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82ND CONVENTION



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**82ND ARKANSAS FARM BUREAU ANNUAL CONVENTION
HOT SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER**

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SHUTTLE BUSES

For your convenience, shuttle service will be available from outlying hotels: Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Suites and the Arlington. Shuttle service times are as follows:

- Wednesday, Nov. 30, 10:00 a.m.—6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 1, 6:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 2, 6:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S LUNCHEON & COTTON FASHION SHOW: *Noon, Thursday in Hall B.* Great food and a great cotton fashion show. This year's luncheon will feature the presentation of the Outstanding County Women's Committee Award as well as recognition of this year's Miss Arkansas Rice. Tickets can be purchased at the information desk for \$15 each.

YF&R DISCUSSION MEET FINALS: *3:15 p.m., Wednesday in Room 205.* The Discussion Meet simulates a committee meeting where discussion and active participation are expected from each participant. Winner will receive \$7,000 toward a Polaris from Southern Farm Bureau Life Company and \$2,500 from Farm Bureau Bank. The winner also receives an expense-paid trip to the American Farm Bureau Convention in Phoenix to compete in the National Discussion Meet.

YF&R EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE AWARD CONTEST: *The winner of this competition will be announced at the Awards Program during the Thursday afternoon general session.* This program is designed to reward young farmers and ranchers (age 18-35) who are active in Farm Bureau and in their communities, but who are not full-time farmers. The winner will receive a Polaris Ranger sponsored by Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and \$2,500 from Publishing Concepts Inc., publisher of *Front Porch* and *Arkansas Agriculture*, and Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. of Arkansas, Inc. The winner will also represent Arkansas at the national contest in Phoenix.

YF&R ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CONTEST: *The winner of the competition will be announced at the Awards Program during the Thursday afternoon general session.* This program is designed to reward young farmers and ranchers (age 18-35) who are active in Farm Bureau and in their communities. The winner will receive a \$40,000 credit toward a GM vehicle of their choice, courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company, and will represent Arkansas at the national contest in Phoenix.

AG IN THE CLASSROOM SILENT AUCTION: *11 a.m.—5 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Thursday in Hall A with the Tradeshow.* Proceeds from this auction, sponsored by the ArFB Women's Committee, will help enhance the educational efforts of Arkansas Farm Bureau. County Farm Bureau involvement has helped create two Mobile Ag Experience trailers, the Mobile Ag Simulator, Good Things From Arkansas, Arkansas Ag Readers and funded additional Outdoor Garden Grants. Items won can be picked up after 4 p.m. Thursday in Hall A.

COUNTY GROUP PHOTOS: *Wednesday: 9:30—11:30 a.m., 5—6 p.m.; Thursday: 11:45 a.m.—1:30 p.m., 3:45—4:45 p.m.* County group photos will be taken in the Grand Lobby.

BARRETT BABER CONCERT: *5:30—6:30 p.m. Thursday in Hall A.* The Arkansas native who finished third in the ninth season of NBC's *The Voice*, will perform a private acoustic set for Farm Bureau members on Thursday evening following the caucuses.

FARM BUREAU TRADE SHOW: *11 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Thursday in Hall A.* The 2016 trade show features a variety of vendors that will help meet the needs of our members by providing information and new innovative ideas for their farm and way of life. Come check out booths from our member benefit programs, ag related businesses, silent auction and the "Ridin' Shotgun with Brett Favre" monster truck.



BARRETT BABER

WEDNESDAY November 30

9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 2:45—5:30 p.m.	Registration	Mezzanine Hall A
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	YF&R Discussion Meet	Room 205
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 2:00—5:30 p.m.	Trade Show	Hall A
1:00—3:00 p.m.	General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are Farm Bureau Video Kickoff• Welcome <i>Randy Veach, President</i>• Presentation of Colors <i>Hot Springs High School JROTC</i>• Pledge of Allegiance <i>Trent Dabbs, State YF&R Committee Chair</i>• National Anthem <i>Lindsey Triplett</i>• Invocation <i>Peggy Miller, State Women's Committee Chair</i>• Gubernatorial Address <i>Gov. Asa Hutchinson</i>• Friend of Farm Bureau Awards (Video)• Memorial Service• Stanley E. Reed Leadership Award• Can't Trump This: the elections of 2016 and what happens next <i>Roby Brock and Panel</i>	Horner Hall
3:20—3:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation in Trade Show Cooperative Extension Service Awards	Hall A
3:15—4:45 p.m.	YF&R Discussion Meet Finals	Room 205



3:30–5:00 p.m.

Legislative Conferences

Agriculture Policy in the 115th Congress Room 207
2017 State Legislature Panel Discussion Rooms 208 & 209

3:30–5:00 p.m.

Pack Shack (Women's Committee)

Rooms 201 & 202

Meals prepared during the Pack Shack will be available for leaders to take back to their local food banks on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning following the business session. Volunteers needed. Sign up at Information Booth.

3:45–5:00 p.m.

Trade Show Lightning Talks

Hall A

3:45 p.m.

- Helena Chemical Company

4:00 p.m.

- Zoetis

4:15 p.m.

- ADM Animal Nutrition, Inc.

4:30 p.m.

- CK Water Filtration

4:45 p.m.

- Rice Tec, Inc.

5:00 p.m.

- Farm Bureau Bank

5:15 p.m.

Resolution Committee Open Hearing

Room 207

Use the hashtag **#FBcommonground** on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram while at convention this week to be entered into a drawing to **win one of six \$50 gift cards!** Three cards will be given away at the end of each general session.



THURSDAY December 1

6:45–8:00 a.m.	County Presidents' Award Breakfast	Hall B
7:30–8:30 a.m.	Sew with Cotton Registration	Room 102
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Registration	Mezzanine Hall A
8:30–10:00 a.m.	Special Conferences	
	• Livestock	Room 207
	• Crops	Room 208
	• Environmental	Room 209
	• Leadership	Rooms 203 & 204
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	Trade Show	Hall A
10:00–11:00 a.m.	Trade Show Lightning Talks	Hall A
10:00 a.m.	• Vantage Mid South	
10:15 a.m.	• Elanco Animal Health	
10:30 a.m.	• BioZyme, Inc.	
10:45 a.m.	• Instrument & Supply, Inc.	
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	County Presidents and Vice Presidents Leadership Training	Rooms 208 & 209
Noon–1:30 p.m.	Luncheon and Fashion Show	Hall B
	• Outstanding County Women's Program	
	• Miss Arkansas Rice	



2:00–4:15 p.m.

General Session

Horner Hall

- Farm Bureau Successes Video
- Welcome | *Rich Hillman, Vice President*
- Keynote Address | *Randy Veach, President*
- YF&R Awards
 - Excellence in Agriculture
 - Achievement Award
 - Discussion Meet
- 2015/2016 National FFA President | *Taylor McNeel*
- Ag Education Award
- Membership Awards
 - Retention
 - Area Excellence
 - President's Award
- Tony Windham Recognition
- As Farmers and Ranchers, What You Do Matters...
How You Do It Even More | *Shawn Hammontree*

2:45–7:00 p.m.

Trade Show

Hall A

5:00 p.m.

Caucus of Voting Delegates

Rooms 201–204, 207–209

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Barrett Baber Acoustic Session

Hall A

Caucus of **VOTING DELEGATES**

District 1 **Room 201**

Craighead
Crittenden
Cross
Lee
Mississippi
Phillips
Poinsett
St. Francis

District 2 **Room 202**

Clay
Greene
Independence
Jackson
Lawrence
Monroe
Prairie
Randolph
Sharp
White
Woodruff

District 3 **Room 203**

Baxter
Benton
Boone
Carroll
Fulton
Izard
Madison
Newton
Searcy
Stone
Marion
Washington

District 4 **Room 204**

Crawford
Howard
Little River
Miller
Montgomery
North Logan
Pike
Polk
Scott
Sebastian
Sevier
South Logan

District 5 **Room 207**

Cleburne
Conway
Faulkner
Franklin
Garland
Hot Spring
Johnson
Perry
Pope
Van Buren
Yell

District 6 **Room 208**

Arkansas
Cleveland
Desha
Drew
Jefferson
Lincoln
Lonoke
Pulaski
Saline

District 7 **Room 209**

Ashley
Bradley
Calhoun
Chicot
Clark
Columbia
Dallas
Grant
Hempstead
Lafayette
Nevada
Ouachita
Union



7:00–8:00 a.m.

Breakfast for Voting Delegates

Hall B

8:00 a.m.

Business Session

Horner Hall

President Randy Veach, presiding

- Report of Credentials Committee
- Report of Rules Committee
- Introduction of Parliamentary
- Caucus Reports | *Warren Carter, Executive Vice President, ArFB*
- Election of Board Members
- Election of Voting Delegates to AFBF Convention
- Business Report | *Warren Carter, Executive Vice President, ArFB*
- Report of Nominating Committee
- Election of President and Vice President
- Discussion and Action on Resolutions
- Adjourn

**WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS
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STATE ISSUES PANEL

Rooms 208 & 209

Join members of the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas State Senate as they have a conversation about current state issues and what is in store for the 2017 legislative session. From taxes to highways and other issues that affect agriculture, legislators will be on hand to discuss and take questions from the audience about state affairs. Bring your questions and comments and help advocate for agriculture and rural Arkansas!

NATIONAL ISSUES PANEL

Room 207

Agriculture Policy in the 115th Congress

Sara Wyant *Agri-Pulse*

Chris Clayton *The Progressive Farmer*

Dr. Bob Young *American Farm Bureau Federation*

After an election season for the ages, a new administration is preparing to take control of the White House and members of Congress are readying for policy battles on both sides of Capitol Hill. The 115th Congress will deal with numerous issues critical to agriculture and rural America, including infrastructure, taxes, trade and regulatory reform. Each of these issues is wrought with political pressures that will ultimately make progress and policy making in D.C. extremely difficult. This panel of journalists and subject matter experts will delve into the policy, politics and people that will shape the new Congress.

THURSDAY Workshops

CROPS

Room 208

Otis Howe, chairman, along with **Terry Walker**, director of the Arkansas State Plant Board, will continue the conversation regarding the new seed and herbicide technology regulations in Arkansas.

Following the Arkansas State Plant Board, a panel of farmers will come together to discuss different challenges they are seeing on their operations and how they have adapted to better manage those issues. The panel will include **Perry Galloway** (Woodruff County), **Mike Sullivan** (Mississippi County), and **Scott Mitchell** (Lonoke County). The topics that will be discussed will be resistant weeds, storage capabilities, NRCS programs, and marketing opportunities for producers. Attendees will gain knowledge on innovative ideas to improve the overall production efficiency and long-term sustainability of their operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Room 209

Scott Simon or **Jason Milks** *Stream Restoration*

Andrew Sharpley *Discovery Farms 101*

Mike Daniels *Nutrient Management Plans*

Arkansas farmers and ranchers are stewards of our land & water and play a vital role in protecting our natural resources. However, every day environmental groups point fingers at agriculture with nutrients at the forefront of their concerns. Join us as we discuss what goes into a Nutrient Management Plan and the work being done to reduce nutrients through the use of Best Management Practices on Discovery Farms. In addition to water-quality issues, we will also talk about water quantity and the restoration work being done in an effort to reduce flooding in row crop areas.

LIVESTOCK

Room 207

Dr. Brandon Doss, Arkansas' state veterinarian, will provide an overview of the animal disease concerns facing the state's livestock and poultry industries, as well as the status of regulations and test requirements for major disease issues. He will also comment on the structure of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and other animal-industry activities the agency administers.

The Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has recently reissued proposed rules concerning the marketing of livestock and live poultry. The original version issued in 2010 was



blocked from implementation by a prohibition on funded by Congress. The Congressional funding prohibition has now been lifted. These regulation address live production contracts, forward pricing mechanisms, and other marketing issues. **Beth Brumley**, from the National Agricultural Law Center, will discuss this and other current legal and regulatory concerns facing livestock and poultry producers.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Rooms 203 & 204

Randy Frazier

Boards and commissions are the living laboratory for Leadership Development. They are the backbone of democracy and the primary steering committee for practically every organization in the world, including Farm Bureau.

If “serving on the board” is part of your past, present or future, you will help yourself and your organization by attending this seminar. It delivers clarity, insight and techniques for helping your board get things done in a timely manner.

This is not a session on the tedious details of parliamentary procedure. It is a clear, concise and interactive forum that covers the important (but often neglected) ground rules for effective board leadership. It’s easy to “lead” when you’re alone. The real test is in knowing how to lead when you’re working with others.

One aspect of this training will address each item on a list of the most frequently cited board-related problems. Better yet, you’ll get advice on how to deal with them!

Time will also be allotted to answer written questions that are submitted by those in attendance. Be sure to attend this session ... you’ll be glad you did.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

Rooms 208 & 209

Randy Frazier

Your role as county Farm Bureau president or vice president often requires you to utilize various leadership skills, in addition to effectively running a meeting. This conference will focus on those skills that can be unique to your position within your Farm Bureau, and give you insight as to how to use those skills effectively.

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