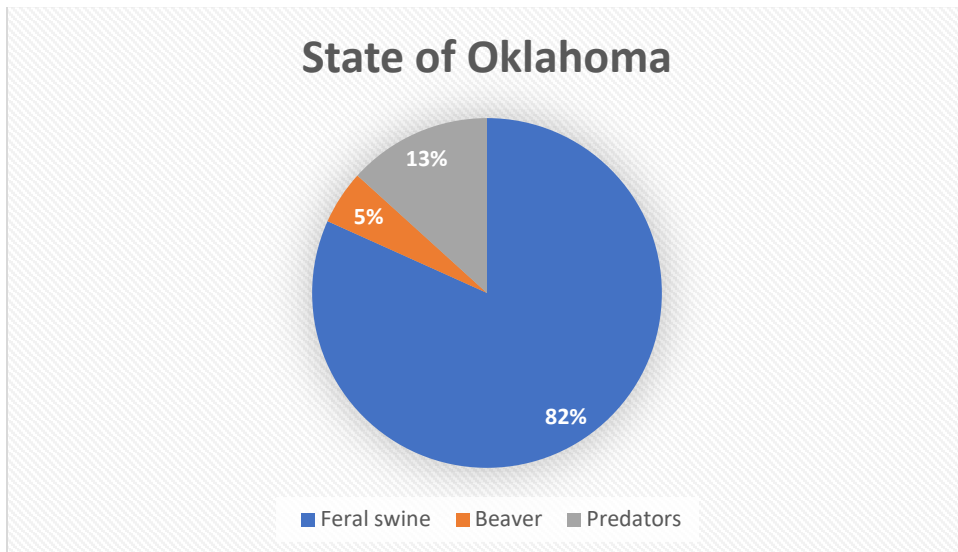


Figure 4: Species Removed in the State by percentage during August 2024

**Predator Damage Management**

*Kay County*, WS is continuing work on a landowner that reported the loss of several calves and was worried about coyotes in the future. The property was scouted for potential use of trapping devices however, the property did not have good locations for trapping devices. It was determined the best method to use would be thermal hunting. The manager has not reported any new livestock depredation, but the property will be monitored when calving begins.

**Atoka County** municipal facility called for assistance with black vultures when several were seen in and around their facility. After having significant black vulture damage in the past, they were concerned and requested assistance. The group of black vultures was verified at the property and the vulture trap on the property was baited. Seventy-three black vultures were removed with this project still being monitored.

**Blaine County** livestock producer requested assistance with coyotes depredating on calves. The producer reported coyotes had killed one calf valued at \$881. The Specialist assigned to Blaine County examined the carcass and verified that coyotes were responsible for the loss. Damage management efforts were successful in removing four coyotes from the property. No further losses have occurred, and work is ongoing currently to prevent additional losses.

**Ellis County** livestock producer requested assistance with coyotes depredating on his calves. and had killed one calf valued at \$881. The Specialist assigned to Ellis County responded to the request and examined the carcass and confirmed coyotes were responsible for the loss of the calf. The Specialist used leg hold traps and calling/shooting to remove three coyotes. Control efforts continue to prevent additional losses.

**Beckham County** landowner requested assistance with coyotes depredating on his calves. and had killed one calf valued at \$881. The Specialist assigned to Beckham County examined the carcass and verified that coyotes were responsible for the loss. Damage management efforts were successful in removing four coyotes from the property. Control efforts continue to prevent additional losses.

### **Feral Swine Damage Management**

**Love County** landowner called WS with reports of feral swine in his bean field. WS met with the landowner and verified the damage to his beans. WS trapped twenty-five feral swine with estimated damage to the bean field at \$2000.

**Carter County** landowner contacted WS about feral swine rooting up his hayfield. WS responded and verified the damage at \$2500. Traps were set and twenty-six feral swine were removed from the property.

**Pottawatomie County** landowner called WS with reports of feral swine tearing up hayfields with damages estimated at \$10,000. WS pre baited the property with corn and a live trap was set. WS removed sixty-one feral swine from the property. Currently there is no sign of feral swine on the property and WS will keep in touch with the landowner to monitor the population.





Figure 5. Damage to silage field in LeFlore County

**Le Flore County** producer called WS for assistance with feral swine, reporting damage to his silage fields. The damage was verified and estimated at 2.5 acres of damage valued at \$4,000. After pre-baiting near the silage field, a remote camera trap was placed. Sixteen feral swine have been removed and this project is still being monitored.

**Craig County** producer contacted WS for assistance when he discovered a group of

feral swine causing damage to his soybean crop. The damage was confirmed and estimated at \$1,000. After pre-baiting with corn, a remote camera trap was placed. Seventeen feral swine were removed and this project is still being monitored. The owner was advised about fencing methods that could assist with future feral swine issues.

**Delaware County** property owner contacted WS reporting feral swine damage to his property. The rooting damage was verified and estimated at \$700. After pre-baiting, a remote camera trap was placed. Thirteen feral swine were removed, and this project is still being monitored. The owner was advised of environmental changes he could make to his property that could deter future feral swine concerns.

**Greer County** landowner requested assistance with feral swine causing damage valued at \$1,000 on 20 acres of his pastures. The Specialist assigned to Greer County responded to the request and his field inspection verified the damage to his pasture. The Specialist used a live trap to remove thirty-six feral swine. The area continues to be monitored for activity to determine if additional management efforts are needed to further reduce damage.

**Dewey County** landowner contacted WS needing assistance with feral swine rooting in his wheat fields. The landowner estimated the damage to be at \$5,000 to his wheat. The Wildlife Specialist assigned to Dewey County responded to the request and verified the damage. A live trap was used to remove twenty-seven feral swine from the property. No additional damage has occurred, and the population in the area is being monitored to determine if additional management is needed.

**Jackson County** landowner contacted WS needing assistance with feral swine damaging his pastures with damages estimated at \$3,000. The Wildlife Specialist assigned to Jackson County responded to the request and verified the damage. A live trap was used to remove sixteen feral swine from the property with no additional damage occurring. The population in the area is being monitored to determine if additional management is needed.

## **Aerial Operations**

Aerial operations were conducted in **Custer County** in response to several farmers requesting feral swine damaging wheat fields, milo fields, pastures. Damage in the area flown was estimated at \$20,000. To reduce damage in this area, the helicopter was utilized for 5.2 flying hours to remove thirty-five feral swine. This area will be closely monitored to determine if additional aerial operations are needed.

Aerial operations were conducted in **Tillman County** on roughly 8,000 acres in response to request with feral swine damaging pastures, milo, and corn fields. The helicopter was utilized for 3.6 hours with the removal of two ninety-five feral swine. Additional flight operations are planned in this area to further reduce populations and damage associated with feral swine.

## **Beaver Damage Management**

**McClain County** Commissioner contacted WS to report beavers were plugging up a tin horn. WS responded to the call and determined that beavers were responsible for the damage of around \$415. Traps were set and two beavers were removed with no further damages reported.

**Payne County** landowner contacted WS with concerns of beaver damage at a pond, with the damages estimated at \$2000. WS Specialist verified the damage, and four beavers were removed from the property with work continuing.

**Cleveland County** cooperater called WS with a drainage pipe that had been plugged by beavers. Several times he had removed the blockage, only to find beavers had dammed it overnight. WS removed the blockage, and a night shoot removed three beavers. The cooperater will be monitoring for any future beaver activity.

**Choctaw County** Commissioner called WS for assistance reporting that beavers had dammed-up the culverts causing water damage to the county roadway. The damage was verified and estimated at \$1,800. The two dams were removed by hand to alleviate the water damage and traps removed three beavers with this project being concluded.

**Wagoner County** Commissioner contacted WS concerned about beavers damming up a tin horn on a county road. The water was beginning to back-up into a neighborhood and the residents were concerned about the standing water and the possible flooding issues. The beaver damage was confirmed, and the dam was manually removed to alleviate the flooding concerns. Night shooting was selected as the best method due to the public access. Over a few nights, six beavers were removed to conclude this project.

**Custer County** landowner contacted WS for assistance with beaver that were responsible for damming up the creek on his property and flooding his pasture. The landowner estimated the damage to the pasture to be valued at \$2,000. The Specialist for Custer County responded and verified the damage. The specialist removed the beavers from the creek to help reduce any additional damage to pasture.

**Major County** Commissioner contacted WS with beaver damage concerns. The Commissioner reported that beavers were responsible for \$1,500 to the road and bridge structure.

The Specialist assigned to Major County responded to the request and verified the damage reported. The Specialist set traps to remove two beavers from the adjacent creek. Trapping efforts are completed.

**Roger Mills County** landowner contacted WS for assistance with beaver responsible for damming up the creek on his property and flooding his wheat pasture. The landowner estimated the damage to the pasture to be valued at \$2,000. The Specialist for Roger Mills County responded and verified the damage. The Specialist removed the beavers from the creek to help reduce any additional damage to the road structure.

*Table 1: Beaver, Predator, and Feral Swine removal in Oklahoma by WS August 2024*

County	Beaver	Predators	Feral swine	District
Adair	2		2	E
Alfalfa				C
Atoka	3	56	76	E
Beaver		2		W
Beckham				W
Blaine	6			W
Bryan	4		34	E
Caddo			12	W
Canadian	1			C
Carter			12	C
Cherokee	1	110	6	E
Choctaw	1		9	E
Cimarron				W
Cleveland	3	1	45	C
Coal		2	6	C
Comanche	6		35	W
Cotton			21	W
Craig	4		49	E
Creek			42	E
Custer	1	11	247	W
Delaware		37	28	E
Dewey		8	44	W
Ellis		1	2	W
Garfield	2	3		C
Garvin		6	20	C
Grady				W
Grant	2			C
Greer		2	266	W

Harmon				W
Harper		11		W
Haskell	1		5	E
Hughes	8		49	E
Jackson		2	40	W
Jefferson				C
Johnston	1		16	C
Kay				C
Kingfisher	2			C
Kiowa				W
Latimer	4	5		E
Leflore	5		27	E
Lincoln	15		8	C
Logan	4	2	26	C
Love			20	C
Major				W
Marshall				C
Mayes	2			E
McClain				C
McCurtain	1		139	E
McIntosh	1		35	E
Murray		5	17	C
Muskogee	6		3	E
Noble	5		31	C
Nowata			44	E
Okfuskee			48	E
Oklahoma		4		C
Okmulgee			73	E
Osage			94	E
Ottawa			12	E
Pawnee			61	C
Payne			12	C
Pittsburg	8		16	E
Pontotoc	4	3		C
Pottawatomie	1			C
Pushmataha	6		19	E
Roger Mills				W
Rogers			5	E
Seminole			24	E
Sequoyah			88	E
Stephens	9	8		W
Texas		26		W

Tillman		1	112	W
Tulsa				E
Wagoner	1		2	E
Washington				E
Washita				W
Woods		1		W
Woodward	1	15		W
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>1982</b>	

\*E -East, W - West, C - Central Districts

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Cooper  
 Division Director  
 Wildlife Services Division

**September 2024 Activity Report  
for  
October 2024 Board Meeting  
Agricultural Statistics Division**

**General**

Rainfall totals the **first week of September** in Oklahoma averaged 0.07 inches. According to the September 3rd US Drought Monitor Report, drought conditions were rated 74 percent abnormally dry to exceptional drought, up 7 points from previous year. Additionally, 48 percent of the state was in the moderate drought to exceptional drought categories, up 5 points from last year. Statewide, temperatures averaged in the lower 70's. Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were rated adequate to short.

Rainfall totals the **second week of September** in Oklahoma averaged 0.12 inches. According to the September 10th US Drought Monitor Report, drought conditions were rated 79 percent abnormally dry to exceptional drought, up 17 points from previous year. Additionally, 61 percent of the state was in the moderate drought to exceptional drought categories, up 16 points from last year. Statewide, temperatures averaged in the lower to upper 70's. Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were rated short to very short.

Rainfall totals the **third week of September** in Oklahoma averaged 0.94 inches. According to the September 17th US Drought Monitor Report, drought conditions were rated 79 percent abnormally dry to exceptional drought, up 7 points from previous year. Additionally, 61 percent of the state was in the moderate drought to exceptional drought categories, up 12 points from last year. Statewide, temperatures averaged in the lower 70's to lower 80's. Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were rated adequate to short.

Rainfall totals the **fourth week of September** in Oklahoma averaged 0.32 inches. According to the September 24th US Drought Monitor Report, drought conditions were rated 74 percent abnormally dry to exceptional drought, up 8 points from previous year. Additionally, 57 percent of the state was in the moderate drought to exceptional drought categories, up 10 points from last year. Statewide, temperatures averaged in the upper 60's to lower 70's. Topsoil moisture conditions were rated short to adequate and subsoil moisture conditions were rated very short to short.

**Small Grains:** Recent rains helped in some parts of the state, while other areas were in need of moisture. Winter wheat planted reached 22 percent, up 6 points from the previous week but down 10 points from normal. Winter wheat emerged reached 7 percent, up 7 points from the previous week but down 1 point from normal.

**Row Crops:** Corn mature reached 95 percent, up 10 points from previous week and up 16 points from normal. Corn harvested reached 62 percent, up 6 points from previous week and up 25 points from normal. Sorghum coloring reached 85 percent, up 8 points from previous week but down 6 points from normal. Sorghum mature reached 51 percent, up 8 points from last week but down 5 points from normal. Sorghum harvested reached 34 points, up 8 points from previous week and up 16 points from normal. Soybeans setting pods reached 92 percent, up 9 points from

previous week but down 1 from normal. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 36 percent, up 9 points from last week and up 2 points from normal. Soybeans harvested reached 5 percent, up 5 points from last week and up 2 points from normal. Peanuts mature reached 54 percent, up 2 points from last week and up 2 points from normal. Upland Cotton bolls opening reached 72 percent, up 12 points from last week and up 2 points from normal.

**Hay:** The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay reached 70 percent, up 4 points from previous week but down 10 points from normal. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay reached 22 percent, up 9 points from previous week and up 11 points from normal. The third cutting of other hay reached 50 percent, up 5 points from previous week but unchanged from normal.

**Pasture and Livestock:** Cattle in the East Central District was looking good, with fall calving underway for most. Pasture and range condition was rated at 65 percent fair to good. Livestock condition was rated at 80 percent good to fair.

**Surveys:** Surveys administered by the Oklahoma call center are listed in the table below:

Survey	Enumerated by:	Survey Dates
CPAM Survey	DCC	8/19-9/6
September Ag Yield	DCC	8/30-9/9
September Ag Survey	DCC	8/30-9/17
Cattle on Feed	DCC	9/3 –9/10
Grain Prices	DCC	9/6 –9/13
August Ag Yield	DCC	9/30-10/7
Cattle on Feed	DCC	10/1-10/8
Grain Prices	DCC	10/4 –10/11
Ag Labor	DCC	10/16-11/7

**Statistics:** On September 30, 2024, the Small Grains Summary was released. Highlights for Oklahoma include:

Oklahoma wheat production totaled 108 million bushels, up from 68.6 million in 2023 and up from 68.6 million bushels in 2022. Statewide yield averaged 38.0 bushels per acre, 10 bushels above last year. Harvested acreage for grain is 2.85 million acres, up 16 percent from 2023.

Oklahoma rye production totaled 1.89 million bushels, up from 765 thousand in 2023. Statewide yield averaged 27.0 bushels per acre, 10 bushels above last year. Harvested acreage for grain is 70 thousand acres, up 56 percent from 2023.

**Information Requests:** Phone calls, personal visits to our office, and requests via e-mail for information since last report totaled 62.

**Releases for September:**

Crop Production  
Cattle on Feed  
Hogs and Pigs  
Small Grains Summary  
Grain Stocks  
Agricultural Prices

**Relating Dates:**

September 1, 2024  
September 1, 2024  
September 1, 2024  
September 1, 2024  
September 1, 2024  
September 15, 2024

**Release Dates**

September 12, 2024  
September 20, 2024  
September 26, 2024  
September 31, 2024  
September 31, 2024  
September 31, 2024

**Releases for October:**

Crop Production  
Cattle on Feed  
Irrigation and Water Management  
Agricultural Prices

**Relating Dates:**

October 1, 2024  
October 1, 2024  
2023 year  
October 15, 2024

**Release Dates**

October 11, 2024  
October 25, 2024  
October 31, 2024  
October 31, 2024

**Meetings and Events:**

Lincoln County CCD  
OLAC Advisory Board  
SEB/FAC Meeting  
OTCAC Producer Meeting  
TECO Meeting  
OTCAC Producer Meeting  
OSU College of Ag Career Fair  
National FFA Agri-Science Fair Judge  
NASDA Annual Conference  
Lincoln County CCD  
AYC Session 2  
CEAP NASDA Training

**Date:**

September 9, 2024  
September 12, 2024  
September 11, 2024  
September 12, 2024  
September 17, 2024  
September 18, 2024  
September 19, 2024  
September 20, 2024  
September 22-25, 2024  
October 7, 2024  
October 18, 2024  
October 30-November 1

**Location:**

Chandler, OK  
Virtual  
Stillwater, OK  
Ponca City, OK  
Stroud, OK  
Atoka, OK  
Stillwater, OK  
Virtual  
Indianapolis, IN  
Chandler, OK  
Stillwater, OK  
Norman, OK

Respectfully Submitted,

Troy Marshall



# MARKET DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

*October 14, 2024*

**Report to the State Board of Agriculture**

## AG IN THE CLASSROOM

### AG IN THE CLASSROOM IMPACT

- Total Number of Teachers/Administrators Impacted: 456
- Total Number of Pre-service Teachers Impacted:6
- Total Number of Extension Educators Impacted: 18
- Total Number of Students Directly Impacted by Coordinators: 21,003
- Total Number of Resources Given: 16,116
- Total Number of Teachers/PreService Teachers Resources Given to: 212
- Total Number of PreK-12th Grade Students Resources Given to: 1,365

### AG IN THE CLASSROOM WEBSITE, LESSON IMPACT, AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- The AITC monthly email is delivered to 17, 456 accounts.
- The AITC Facebook page now has 10,105 followers.
- The AITC Twitter page now has 579 followers.
- Oklahoma AITC Instagram account now has 876 followers.
- Oklahoma AITC Pinterest account now has 152 followers.
- The AITC YouTube channel now has 9,887 views.

### Ag in the Classroom- Professional Development Workshops

Number of Educators & Grade Level(s)	Location	Lessons/Activities Used	Resources Given
6 Pre-service OSU Agricultural Education Student Teachers	OSU - Stillwater	AITC Resources & Website; Pig Personality Test; Temple Grandin Lesson about ag vocabulary; "Big Ag" lesson from National AITC	Barn full of resources
1 Middle School teacher at Dewar Public Schools	ZOOM	AITC training on zoom; covered AITC website, resources, grants, lessons, etc.	N/A
1 Mid-Del Elementary School Librarian	ZOOM	AITC training on zoom; covered AITC website, resources, grants, lessons, etc.	Sending her one of every resource to review
25 Caddo County Farm Bureau Women's members	Caddo County Farm Bureau office in Anadarko	Butter Making; Flat Aggie and Annie	AITC Pencil; business card; left 12 Flat Picture books, 12 Flat Chapter books, and 24 Flat resources guides so the Caddo County Women's group can give one to each school in Caddo County

20 surrounding area teachers	Northeastern State University Community Fair	AITC Resources Overview	Flat Aggie/Annie - Barns, stickers, tear sheets, Specialty crop bilingual, coloring books
25 Pre-K -5th grade teachers	Cesar Chavez Elementary - OKC	Bilingual Coloring Books/ Promote upcoming PD	

### Ag in the Classroom- Student Events

Number of Participants & Grade Level(s)	Location	Lessons/Activities Used	Resources Given
400 2nd and 3rd grade students	Grady County Fair Kid's Day	Butter making	N/A - teachers received a AITC pencil and Read an Accurate Ag Book Week Postcard
15 High School students	Ag Youth Council at ODAFF	Talked about AITC's Read an Accurate Ag Book Week and let the members choose a book to take back to their school and read	Accurate Ag Books
22 different classes (grade levels ranging from PreK to High School)	Read an Accurate Ag Book Week - Zoom Readings	9:00 am Representative Dell Kerbs (read My Grandpa, My Tree, and Me) and 1:00 pm Dr. Rebekah Hartfield (read Rosie the Pig)	N/A
37 different classes (grade levels ranging from PreK to High School)	Read an Accurate Ag Book Week - Zoom Readings	9:30 am OSU Baseball Coach Josh Holliday (read A Home Run for Peanuts) and 1:00 pm Annie Davis (Flat!)	N/A
17,053 students from all over Oklahoma	Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom's 2024 Read an Accurate Ag Book Week	*424 total registrations whom would read to 22,875 students *321 registrants that sent in confirmed photos on social media or through email reading to 17,053 students *18 4-H Clubs *4 FCCLA Chapters *73 FFA Chapters *196 teachers/librarians *25 Oklahoma Legislators *Commissioner of Agriculture, Blayne Arthur, read *8 zoom reading sessions available for Oklahoma classrooms *50+ volunteer readers in classrooms throughout Oklahoma	Bushel of books were awarded to the following: 1. Davenport 4-H Club 2. Silo Middle School FCCLA 3. Brenette Taylor Big Pasture Elementary 4. Laurie Moore at Vian Public Schools 5. Okarche FFA
25 different classes (grade levels ranging from PreK to High School)	Read an Accurate Ag Book Week - Zoom Readings	9:30 am Mignon Bolay (read Levi's Lost Calf) and 1:00 pm State FFA President Kayla Poling (read The Soil in Jackie's Garden)	N/A
25 different classes (grade levels ranging from PreK to High School)	Read an Accurate Ag Book Week - Zoom Readings	1:00 pm Mattie Carlile with the Oklahoma Pork Council (read It Takes a Team! Pigs and their caretakers) and 1:30 pm Oklahoma State 4-H President Bridger Arrington (read Farm Boots)	N/A
100 students	Davenport Fair	Flat Aggie and Annie featured in the	Coloring books, Agricultural

		parade, booth promoting agriculture	Magazines, Find your Future in Agriculture readers, Red Dirt Symbols, Aggie/Annie Resource Guide, 5 chapter books, 5 picture books
40 4th grade students	Will Rogers Elementary - Stillwater, OK	Flat Aggie and Annie book, resource guide and author visit	50 resource guides, 2 teachers (each picture book and chapter book), AITC stickers, Flat Aggie/Annie Stickers
400 3rd grade students	Pottawatomie County Fairgrounds - Shawnee, OK	Butter Making and Sorting food with Did you Know posters	Dairy Elementary Tear Sheets, 16 teacher lunch boxes, SW Dairy pamphlet and lessons card
600 3rd-5th grade students from Calumet Public Schools, Justus-Tiawah Public Schools, Canton Elementary School, Ridgecrest Elementary, Monroe Elementary, Grove Elementary, Rising High Christian Academy, Friend School, Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy, Macomb Schools, Northmoor Elementary, Oakridge Elementary School, Revise Collective Mico-School, and 4 different home schools	Oklahoma State Fair Academy	Greeted buses in the parking lot, took a bag of resources to each teacher, talked to students about the agricultural history of the fair. In the afternoon, schools could sign up for an AITC activity which included Scatter Square Dancing.	SW Dairy bag of resources for each teacher including a Flat Aggie and Annie picture book, chapter book, 25 resource guides, and 25 state fair coloring books
320 K-5th grade students	Farm to Table at Tulsa Union - Anderson Elementary School	Betsy the cow - dairy	N/A
75 Kindergarten students	Flat Aggie and Annie Visit to Solder Creek Elementary	Flat Aggie and Annie visit	Flat Aggie and Annie Picture books for teachers
150 students	Vance AirForce Base STEM Event	Biodegradable Packing Peanuts	Coloring Books/ Red Dirt Symbols
10 Early Childhood students	Yale Public Library Story Hour	Farm Boots - Read during Read an Accurate Ag Book Week	N/A

**Ag in the Classroom- Resources Mailed or Delivered**

Locations where Resources are Mailed or Delivered	
James Griffith Elementary - Choctaw	Mannford Upper Elementary
Mills Elementary - Owasso	Grand Lake Home Educators - Grove
Calera Elementary	Dewar Middle School
Carl Albert Middle School - Midwest City	Broken Arrow High School
Indiahoma Public School	Fairview High School

Newkirk 4-H Go Getters	Boone-Apache Elementary
Lawton Virtual Academy	Bridge Creek Elementary
OK Okies 4-H Club - Newkirk	Hillcrest Elementary School - OKC
Valliant Elementary	Dahlongeah Public School - Stillwell
Twin Hill Elementary - Okmulgee	Allen Elementary School
Carlton Landing Academy	Cushing Upper Elementary
Mustang Creek Elementary	Kingfisher High School
Durant High School	Summit Christian Academy - Broken Arrow
Duncan Middle School	Hugo Elementary School
Central Elementary - Haskell	Bennett Elementary - Broken Bow
Konawa Elementary School	Timber Creek Elementary - Moore
Meeker Elementary School	Prairie View Elementary School
Cleveland Elementary School - OKC	Paden Public School
Eugene Field - Bixby	Dr Rod Hall - ODAFF
Glencoe Elementary School	Hall Halsell Elementary School - Vinita
Geyer Academy - Tecumseh	Eisenhower Middle School - Lawton
Oologah Lower Elementary	Owasso Middle School
Locust Grove Upper Elementary	Ripley Elementary School
Rosa Parks Elementary - Tulsa	Perkins-Tryon Elementary School
Sooner Elementary - OKC	Idabel Central Elementary
Disney Elementary - Tulsa	Will Rogers Elementary - Vinita
Cornelsen Elementary - Fairview	Dewar Elementary
Ninnekah Elementary School	Northridge Elementary - Owasso
Fort Cobb-Broxtton Elementary	Asher Elementary
Queen of Peace in Salem, OR	Hodson Elementary - Owasso
Morrow Elementary - Collinsville	Tuttle Elementary
Barnes Elementary - Owasso	Cesar Chavez Elementary - OKC
Western Oaks Middle School - Bethany	Afton Public Schools

Nathan Hale High School - Tulsa	Frederick Elementary School
The Academy of Seminole	Liberty Elementary - Ponca City

**Ag in the Classroom- Other Events**

Event	Highlights
Oklahoma State Fair - 4-H Exhibit judging	Melody and Emily helped judge 4-H exhibits at the Oklahoma State Fair.

**Read an Accurate Ag Book Week**



**Flat Aggie and Annie visit schools!**



## **AGRITOURISM**

### **Agritourism - Site Visits**

<b>Producer</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Highlights</b>
Lawton Farmers Market	Lawton	Farmers Market	Visit and price report
Pleasant Valley Farm	Sand Springs	Pumpkin Patch	Visit and took video for social media content

### **Agritourism - New Producers or Potential Producers**

<b>Producer</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Highlights</b>
Link Flower Farm	Lexington	Horticulture, U-Pick	Site Visit, Added to the program
Flower Farm	Tryon	Horticulture, U-Pick	Site visit, not ready for customers, will return next spring
Ralph's Ranch	Oklahoma City	Farm-to-table, Petting Farms, Horticulture, Teachable Moments, Weddings	Site visit, added to the program
The Patch at Lost Hwy Farm	Shady Point	Pumpkin Picking, U-Pick, Teachable Moments	Site visit, added to the program
Mackmazing Acres	Spiro	Pumpkin Picking, Maze, Horticulture, U-Pick, Teachable Moments	Site visit, added to the program
Buchanan Pecan Farm	Ardmore	u-pick, farm-to-table	Site visit, added to the program

### **Social media**

#### Facebook

- 23,013 likes
- 25,743 followers

#### Instagram

- 2,763 followers

**Agritourism - Other Activities**

- Phone consult/conversations with: Ralph’s Ranch, Red River Pumpkin Patch, Mackmazing Acres, Orr Family Farms, Bigfoot Ranch, The Patch at Spring Creek, Link Flower Farms, Lil Gladys Pumkin Patch, Bradts Menagerie, Silver Bells Farm, Dogwood Blooms, Tanglefoot Farm, Carolyn Piguet – farm-to-table dinner, Garden and Market Hub, trail riding at Platter Flats, Bruce Temple, Rod Ardoin, Rooted Harmony, Joe Youngblood, Bit by Bit Equine, Sara Treadwell – Holdenville Farmers Markets, Julie Gahn – farm hubs, Ashley Zupetz – Christmas Trees, Lauren Hutchinson – Brown Ranch Hay Maze, Gary Eubanks – OKLAS, Cindy Russell – Mountain Creek Lodge, Colin Murphy – Tourism, Whitney Wilson – Dusty’s Adventure Farm
- Email consults: Arcadia Farmers Market, Edmond Farmers Market – selling live animals, Mary Steichen – sunflowers,
- Zoom consults/meetings: Rooted Harmony farm hub meeting, agritourism meeting – fall to-dos,
- Coordinated OK Grown bags/stickers picked up from office/warehouse: Tahlequah FM, Community Fresh Market, Tulsa FM
- Sent out newsletter to consumers about fall season, 3171 views
- Design projects
  - Worked on AITC poster series
  - Sent school poster to melody to edit
  - Worked on "chicken" poster
  - Updated Produce safety postcards
  - Created logo for OK Grape Growers and Winemakers Conference
  - Created Pumpkin Patch and Maze graphic
- Attended Red Carpet Country Tourism Conference as a presenter
- Talked to Cement 4th grade about agritourism
- Attended OLAC in Muskogee as a tradeshow vendor
- Attended Quarterly Tourism Meeting
- Interview with Radio Oklahoma about fall agritourism activities
- Presented about agritourism to Wayne ag education class

**FARM TO SCHOOL**

<b>F2S Contact Meetings and Events</b>	<b>Highlights</b>
National Farm to School Partner Annual Meeting  August 13-16, 2024	The National Farm to School Network (NFSN) hosted its Annual Meeting for all partners and stakeholders to advance the farm to school and early care and education (ECE) movement. This three-day meeting in Minneapolis featured various speakers, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities with those doing Farm to School in other states.
Meeting with Shelley Mitchell OSU Extension Youth Horticulture Specialist  August 19, 2024	After attending the State School Garden Conference and seeing a need for school garden resources, we decided to collaborate and create an Oklahoma School Garden Quick State Guide. This guide will be a brief overview of gardening highlighting important basic information needed to start a garden while offering

	<p>readers additional resources and websites to use for more in-depth information.</p> <p>The guide will be printed like our F2S Cookbooks and available online to download. We plan to have this finished by Spring 2025.</p>
<p>Judging for School Garden Contest</p> <p>August 20, 2024</p>	<p>Met with the judges to finalize the winners of the School Garden Contest. We had 17 applications. Several members of the Farm Bureau Women’s Leadership Team will be accompanying me to each of the winning schools to see their gardens and present their award.</p> <p><b>Winners:</b></p> <p><b>Best Startup Garden: \$1,000</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nest by Scissortail, Lawton</li> </ul> <p><b>Best Education Based Garden: \$500</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monroe Elementary School, Enid</li> </ul> <p><b>Best Harvest School Garden: \$500</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unity Learning Academy, Tulsa</li> </ul> <p><b>Best Community Collaboration Garden: \$500</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lincoln Alternative Academy, Stillwater</li> </ul> <p><b>Best Pollinator School Garden: \$500</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redbud Farm School, Oklahoma City</li> </ul>
<p>Meeting with Melissa Guyette Magnolia Rain Meadows</p> <p>August 26, 2024</p>	<p>Melissa and her family have a small homestead in Tuskahoma and are looking to expand their business by selling to schools. We met and discussed how to get started.</p>
<p>Meeting with Amal Jamshed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public Health AmeriCorps Service Member, Community Analysis &amp; Linkages at the Oklahoma State Department of Health</li> </ul> <p>Adriana Gonzalez, MPH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wellness Consultant, Community Analysis &amp; Linkages at the Oklahoma State Department of Health</li> </ul> <p>September 3, 2024</p>	<p>I was asked to be a spotlight speaker for the State Obesity Plan, School Aged Sub Committee Meeting. This meeting was to discuss and plan for the meeting.</p>
<p>Meeting with Dave Fenton Director of Sales for Green Our Planet</p> <p>September 5, 2024</p>	<p>During my time at the National Farm to School Partner Annual Meeting, I connected with a representative from Green Our Planet. This non-profit organization trains teachers to use school gardens and hydroponic laboratories to teach students STEM, conservation, nutrition, and entrepreneurship in a hands-on engaging way. Planning a F2S Grant to get funding for 7-10 schools to get these systems into their classroom.</p>
<p>Meeting with Melissa Lewis Program Director, Little Cherokee Seeds</p> <p>September 10, 2024</p>	<p>Little Cherokee Seeds is a non-profit program funded through the Administration for Native Americans as part of AIRC. The goals of Little Cherokee Seeds are to 1) create fluent Cherokee speakers from infancy and 2) revitalize traditional Cherokee mothering practices to be passed on to the next generation. Melissa referred to Little Cherokee Seeds as a “program” instead of a</p>



	school. They use natural immersion methods instead of teaching with traditional curriculum and spend about 50% of their time doing food-based activities. This program utilizes a native garden, teaching 12-15 mothers how to grow and prepare native foods.
Farm to School Summit Planning Meetings  Juan Escareño: Oklahoma Field Director for Potlikker Capital  Sept. 13, 20, 2024	Had several virtual meetings to finalize the summit agenda and logistics. The Summit will be held on October 26th, during National Farm to School Month.
Spotlight Speaker during the State Obesity Plan, School Aged Sub Committee Meeting  Sept 18, 2024	I was asked to be the spotlight speaker for this month's State Obesity Plan, School Aged Sub Committee Meeting. I shared an overview of the F2S Program and ways to get involved.

**School Visits:**

- Lincoln Alternative Academy, Stillwater
- Redbud Farm School, Oklahoma City
- Monroe Elementary School, Enid

**F2S Social Media: Aug 12- Sept 25, 2024**

<b>FB Followers</b>	Total: 1,820    New Followers: 741
<b>FB Post Reach:</b> This metric counts reach from the distribution of your post.	143,050
<b>FB Impressions:</b> The number of times your content was on screen.	3160,677
<b>FB Engagement:</b> Post reactions, comments and shares	12,992

**Special Projects:**



**National Farm to School Month**

To celebrate National Farm to School Month, Oklahoma is hosting its first annual Great Oklahoma Lunch Crunch. This exciting event is a fantastic opportunity for schools across the state to highlight the best of Oklahoma's local produce and meats while teaching our students about where their food comes from.

**Completed Tasks:**

- Created a Google Form for participants to register their Lunch Crunch
- Created and sent a postcard to Oklahoma schools. Sent 2,347 postcards.

- Created a logo for the event and updated our webpage.
- Created graphics that participating schools can use to post on social media. They can download graphics from our website and customize them to post on social media.
- Created multiple Facebook posts about the event.
- Submitted the Great Oklahoma Lunch Crunch to the National Farm to School Network's list of events.



**Best Community Collaboration Garden:**  
Lincoln Alternative Academy, Stillwater



**Best Pollinator School Garden:**  
Redbud Farm School, Oklahoma City

## INTERNATIONAL

Activity	Action
Certificate of Free Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BZT Annual updates</li> <li>• AGC</li> </ul>
Food Export	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Show Plus! Fine Food Australia- 3 companies to participate in the Food Export services, assist AMPI, Kontos Foods, Herr Foods. Sept 2-6, Coordinating FAS market briefing and retail tour details with in-market rep</li> <li>• Continue recruiting for the First Buyers Mission at the Kansas City American Royal BBQ</li> <li>• Focused Trade Mission to Caribbean for 2025 Kickoff Recruitment Call &amp; Sneak Peak</li> <li>• Food Show Plus! Fine Food Australia-</li> </ul> <p>The recent Fine Food Australia show, held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center, featured participation from three U.S. suppliers in the USA Pavilion. Key activities included a retail tour of major outlets, such as Woolworths (37.1% market share), Coles (28.1%), Aldi (9.8%), and the Queen Victoria Market, the largest open-air market in the Southern Hemisphere.</p> <p>The event kicked off with a warm welcome from the USDA at their booth in the USA Pavilion. A market briefing, organized in collaboration with USDA/FAS representatives, was led by Agricultural Counselor Gerald Smith and presented by Jenny Awad from Food Legal. This session provided suppliers with essential insights into navigating the Australian food market, covering regulations, product assessments, labeling, and an overview of the local food system. Food Legal, a consultancy with extensive experience in Australia, offered valuable expertise.</p> <p>John Arnold, the Food Export In-Market Representative, supported U.S. suppliers with market guidance, booth setup, and connecting them with potential buyers and distributors. He, along with Jamie Cummings, the Food Export Activity Coordinator, was instrumental in addressing supplier inquiries and fostering new business relationships at the Food Export Booth in the USA Pavilion. Each company was provided a store check and research on their product. Two suppliers were provided with a booth assistant for the show.</p> <p>Overall, the activity was a comprehensive opportunity for U.S. suppliers to engage with the Australian market and expand their business prospects. US Suppliers that participated in the FSP!:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI)- Marshall Reece and Randy Eronymous</li> <li>2) Herr Foods- Ruben Rios</li> <li>3) Kontos Foods- Warren Stoll</li> </ol>
USLGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on a RAPP application for 2026 to collaborate with Nebraska for Beef genetics.</li> <li>• Submitted Trip Report for Argentina Mission</li> </ul>

Misc Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OKIE Board Meeting- Will have Israeli Student Exchange in Oklahoma Oct 16-26<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Seeds N Snacks Company Visit- Company located in OKC is producing tahini for food ingredients. The company is currently looking to source from Oklahoma and the US, they are currently importing their sesame seed.</li> </ul>
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### **MADE IN OKLAHOMA PROGRAM**

<b>Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Details</b>
Oklahoma State Fair	Sept. 12-22	Bennett Event Center, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds	We had record setting sales from the MIO Store this year – more than \$200,000. The store featured 62 companies and 725 unique products.
Tulsa State Fair, Vendor Area	Sept. 26-Oct. 6	Exchange Building, Tulsa State Fairgrounds	We contracted out 48 booths to companies of the Made in Oklahoma Program.

Tulsa State Fair, OK Cafe	Sept. 26-Oct. 6	Lower Ford Truck Arena, Tulsa State Fairgrounds	Daily duties include cooking/preparing food, serving, managing cash registers, coordinating volunteers and more.
Stockyards Stampede	Oct. 19	OKC	18 companies are planned to participate in Made in Oklahoma Market at Stockyards Stampede

**New Producers:**


- 27 new Producer and 4 Retailer applications came in during September and October


Other Made in Oklahoma Activities:

- Made in Oklahoma Market at Heartwood Park (OAK)
  - In frequent communication with park management regarding event, as this is a brand new space and event

**VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY**

**Viticulture & Enology - Site Visits**

Producer	Location	Category	Highlights
Sabatia	Norman	Wine Making	<p>Assisted Sabatia with their processing of locally grown Vidal Blanc grapes. Took pictures of some of their step-by-step processes and joined in on the chemical analysis discussion of acids and sugars before Steve Sneed, the producer, made the call on balancing.</p> 
F5 Vineyard	Choctaw	Vineyard	Assisted with the harvesting of Chambourcin grapes that will be vinified by Sabatia for their red and rose. All clusters were hand harvested. The vineyard produced almost double tonnage from the previous year.

			
Petroleum Club	Edmond	Vineyard	Consulted with VJ about the planting of Oklahoma grapevines for his expansion on his private club. VJ is a big name in the wine industry of OKC, so his interest in grapes and introduction not only to hybrids but to our other Oklahoma growers will be a great partnership.
BackRoad	Okay	Winery	Checked in with Mrs. Merrill out at Backroad Winery in Okay. We discussed different ways she could improve with marketing her product and the upcoming Fall-iday Event. They are hoping to be more festival focused, but are still having people out to their property. The grounds and tasting room is in great condition.

**Viticulture & Enology - Other Activities**

- Have been continuing to plan and solidify the November Grape Growers and Winemakers Conference.
- On the final steps of approving the ABLE FAQ website for publication.

Harvest Crew 2024:



**MARKET NEWS SERVICES**

**August 12, 2024 - September 27, 2024**

- Grain Report:**

	<b>August 12, 2024,</b>	<b>September 27, 2024,</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	
<b>WHEAT: (bu)</b>	\$4.58-\$5.08	\$4.77-\$5.32	\$0.19 to \$0.24	<b>Higher</b>
<b>MILO: (bu)</b>	\$3.58-\$3.88	\$3.63-\$4.08	\$0.05 to \$0.20	<b>Higher</b>
<b>SOYBEANS: (bu)</b>	\$8.91-\$9.71	\$9.51-\$9.96	\$0.60 to \$0.25	<b>Higher</b>
<b>CORN: (bu)</b>	\$3.83-\$4.73	\$4.03-\$4.58	\$0.20 to \$0.15	<b>Higher / Lower</b>
<b>COTTON: (lb)</b>	60.04 cents	65.97 cents	5.93 cents	<b>Higher</b>

- OKC NATIONAL STOCKYARDS (OKC) STEERS AND HEIFERS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Muscle Thickness</b>	<b>Prices</b>	<b>500-600 lb. Weighted Average</b>
9-26-2023	STEERS	Number 1	\$231.00-\$312.00	\$271.50
9-24-2024	STEERS	Number 1	\$256.00-\$287.00	\$271.50

Year	Gender	Muscle Thickness	Prices	500-600 lb. Weighted Average
9-26-2023	HEIFERS	Number 1	\$241.00-\$260.00	\$250.50
9-24-2024	HEIFERS	Number 1	\$231.00-\$259.00	\$245.00

- **Weekly Report:11716**

- Six weekly Oklahoma Market Reports were sent to 11,716 subscribers August 12, 2024 - September 27, 2024 (**up from 25 subscribers last report**).

- **Voice Messaging System:**

- The market news voice messaging system during
  - Monthly Total: August 12, 2024, September 27, 2024, **6,789 Accessed Times**
  - Last Report June 24, 2024, August 12, 2024, **6,517 Accessed Times**
  - Compared to Last Month: **Accessed Times-is UP 272 on Accessed times**

- **Oklahoma Agriculture Market News**

- **Facebook Page**
    - Likes/Followers 632
    - **Likes/Followers UP 10**
    - People reached through pasted report: 1,300 people

- **Oklahoma Hay Directory**

- Hay Directory
    - **98 people are on the Oklahoma Hay Directory.**

- **Hay Report**

- **Hay Remarks – From our Producers (Each statement or comment is from a different hay producer)**
    - My main customers over the years have been dairy’s. They have been struggling over the past 3 years. This not only hurts my business but hurts the dairy industry as well. Due to prices, I have lost close to 10 dairies over the past couple of years.
    - Not much has changed. Supply is at an all-time high. My barns are full, I am trying to plan how to keep my hay bales dry and had to drop prices to keep hay moving out to customers.
    - Grass has stopped growing, hopefully this will help to start move hay. Probably won’t see much movement until end of October, November.
    - I may not be moving loads or tons at a time this year. I have been lucky to be able to move two or three bales at a time to continued customers.

**This Month:** August 13, 2024, September 27, 2024, Hay Traded 10,405

**Last Year** June 21, 2023, August 23, 2023, Hay Traded 20,605

**DOWN 10,200 Bales Reported**

## OKLAHOMA HAY MARKET REPORT



9-27-24

Receipts: 3,020 Last Reported: 5,160 Year Ago: 4,650

Compared to the last report: The drought continues to grow and needs timely rain across Oklahoma. We are reaching the point where the grass has stopped growing, and we are beginning to count our hay bales to prepare for fall and winter. Even with the drought, the hay trade is at a standstill. Oklahoma continues to see hay prices drop again this week.

Type	Size	Shape	Trend Price Range	Bale/ Per Ton	2024/2023/Rough
Alfalfa	Large	Square	130.00-150.00	Per Ton	2024 Hay
Alfalfa	Large	Round	130.00-150.00	N/A	N/A
Grinding Hay	Large	Ground	No Trend	Per Ton	N/A
Bermuda	Large	Round	70.00-90.00	Per Bale	2024 Hay
Bermuda	Large	Round	50.00-55.00	Per Bale	2023 Hay
Bermuda	Large	Square	No Trend	N/A	N/A
Wheat	Large	Round	80.00-90.00	Per Ton	2024 Hay
Wheat	Large	Square	80.00-90.00	Per Ton	2024 Hay
Grass	Large	Round	No Trend	N/A	N/A
Grass	Medium	Round	45.00-55.00	Per Bale	2024 Hay
Grass	Medium	Round	25.00-35.00	Per Bale	Unfertilized 2024 Hay
Grass	Any Size	Round	25.00	Per Bale	2023/Rough Hay

The Oklahoma Mesonet Drought Monitor shows we are at 0 percent in exceptional drought, 6.82 percent in an extreme drought, 33.22 percent in severe drought, 56.51 percent in moderate, 74.25 percent in abnormally dry conditions, and 25.75 percent that has no drought conditions.

\*\*\* The next report release will be on October 11th \*\*\*

**Central**

Type	Quality	Ask or Trade	Bale/ Per Ton	Size	Shape	Qty	Price Range	Wtd. Avg.	Freight/Used
Alfalfa	Supreme	Trade	Per Ton	Large	Square	640	150.00	150.00	F.O.B
Bermuda	Good	Ask	Per Bale	Medium	Round	0	70.00	0	F.O.B.

**North Central**

Type	Quality	Ask or Trade	Bale/ Per Ton	Size	Shape	Qty	Price Range	Wtd. Avg.	Freight/Used
Bermuda	Premium/Supreme	Trade	Per Bale	Large	Round	300	90.00	90.00	F.O.B
Bermuda	Premium/Supreme	Trade	Per Bale	Small	Square	440	11.00	11.00	F.O.B
Bermuda	Good/Premium	Trade	Per Bale	Large	Round	120	80.00	80.00	F.O.B
Bermuda	Good	Ask	Per Bale	Large	Round	800	70.00	70.00	F.O.B

**Northeastern**

Type	Quality	Ask or Trade	Bale/ Per Ton	Size	Shape	Qty	Price Range	Wtd. Avg.	Freight/Used
Prairie/Meadow	Premium	Ask	Per Bale	Medium	Round	0	55.00	0	F.O.B
Prairie/Meadow	Good/Premium	Ask	Per Bale	Medium	Round	0	50.00	0	F.O.B

Prairie/ Meadow	Good	Trade	Per Bale	Medium	Round	120	45.00	45.00	F.O.B
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**Northwestern**

Type	Quality	Ask or Trade	Bale/ Per Ton	Size	Shape	Qty	Price Range	Wtd. Avg.	Freight/Used
Alfalfa	Supreme	Trade	Per Ton	Large	Square	160	150.00	150.00	F.O.B
Alfalfa	Premium	Ask	Per Ton	Large	Square	0	130.00	0	F.O.B.
Alfalfa	Fair/Good	Trade	Per Ton	Ground	Ground	400	80.00	80.00	F.O.B
Bermuda	Good	Ask	Per Ton	Medium	Round	0	80.00	0	F.O.B.
Wheat	Good	Trade	Per Ton	Medium	Round	40	80.00	80.00	F.O.B

**Agricultural Environmental Management Services (AEMS)**  
**Division Activities**

**General Activities**

- AEMS Staff attended the OkaCon '24 Water Sustainability Conferenc in Ada.
- AEMS Staff attended the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan – Source Water Protection Committee Quarter 3 Meeting.

**Complaints**

	Received	Closed*
This Reporting Period	5	4
Total FY25	14	23

*\*These numbers include closing of older complaints.*

**Complaint Breakdown for this Reporting Period**

Cattle:	0
Swine:	0
Poultry:	2
Misc Animal:	2
Other:	0
Animal Shelter:	0
Pet Breeder:	1

**Program Activities**

A summary of the inspections, compliance and technical assistance conducted by the ODAFF AEMS Staff for this reporting period.

**CAFO & LMFO ACTIVITIES**

	Aug 1 - Sept 15	FY 25 Total
Complaint or Compliance Follow-ups	12	21
Annual Inspections	56	120
Technical Assistance with Contacts	9	26
Site Visit/Review – No contact made	4	19

**POULTRY ACTIVITIES**

	Aug 1 - Sept 15	FY 25 Total
Complaint or Compliance Follow-ups	5	6
Annual Inspections	20	39
Technical Assistance with Contacts	207	345
Site Visit/Review – No contact made	106	203
OSU Poultry Education Classes Attended	0	0
Eucha-Spavinaw CNMP Written	8	15

**PET BREEDER & SHELTER ACTIVITIES**

	Aug 1 - Sept 15	FY 25 Total
Complaint or Compliance Follow-ups	5	16
Annual Inspections	43	61

Technical Assistance with Contacts	7	15
Close Outs	5	9

**AGPDES ACTIVITIES**

	Aug 1 - Sept 15	FY 25 Total
Complaint or Compliance Follow-ups	0	4
Site Inspections	3	4
Technical Assistance with Contacts	7	11

**COMPOSTING ACTIVITIES**

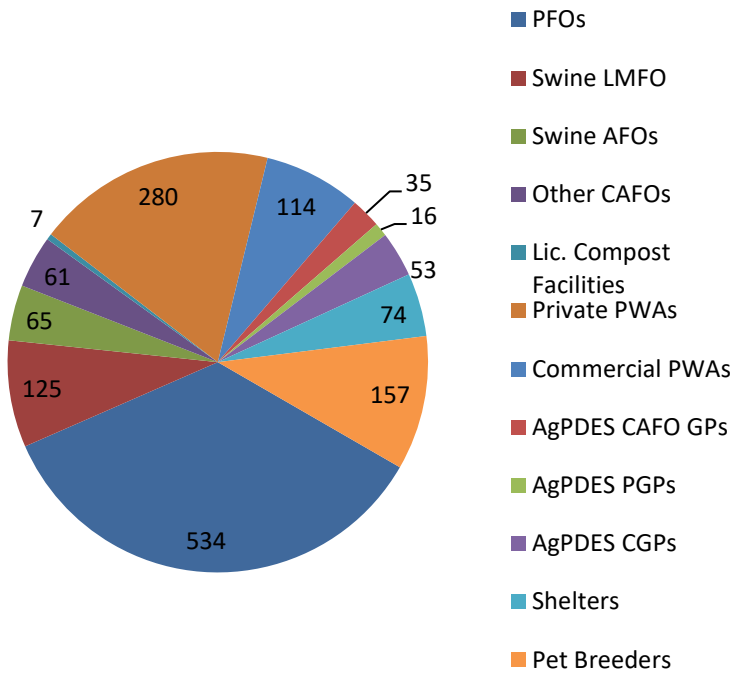
	Aug 1 - Sept 15	FY 25 Total
Complaint or Compliance Follow-ups	0	0
Site Inspections (all)	2	2
Technical Assistance with Contacts	2	10

**AgPDES Permitting Activities**

- Number of AgPDES CAFO Authorizations this reporting period: 0
- Number of AgPDES PGP Authorizations this reporting period: 0
- Number of AgPDES CGP Authorizations this reporting period: 2

**Active Licenses/Registrations/Certifications/Permits**

**Current FY25 AEMS Numbers**



Respectively,

Teena G. Gunter  
AEMS Division

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE  
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY  
OCTOBER 2024 BOARD REPORT  
REGARDING AUGUST 12, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2024  
ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

**AMOUNT OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINES COLLECTED:**

Amount to Date (2024)	Amount of Fines for this Board Meeting
\$116,930	\$2750
\$372,095	2023
\$207,400	2022

**CONTRACTS REVIEWED OR DRAFTED (168):**

Marketing: 28
Admin: 4
Animal Industry: 4
Forestry: 129
Wildlife Services: 3

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PROCEEDINGS:**

Total Number of Open Cases: 42
Total Number of New Cases: 9
Total Number of Cases Closed: 8
NOVs Sent: 5

**OTHER ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS:**

<p><b>Aldridge v Bayer et al., Oklahoma County Case Number CJ-2024-4667:</b> Governmental Tort Claims lawsuit by citizens for alleged injuries sustained through use of Roundup or Glyphosate. ODAFF Forestry is included as a defendant due to allegation that an Oklahoma Forest Stewardship Plan in 2008 advised, directed, instructed, or supervised use of Roundup on plaintiffs' property in Oklahoma County. The Attorney General's Office is handling this claim for ODAFF.</p>
<p><b>Stitt v Drummond, Oklahoma County Case Number CV-2024-606:</b> Lawsuit by Governor and certain Cabinet Secretaries against the Attorney General's Office regarding AG Opinion 2024-5. Oral arguments on Motion for Summary Judgment occurred May 9, 2024. Judge Ogden ruled for the Attorney General. Motion for</p>

Reconsideration was denied in part with a slight alteration to the original order. The case will now be appealed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court.
<b><i>Spring Creek Coalition v. ODAFF and Trong, Cherokee County Case Number CJ-2021-29:</i></b> Petition seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. Answer filed.
<b><i>Spring Creek Coalition v. ODAFF and Phan, et al., Delaware County Case Number CJ-2021-33:</i></b> Petition Seeking Declaratory and Injunctive Relief. Order Granting Partial Summary Judgement entered June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024. Motion to Reconsider overruled. Petition in Error filed in Supreme Court September 25, 2024.

**MEETINGS:**

Date	Activity
August 12, 2024	Employee Assistance Program
August 12, 2024	AEMS Legal
August 13, 2024	Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan-SWP Collaborative
August 13, 2024	OPERS Financial Wellness
August 14, 2024	Directors
August 15, 2024	Agency Wide Call
August 15, 2024	OBA OLS
August 19, 2024	AEMS Legal
August 20, 2024	Directors
August 21, 2024	Safety Committee
August 21, 2024	Can Agriculture and Solar Coexist? Exploring the Promise and Challenge of Agrivoltaics
August 26, 2024	AEMS Legal
August 27, 2024	Musket Mountain due diligence
August 27, 2024	Directors
August 28, 2024	AYC Luncheon
August 28, 2024	State Board of Agriculture
August 29, 2024	OGC Staff
August 29, 2024	AgPDES
August 29, 2024	AALA CLE
September 3, 2024	Directors
September 3, 2024	OBA GALPS
September 4, 2024	OMES IS Listening Session
September 5, 2024	NASDA Annual Meeting Pre-Session: FAS
September 6, 2024	OMES Myths About Retirement Plans
September 9, 2024	AEMS Legal
September 9, 2024	Litigation planning
September 9, 2024	Employee Assistance Committee
September 9, 2024	NASDA Annual Meeting Pre-Session: NASDA Foundation
September 10, 2024	Directors

September 10, 2024	CLO Internal Audit Committee
September 12, 2024	NASDA Annual Meeting Pre-Session: NASS
September 16, 2024	AAWQ Ad Hoc Workgroup
September 16, 2024	AEMS Legal
September 16, 2024	OARC follow-up
September 17, 2024	Directors
September 17, 2024	ACOG
September 17, 2024	OPERS Roth 457: SoonerSave or Pathfinder
September 18, 2024	AgPDES update with EPA
September 19, 2024	FMLA
September 20, 2024	OARC
September 20, 2024	Directors
September 20, 2024	NE OK OCWP Brainstorming Solutions
September 22, 2024	NASDA
September 23, 2024	AEMS Legal
September 23, 2024	NASDA
September 24, 2024	NASDA
September 25, 2024	NASDA
September 27, 2024	OGC Staff

**RULE ACTIVITIES:**

<p><b>Chapter 2. Fees (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024</p>
<p><b>Chapter 10. Agricultural Products (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 15. Animal Industry (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 17. Water Quality (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024.</p>

<p><b>Chapter 18. Carcass Disposal (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 20. Forestry (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 30. Consumer Protection (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 37. Food Safety (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 40. Market Development (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 50. Aquaculture (Permanent FY 2025):</b> On October 8, 2024, the Notice of Rulemaking Intent was submitted and accepted by the Office of Administrative Rules. Publication will occur on November 1, 2024. Public comment was open from November 1, 2024, through December 1, 2024. A public hearing will take place on December 2, 2024.</p>

**OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS (29):**

AEMS: 5
CPS: 7
AIS: 9
Pet Breeders: 3
Market Development: 2
Food Safety: 3

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

Phone calls or emails with the public: 8
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Assistance to industry: 0
Assistance to AEMS: 5
Assistance to CPS: 7
Assistance to Wildlife Services: 0
Assistance to Forestry: 12
Assistance to AIS: 5
Assistance to Admin: 6
Assistance to Market Development: 1
Assistance to other state agencies: 7
Assistance to federal agencies: 0
Assistance to Food Safety: 7
Assistance to NASS: 0
Assistance to Executive Office: 15
Assistance to Lab: 0
Assistance to Investigative Services: 0
Assistance to Legislature: 0
Assistance to Attorney General: 2
Assistance to Public Information: 3
Assistance to Governor: 2

Respectfully Submitted,



Teena G. Gunter  
General Counsel

# **FOOD SAFETY BOARD REPORT**

**OCTOBER 2024**

# POULTRY & EGG GRADING, PRODUCE AND ORGANIC SECTION

## POULTRY AND EGG SECTION

In Broken Bow at Tyson Foods, USDA poultry grading was performed by ODAFF inspectors on 3,979,641 pounds of poultry – boneless/skinless leg meat & bone in/skin on parts and ground meat. ODAFF inspectors provided USDA Shell Egg grading on 88,010 dozen eggs at Cal-Maine Foods Inc. at Sulphur. ODAFF inspectors provided USDA poultry grading services on poultry products being shipped from National Steak & Poultry Quality Meats in Owasso. ODAFF inspectors also provided USDA poultry grading services on poultry products being shipped from OK Foods in Muldrow. Also, routine egg quality inspections under the Oklahoma egg law were conducted.

## ORGANIC FOODS SECTION

Organic inspectors completed compliance and certification inspections at:

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- Eleven organic crop producers
- Two organic livestock producers
- Six organic processors
- Collected two organic samples
- Eighteen retail organic inspections
- The organic section had requests for 5,000 certified organic stickers from Oklahoma Certified Organic producers and processors, which display the stickers on all products sold, labeled, or represented as Organic across the United States.
- The organic section had 4 requests for organic crop applications, 1 request for an organic livestock application and 2 requests for organic processing applications.

# POULTRY & EGG GRADING, PRODUCE AND ORGANIC SECTION

## PRODUCE SAFETY SECTION

### Farm Inspection, Outreach, and Education:

- Visited 20 farmers markets
- Conducted 1 on-site technical assistance and 2 remote technical assistance calls
- 10 farm inventory visits
- Completed 1 farm inspection
- Outreach at the Oklahoma Local Agriculture Collaborative workshop in Muskogee and the Women in Ag conference in Edmond
- Taught a presentation on Produce Safety and Soil Amendments at the Oklahoma Local Agriculture Collaborative workshop

### Grant and Program Management:

- Monthly conference calls with neighboring states
- Working on learning and preparing to teach the new water rule
- FDA conference call
- Conversations with FDA State Liaison

## HOMEMADE FOOD FREEDOM ACT

- Received 25 complaints on Homemade Food Freedom Act businesses.
- Meat compliance assisted with 15 complaints.
- 7 complaints we did not find any evidence or could not enforce
- Sent 10 warning letters and made 5 verbal warnings
- Outreach at the Oklahoma Local Agriculture Collaborative workshop in Muskogee and the Women in Ag conference in Edmond

# OKLAHOMA MEAT INSPECTION SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

<b>Planned Compliance Reviews</b>	07
<b>Random Compliance Reviews</b>	195
<b>Person-to-Person Contacts</b>	74
<b>Special Investigations and/or Projects</b>	07
<b>Reports of Apparent Violations</b>	03
<b>Detentions</b>	01
<b>Consumer Complaints</b>	25
<b>Verbal Warnings Issued</b>	26
<b>Letters of Warning Issued</b>	02
<b>Samples Submitted to Lab for Analysis</b>	00
<b>Accident Investigations</b>	00
<b>Administrative Procedures Act (<b>Pending</b>)</b>	02
<i>(Enid Packing) (The Forum Group LLC 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation)</i>	

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol notified Meat Inspection Compliance with three (3) truck accidents in the month of July 2024.

See details below:

ACCIDENT LOCATION	ANIMAL PRODUCT	DISPOSITION
• I-40 East of Clinton	• 32,450 lbs Pork Bellies	• Took to Weatherford's Landfill, Truck & Trailer. Caught on fire.

### Highlighted Activities

During the course of Random Reviews and Anonymous Consumer Complaints, Compliance and Investigation Services sent out two (2) Letter of Warning for Violations of the Oklahoma Meat Inspection Act and/or State Statutes

Leave: Ron- 40 hours

Wayne- 0 hours

Brad- 8 hours

# OKLAHOMA MEAT INSPECTION SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

## SLAUGHTER MEAT INSPECTION

<b>Number of Cattle</b>	1,323
<b>Total Beef Condemned</b>	22,390 lbs
<b>(Beef heads &amp; livers)</b>	(avg. H wt 20 lbs, avg. L wt 10 lbs)
<b>Number of Swine</b>	184
<b>Total Pork Condemned</b>	1,098 lbs
<b>(Pork heads &amp; livers)</b>	(avg. H wt 10 lbs, avg. L wt 2 lbs)
<b>Number of Sheep and Goats</b>	3,788
<b>Total Condemned</b>	0 lbs
<b>Number of Chickens</b>	721
<b>Number of Rabbits</b>	32
<b>Total Condemns</b>	0 lbs
<b>Number of Buffalo</b>	12
<b>Total Condemns</b>	300 lbs
<b>TOTAL MEAT INSPECTED</b>	981,253 lbs

<b><u>AVG. CARCASS WT</u></b> Beef 700 lbs, Pork 250 lbs, Sheep/Goat 100 lbs	<b><u>AVG. SWINE HEAD/LIVER</u></b> Head 10 lbs / Liver 2 lbs
<b><u>AVG. BEEF HEAD/LIVER</u></b> Head 20 lbs / Liver 10 lbs	<b><u>AVG. LAMB/GOAT HEAD</u></b> Head 2 lbs

## PROCESSED BOXED MEAT INSPECTED

<b>Processed Red Meat</b>	1,302,295 lbs
<b>Condemned on Reinspection</b>	0 lbs
<b>Poultry (Portions)</b>	263,473 lbs
<b>Condemned on Reinspection</b>	0 lbs
<b>Rabbit Meat</b>	0
<b>Condemned on Reinspection</b>	0 lbs
<b>Exotic Deer Meat</b>	0
<b>Condemned on Reinspection</b>	0 lbs
<b>TOTAL PROCESSED MEAT INSPECTED</b>	1,565,768 lbs

## MEAT SAMPLE ACTIVITY

23 Samples Submitted for Analysis  
 23 Samples Analyzed  
 23 Samples Negative Analysis  
  
 0 (Heat) Samples Not Analyzed  
 0 Samples Non-Compliant

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>- Dr. Hardage and Roger Moore interviewed and hired Samantha Hewitt as a new meat inspector in the Northeast district.  
 Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>- Dr. Hardage and Roger Moore interviewed and hired Christian Landskroener as a new meat inspector in the Northeast district.

# DAIRY SECTION

Dairy staff conducted routine inspections at dairy farms, dairy plants, performed equipment checks and collected farm and plant dairy samples throughout the state.

Additionally, Dairy Services conducted a Dairy Plant survey at Braum's Dairy Plant (PMO 40-035) in Tuttle. This facility received a passing score and information regarding this survey is available on FDA's Interstate Milk Shippers List website.

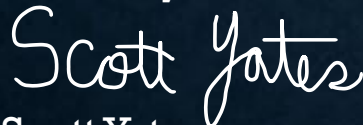
The week of September 9<sup>th</sup>, Dairy Services hosted a FD577 - 'Special Problems in Milk Course' in Catoosa. This is a required course for State Milk Sanitation Rating Officers and FDA Milk Specialists. We had participants from all over the country attend.

Under the direction of the State Veterinarian, Dairy staff has implemented additional bio-security protocols when visiting dairy farms throughout the state. This information is being shared with our producers and they are encouraged to contact the State Veterinarian if their herd show symptoms related to HPAI. It should be noted that milk from sick cows is routinely separated and discarded. Also, pasteurization deactivates viruses and pathogens. Milk from affected herds does not pose a health risk to the public if it has been pasteurized. Consuming pasteurized dairy products is always recommended.

Also, under the direction of the State Veterinarian, Dairy services has been collecting milk samples from dairy farms that are within 20 kilometers from poultry facilities. These milk samples are tested for HPAI at the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Stillwater. To date, milk from these facilities have tested negative for HPAI.

FDA conducted a recent pasteurization study for HPAI in retail milk samples throughout the country that included several Oklahoma dairy processors. It was concluded that the current pasteurization process is effective against deactivating the HPAI virus and our milk supply is safe for human consumption.

Sincerely,



Scott Yates

Director of Food Safety

## Communications

Compiled 10/8/24

### Social Media Highlights

**Terry Stuart Forst Ag HoF Video – Aug. 21** | “Faith, Family, Ranch” are three words that best describe Terry Stuart Forst. The video for the 27<sup>th</sup> inductee into the Oklahoma Agriculture Hall of Fame has garnered nearly 23k impressions and more than 25k plays since it was posted on Facebook and Instagram.



**The ExpOSUre Promotion – Sep. 9** | The social media promotion for OSU Vet Med’s The ExpOSUre event at the Oklahoma State Fair garnered more than 10k impressions and reached 9.6k people. A later post featuring photos of the event has more than 8k impressions and a reach of 6.7k.

**MIO at the OK State Fair – Sep. 13** | We posted several times about the Oklahoma State Fair in September, including this post that received 16k impressions on Facebook alone. Additional posts that included videos of the MIO store mixed in with a partnership with OSU’s FAPC gained another 8k impressions.



**ODAFF Podcast Receives Most Impressions – Sep. 17** | The “Young Ag Achievers” podcast episode 19 promotion received the most impressions of any social media post this cycle. It received 23+k impressions and a reach of 23.1k.



## ***Social Media Impact***

### **Facebook**

*23,269 followers (up 215 since last period)*

*Since August 28, 2024 (date of last Board Meeting):*

-Posts and content reached 101,568 users (up 0.14 percent from last period)

-5,589 interactions on content (up 43 percent from last period)

### **Instagram**

*3,919 followers*

*Since August 28, 2024:*

-Posts and content reached 18,407 users (up 83 percent from last period)

-105 new Instagram users have followed the account

# OCTOBER 14, 2024 BOARD MEETING

## PURCHASES/CONTRACTS

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

**\$800,000/FY2025** - Purchase of new vehicles to replace vehicles within our fleet that have received their maximum life expectancy and they require replacing in order for employees to complete their job responsibilities effectively.

### CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICES

**FY2025 Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization - \$6,000.00**

### FORESTRY SERVICES

#### **FY25 – Oklahoma Gardening Grant, \$10,000 Federal Funds**

Renew Oklahoma Gardening Grant. This is a longstanding education and outreach grant sponsoring the popular Oklahoma Gardening program produced by OSU. This grant supports tree related educational programming. Without this purchase, we would lose an avenue of support and education. Funding for this specific grant was identified and federally approved. This money will be refunded to us through Federal funding.

#### **FY25 – Oklahoma Urban and Community Forestry Council Contract, \$15,000 Federal Funds**

Renew nonbinding contract with the Oklahoma Urban and Community Forestry Council to perform services to assist in implementation of the continuing education component of Oklahoma's Urban & Community Forestry program. We are enforcing renewal option 2 of 3 of federal pass through dollars identified for the Council. Without this program outreach and education related to urban forest management and individual tree care would be limited. This money will be refunded to us through Federal funding.

#### **FY 25 Loading Dock Expansion, \$22,000 One Time Project Funding**

This purchase is to expand the current loading dock at the Forest Tree Improvement Center located east of Idabel. This project mitigates a major safety concern for loading/unloading close to 2 million pine seedlings allocated to non-industrial, private forest landowners in Oklahoma. The current loading dock is extremely narrow for the heavy forklift operation that is required during peak operation dates. The dock expansion would consist of a concrete pour to be framed off existing dock with the dimensions of 40'L X 15'W X 4.5'H. This will allow for ease of forklift operation while maintaining a safe perimeter when loading/unloading seedlings for customers.

**Justification:** Without this purchase, the safety of FTIC staff and landowners picking up seedlings is at risk and may impact the delivery of conservation seedlings to landowners. Funding for this purchase is FY25 one-time appropriations from the Oklahoma Legislature.

#### **FY25 – Southern Pine Beetle Federal Grant, \$10,000 Federal Funds**

Aerial detection for Southern Pine Beetle (SPB). Ensures early detection and treatment to limit the insect's spread and possible timber stand infestation.

**Justification:** SPB is a destructive insect to Oklahoma's pine forest resource. This prevention program protects forest health, forest industry investments, landowner investments, and future revenue. (Federal Grant)

### **LABORATORY SERVICES**

#### **FY25 - \$5400.00 – Lab Equipment**

Purchase of an Ex-Fluorometer for Aflatoxin testing. Current fluorometer is over 10 years old with failing parts.

### **MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

#### **FY2025 – Agritourism categorical guides – Animal, Horticulture, Western Experiences and Craft Beer Trail – printing - \$50,000.00**

**Justification:** It is the goal of the Agritourism Program to utilize all marketing channels to create a consistent brand awareness campaign and utilize these channels for seasonal promotions within the many categories of Agritourism. The brochure distribution program is one of the top marketing channels for Oklahoma Agritourism as we are able to reach hundreds of thousands of consumers each year. Not only are individual consumers requesting these brochures through TravelOK.com, but they are also distributed at festivals, tradeshow, and other events throughout the year. If this expense is not approved, there will be a negative impact on the ability of the Agritourism Program to promote and advertise the 400+ Agritourism venues in the state, resulting in an economic loss of those businesses and the local economy in those areas.

**FY2025 – USDA has provided a Specialty Crop Block Grant to ODAFF with the objective to solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. ODAFF is one of six grant partners included in this award. Effective: 9/30/24 - 9/29/27 - \$545,444.79.**

**Justification:** This project is entirely funded by the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. The purpose of this grant is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in the state. If this proposed expense is not approved and therefore the project is not completed, the State not only loses money immediately that is important to the specialty crop industry through the economic impact, but also runs the risk of not being awarded money from the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program in the future.

### **WILDLIFE SERVICES**

\$29,040 – ODAFF Wildlife Services is requesting approval for the cooperative agreement with the Southeast Landfill regarding the control and removal of nuisance birds defecating on and damaging property. As well as, reducing the threat of bird/aircraft interactions at Tinker AFB.

\$38,662 – ODAFF Wildlife Services is requesting approval for renewing hangar rent for the helicopters which will house up to all 6 of our aircraft providing consolidation of assets and closer access to the maintenance facility. It will provide secure storage for firearms, ammunition, and other supplies that pilots and gunners need to their complete their duties.

\$22,385 – ODAFF Wildlife Services is requesting approval to use FY25 Legislative Directed Expenditure Money to purchase Vulture Traps. This will allow Wildlife Services the ability to continue to help farmers and ranchers of Oklahoma.

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

**APPROVAL OF CASES**

ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024, the Office of General Counsel of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry brought for consideration before the State Board of Agriculture those certain cases summarized on Exhibit A hereto which cases have been resolved by stipulation or consent order. The attached Exhibit A summarizes each action by case name, case number, case type and amount received as a stipulated administrative penalty or by consent order.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** by the State Board of Agriculture that the resolution of each of the cases summarized on Exhibit A hereto is hereby approved in all aspects; that this order shall be deemed the final agency order for each such case; and that the penalty imposed by each such stipulation or consent order is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit A hereto.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

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Blayne Arthur  
President  
State Board of Agriculture

**Exhibit A  
Board of Agriculture  
October 14, 2024**

**Consideration and Proposed Action on Cases Resolved by Stipulation:**

**Consumer Protection Services**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>File No.</u></b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>Family Dollar</b>	<b>OGC-24-245</b>	<b>CPS</b>	<b>\$2,750.00</b>

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY**

**v. FAMILY DOLLAR**

**Case File No. OGC-24-430**

**FAMILY DOLLAR  
911 E BROADWAY  
ENID, OKLAHOMA 73701**

**Summary of Facts:** An investigator conducted a price verification inspection at the Family Dollar in Enid, Oklahoma. The purpose was to ensure that products were being sold at the price listed in the store. This location failed to accurately price 95% of the sampled items. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> violation for this location.

**Statute or Rule Violation:** 2 O.S. § 14-38(B)(2); 2 O.S. § 14-38(J)

**Proposed Administrative Penalty:** The proposed penalty for this case was Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00)(11 violations at \$250.00 per violation). Respondent stipulated to and paid the penalty.

**Other Actions Required:** None.

**OGC Attorney:** Abigail Wilburn





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RESPONDENT. )

Case No: OGC 24-430

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STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

1. Complainant, the Office of General Counsel (“OGC”) of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) advises Respondent of the following alleged violations of the Oklahoma Agricultural Code and/or rules.

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE NOTICE**

2. Respondent is hereby notified that a Prehearing Conference<sup>1</sup> will be held before an impartial Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) at 1:30 p.m. on November 14, 2024, in the Board Room on the first floor of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry building, located at 2800 North Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. **Please note the Prehearing Conference is not an evidentiary hearing: witnesses and evidence will not be presented at the Prehearing Conference.**

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<sup>1</sup> Prehearing Conferences may address any of the following: a.) Identification and simplification of issues, including the elimination of frivolous claims or defenses; b.) Amendments to the pleadings; c.) the plan, schedule, and limitations of discovery; d.) Identification of admissions of fact to avoid unnecessary proof and cumulative evidence; e.) The identification of witnesses and substance of testimony, exhibits, and documents; f.) The use of prehearing briefs and pre-filed testimony in the form of sworn affidavits; g.) Settlement of all or some of the issues prior to the hearing; h.) Adoption of special procedures for managing difficult or protracted actions that may involve complex issues, multiple parties, novel or difficult legal questions, or evidence problems; i.) Scheduling; and j.) Any other matters as may aid in disposition of the case.

4. The Prehearing Conference may be held by telephone; arrangements to do so should be made at least one full week in advance of the Prehearing Conference.
5. Upon request of either party, Prehearing Conferences shall be on the record.
6. A Prehearing Conference may result in a scheduling or other prehearing order and subsequent changes to any prehearing or scheduling order may be made by the ALJ by modifying the order for good cause.
7. Please note that failure to appear at the Prehearing Conference may result in a default judgment being entered against you.

#### **HEARING AND RIGHT TO COUNSEL**

8. Respondent may choose to proceed to a full evidentiary hearing on the merits, at which Respondent will be given the opportunity to cross-examine the Complainant's witnesses, present Respondent's witnesses, and present relevant evidence on Respondent's behalf.
9. **The hearing date will be determined at the Prehearing Conference.**
10. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act and the Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which may be found in the OAC at Title 35.
11. Respondent has the right to be represented by counsel in this matter.

#### **DEFAULT**

12. Any Respondent who fails to appear after receipt of notice may be determined to have waived the right to appear and present a defense and a default may be presented by the Department to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting proposing the relief requested by the Notice of Violation, or other relief if justice so requires.

### **JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND APPLICABLE LAW**

13. Subject matter jurisdiction and venue are vested in the State Board of Agriculture in its quasi-judicial capacity pursuant to Okla. Const. Art. VI, Section 31 and 2 O.S. § 2-4(16); accordingly, this is the proper forum to hear this matter.

14. Respondent has substantial business operations and assets within the State of Oklahoma.

15. Based upon current information and belief, at all relevant times hereto, Respondent has, among other things, engaged in the business of selling consumer items under the business name of Family Dollar, located at 911 E Broadway Ave, Enid, Oklahoma.

16. Pursuant to 2 O. S. § 2-4(A)(3), ODAFF has authority to regulate persons who violate the Oklahoma Agricultural Code by initiating and processing administrative, civil, or criminal actions and proceedings necessary under the Oklahoma Agricultural Code.

17. Under the provisions of 2 O.S. § 14-38(B)(2), it is unlawful for a store to charge a retail price for any consumer item which exceeds the lowest then price in that store, whether a shelf, sale, advertised, or otherwise publicly communicated price, of the consumer item.

18. Under the provisions of 2 O.S. § 14-38(J), failure to accurately price ninety-five percent (95%) of all consumer items sampled as part of an inspection shall be a failed inspection subject to penalty. A fourth violation discovered within any twelve-month period will be assessed a penalty of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per consumer item which results in an overcharge or potential overcharge.

### **ALLEGATIONS OF FACT**

19. Based upon current information and belief, the following allegations of fact summarize the alleged violations committed by Respondent:

20. On or about October 12, 2023, a price verification inspection was performed by an Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry inspector at Family Dollar in Enid, Oklahoma. The inspection revealed that ten (10) of the one hundred (100) products inspected were offered at a price which exceeded the publicly communicated price.

21. Respondent's failure to accurately price ninety-five percent (95%) of all consumer items sampled as part of this inspection, is a violation of 2 O.S. § 14-38(J). A letter of warning was sent.

22. On or about January 3, 2024, a price verification inspection was performed by an Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry inspector at Family Dollar in Enid, Oklahoma. The inspection revealed that thirteen (13) of the one hundred (100) products inspected were offered at a price which exceeded the publicly communicated price.

23. Respondent's failure to accurately price ninety-five percent (95%) of all consumer items sampled as part of this inspection, is a second violation of 2 O.S. § 14-38(J). A letter of warning was sent.

24. On or about April 5, 2024, a price verification inspection was performed by an Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry inspector at Family Dollar in Enid, Oklahoma. The inspection revealed that fifteen (15) of the one hundred (100) products inspected were offered at a price which exceeded the publicly communicated price.

25. Respondent's failure to accurately price ninety-five percent (95%) of all consumer items sampled as part of this inspection, is a third violation of 2 O.S. § 14-38(J). A letter of warning was sent.

26. On or about June 17, 2024, a price verification inspection was performed by an Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry inspector at Family Dollar in Enid, Oklahoma. The

inspection revealed that eleven (11) of the one hundred (100) products inspected were offered at a price which exceeded the publicly communicated price.

27. Respondent's failure to accurately price ninety-five percent (95%) of all consumer items sampled as part of this inspection, is a fourth violation of 2 O.S. § 14-38(J). A letter of warning was sent.

#### **ALLEGED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

28. Based upon the application of the above law to the aforementioned facts, Respondent's failure to accurately price ninety-five percent (95%) of all consumer items sampled as part of the aforementioned inspections is a violation of 2 O.S. § 14-38(B)(2) and is subject to the penalty provided in 2 O.S. § 14-38(J).

#### **ATTORNEY CONFERENCES**

29. If Respondent desires to meet with OGC attorneys prior to the Prehearing Conference to discuss the allegations or seek a possible resolution, please contact the undersigned at 405-522-6104 or by email at [Abigail.wilburn@ag.ok.gov](mailto:Abigail.wilburn@ag.ok.gov).

30. Additionally, OGC attorneys will be available for consultation from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on the date of the Prehearing Conference.

31. Arrangements to discuss the matter before the Prehearing Conference are encouraged.

#### **ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS**

32. Enforcement proceedings may include but are not limited to:

- a.) Administrative fines or penalties;
- b.) Revocation, suspension, or denial for up to one (1) year of any license, permit, or charter issued by ODAFF or the Board;
- c.) Criminal actions, which could involve fines, imprisonment, or both; and

d.) Civil actions.

33. Pursuant to 2 O.S. § 2-18(A), after notice and opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, if the State Board of Agriculture finds any person in violation of the Oklahoma Agricultural Code or any rule promulgated or order issued pursuant thereto, unless otherwise specifically provided by statute or rule, the Board shall have the authority to assess an administrative penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation.

34. Each animal, each action, or each day a violation continues may constitute a separate and distinct violation.

#### **ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS**

35. Administrative penalties, civil penalties, and other fines imposed by the Board shall be enforced pursuant to the procedure outlined in 2 O.S. § 2-7(B) and the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act, 12 O.S. § 719 *et seq.*

#### **INFORMAL DISPOSITION OF AN INDIVIDUAL PROCEEDING**

36. Informal disposition of an Individual Proceeding may be made by Stipulation, Agreed Settlement, Consent Order, or Default.

37. Resolution by Stipulation, Agreed Settlement, Consent Order, or Default shall be approved by the State Board of Agriculture.

38. Proposed Final Administrative Orders shall be prepared and issued in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and presented to the Board of Agriculture for review and approval.

#### **STIPULATION**

39. If Respondent desires to resolve this matter without a hearing or further action, Complainant proposes an administrative penalty of **Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00)**. (11 violations at \$250.00 per violation).

40. If you wish to waive your right to hearing and stipulate to the above alleged findings of fact and conclusions of law, you may pay the full amount of the recommended penalty by check or money order and sign and return the attached Resolution by Stipulation along with your full payment of this penalty prior to the stated hearing date.

DATED THIS 27TH day of August, 2024.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND  
FORESTRY, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

*Abigail Wilburn*

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

This is to certify that on this 28 day of Aug., 2024, a true and correct copy of the forgoing instrument was mailed, via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, as follows:

**FAMILY DOLLAR CORPORATION  
ATTN: LEGALDEPARTMENT  
500 VOLVO PARKWAY  
CHESAPEAKE, VA 23320**

*GB*

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Gina Blaylock



**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

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**RESPONDENT. )**

**STIPULATION**

Respondent accepts and stipulates to the proposed administrative penalty or fine of **Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00)** for this action and has accordingly signed this Resolution by Stipulation and returned it along with a check or money order in full payment of the proposed penalty or fine to: Office of General Counsel, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, 2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4298.

Respondent waives the right to a full administrative or evidentiary hearing and enters this Resolution by Stipulation evidencing Respondent's consent to the proposed penalty and Respondent's stipulation to the allegations of fact and alleged violations of law made in the Notice of Violation.

RESPONDENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOOD, AND FORESTRY  
PRICE VERIFICATION REPORT**

CPS 152 Rev 5/19

INSPECTOR NUMBE 24-JCB-0038      DATE\* 6/17/2024      COUNTY Garfield  
 LOCATION\* CORPORATE  
 AGN NUMBER AGN0062619      AGN NUMBER 2024 JUN 27 11:17  
 Family Dollar  
911 E Broadway Ave  
 Enid OK 73701-  
 MANAGER Nancy Deonn Barton      INSPECTION TYP Followup      Original Insp# 24-JCB-0033  
 TELEPHONE\* (580) 242-4244      Other Store Type      ITEM STATUS NON-SALE  
 TYPE OF STORE MASS MERCHANDISER

PRODUCT	UPC CODE	OFFERED PRICE	PRICE CHARGED	PRICE ERROR
<u>Hanes Men Aertd. Bxr Brief 2xl 2pk</u>	<u>043935482756</u>	<u>\$9.50</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>(\$0.50)</u>
<u>TC mommys biise gripe water night</u>	<u>679234054044</u>	<u>\$5.75</u>	<u>\$6.00</u>	<u>(\$0.25)</u>
<u>HL DSNF spray summer scent 19oz</u>	<u>032251239014</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$5.25</u>	<u>(\$0.25)</u>
<u>Purex LQ oxifresh mmg brst 128FLoz</u>	<u>024200000868</u>	<u>\$9.50</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>(\$0.50)</u>
<u>Purex liquid mtn breeze 50 Floz</u>	<u>024200047849</u>	<u>\$4.60</u>	<u>\$4.95</u>	<u>(\$0.35)</u>
<u>FP rawhide free sticks basted 6pc</u>	<u>032251901744</u>	<u>\$2.99</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>	<u>(\$0.01)</u>
<u>canada dry gingerale 2Liter bottle</u>	<u>078000162463</u>	<u>\$2.35</u>	<u>\$2.65</u>	<u>(\$0.30)</u>
<u>Dr. Pepper 2Liter bottle</u>	<u>078000082463</u>	<u>\$2.85</u>	<u>\$2.95</u>	<u>(\$0.10)</u>
<u>MB whole white milk 64 Floz</u>	<u>0720600011122</u>	<u>\$2.95</u>	<u>\$3.15</u>	<u>(\$0.20)</u>
<u>Kelloggs popart frstd strawberry8ct</u>	<u>038000222719</u>	<u>\$2.85</u>	<u>\$2.95</u>	<u>(\$0.10)</u>
<u>Fairlife 2pct white milk 52 Floz</u>	<u>816312002771</u>	<u>\$4.35</u>	<u>\$4.65</u>	<u>(\$0.30)</u>

Total Number Checked 100 Total Number Of Violation 11 Accuracy 89% Inspection Notice of Violation Result

**REMARKS**

On 06/17/2024, I (Joseph Baker) stopped at Family Dollar located at 911 E Broadway Ave. Enid, OK 73701 to perform a follow up price verification. This inspection is a follow up inspection due to failed inspection 24-JCB-0033 on 04/04/2024. I met with Ms. Charlotte Carroll (ASM) and let her know the reason for me stopping was for a price verification inspection. This inspection is a failed inspection and a notice of violation was issued. This inspection failed at 89% accuracy. I explained that 95% accuracy or higher is required for an inspection to be approved. I checked a total of 100 items and observed 11 violations.

WITNESS Charlotte Carroll (ASM) Charlotte Carroll INSPECTOR\* Joseph Baker 6-17-2024