

Opinion & Editorial

NOTICE OF RESALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

Cotton County, State of Oklahoma

Notice is hereby given that, under authority and mandatory requirement of 68 O.S. § 3125-3127, each of the hereinafter described lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate, all situated in Cotton County, State of Oklahoma, will be sold at public auction to the highest competitive bidder for cash, provided that for each parcel or tract, the bidder offers a sum equal to or greater than two-thirds of the assessed valuation of such real estate as fixed for the current fiscal year 2025 - 2026, or the total amount of taxes, ad valorem and special, interest and costs legally due on such property computed to and as of June - ,whichever is the lesser; said sale to be held at the Office of the Cotton County Treasurer, State of Oklahoma beginning on the second Monday in June, 8, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and continuing from day to day thereafter between the same hours until said sale has been completed according to law.

It is hereby stated that each of said lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate hereinafter listed, has remained unpaid for a period of more than three years from the date such taxes first became due and payable; that in the schedule below appears under caption indicating Lands (Section, Township, and Range), City or Town, or subdivision thereof, in which located, following each described lot, tract and parcel of real estate, in the order herein set out, the name of the owner as of 2025, the year or years for which taxes have been assessed but remain unpaid, the total amount of all delinquent ad valorem taxes, costs and interest that have accrued thereon and remain legally due and unpaid as of the date of first publication of notice of Resale, the total amount of all delinquent special assessments, costs and interest that since accrued thereon and remain due and unpaid as of the first publication in May, the date of said resale, and the total due. On resale date one and one-half per cent further interest will have accrued.

The above notice applies to the following lots, tracts and parcels, to wit:
Witness my hand this 6 day of May, 2026

/s/ Tammy Simpson
Tammy Simpson, County Treasurer
Cotton County, Oklahoma

Type	Year	Tax	Penalty	Cost	Total	
TID: 4278 BAYLESS, JAMES E LOTS 10-16 BLOCK 46 TEMPLE REAL 313 S. COMMERCIAL REAL 2022 30.00 18.00 51.14 99.14 REAL 2024 18.00 4.32 35.00 57.32 REAL 2025 18.00 1.08 30.00 49.08 REAL Total 66.00 23.40 116.14 205.54 S 2024 3,920.81 529.31 5.00 4,455.12 S Total 3,920.81 529.31 5.00 4,455.12 Grand Total 3,986.81 552.71 121.14 4,660.66	51.14	65.54				
	REAL 2023	9.00	3.78			
	35.73	48.51				
	REAL 2024	9.00	2.16			
	35.00	46.16				
	REAL 2025	9.00	0.54			
	30.00	39.54				
	REAL Total 36.00 11.88 151.87 199.75					
	TID: 7203 DAVEY, JACKIE LOT 5 BLOCK 41 RANDLETT REAL 2022 203.00 121.80 35.66 360.46 REAL 2023 212.00 89.04 35.73 336.77 REAL 2024 224.00 53.76 35.00 312.76 REAL 2025 230.00 13.80 30.00 273.80 REAL Total 869.00 278.40 136.39 1,283.79	121.80	35.66	360.46		
		REAL 2023	212.00	89.04		
35.73		336.77				
REAL 2024		224.00	53.76			
35.00		312.76				
REAL 2025		230.00	13.80			
30.00		273.80				
REAL Total 869.00 278.40 136.39 1,283.79						
TID: 1901 EDGMON, LARRY CRAIG & JANE E. TR IN SW 27-3-10 .33 ACRES 602 W. OKLAHOMA REAL 2022 492.00 295.20 51.14 838.34 REAL 2023 503.00 211.26 35.73 749.99 REAL 2024 518.00 124.32 35.00 677.32 REAL 2025 439.00 26.34 30.00 495.34 REAL Total 1,952.00 657.12 151.87 2,760.99		295.20	51.14	838.34		
		REAL 2023	503.00			
	211.26	35.73	749.99			
	REAL 2024	518.00				
	124.32	35.00	677.32			
	REAL 2025	439.00	26.34			
	30.00	495.34				
	REAL Total 1,952.00 657.12 151.87 2,760.99					
	TID: 4908 EDMERSON, DARRELL LOTS 27-30 BLOCK 7 EAST TEMPLE REAL 2022 74.00 44.40 51.14 169.54 REAL 2023 76.00 31.92 49.46 157.38 REAL 2024 13.00 3.12 65.00 81.12 REAL 2025 13.00 0.78 30.00 43.78 REAL Total 176.00 80.22 195.60 451.82	51.14	169.54			
		REAL 2023	76.00	31.92		
49.46		157.38				
REAL 2024		13.00	3.12			
65.00		81.12				
REAL 2025		13.00	0.78			
30.00		43.78				
REAL Total 176.00 80.22 195.60 451.82						
TID: 4907 EDMERSON, JOHN W., ETUX LOTS 23-26 BLOCK 7 EAST TEMPLE REAL 2022 10.00 6.00 35.66 51.66 REAL 2023 10.00 4.20 49.46 63.66 REAL 2024 10.00 2.40 65.00 77.40 REAL 2025 10.00 0.60 30.00 40.60 REAL Total 40.00 13.20 180.12 233.32		35.66	51.66			
		REAL 2023	10.00	4.20		
	49.46	63.66				
	REAL 2024	10.00	2.40			
	65.00	77.40				
	REAL 2025	10.00	0.60			
	30.00	40.60				
	REAL Total 40.00 13.20 180.12 233.32					
	TID: 4277 FAIRL, JAMES & LELA LOTS 7-9 BLOCK 46 TEMPLE REAL 320 E. CENTRAL REAL 2022 108.00 64.80 51.14 223.94 REAL 2023 111.00 46.62 35.73 193.35 REAL 2024 114.00 27.36 35.00 176.36 REAL 2025 119.00 7.14 30.00 156.14 REAL Total 452.00 145.92 151.87 749.79	51.14	223.94			
		REAL 2023	111.00	46.62		
35.73		193.35				
REAL 2024		114.00	27.36			
35.00		176.36				
REAL 2025		119.00	7.14			
30.00		156.14				
REAL Total 452.00 145.92 151.87 749.79						
TID: 5476 DALRYMPLE, ELDON D LOTS 27-28 BLOCK 81 WALTERS ADDITION 111 W. NEBRASKA REAL 2022 45.00 27.00 64.27 136.27 REAL 2023 60.00 25.20 35.73 120.93 REAL 2024 62.00 14.88 35.00 111.88 REAL 2025 65.00 3.90 30.00 98.90 REAL Total 232.00 70.98 165.00 467.98		64.27	136.27			
		REAL 2023	60.00	25.20		
	35.73	120.93				
	REAL 2024	62.00	14.88			
	35.00	111.88				
	REAL 2025	65.00	3.90			
	30.00	98.90				
	REAL Total 232.00 70.98 165.00 467.98					
	TID: 7202 DAVEY, JACKIE LOT 4 BLOCK 41 RANDLETT REAL 2022 9.00 5.40	121.80	35.66	360.46		
		REAL 2023	212.00	89.04		
35.73		336.77				
REAL 2024		224.00	53.76			
35.00		312.76				
REAL 2025		230.00	13.80			
30.00		273.80				
REAL Total 869.00 278.40 136.39 1,283.79						
TID: 4606 HORN-		121.80	35.66	360.46		
		REAL 2023	212.00	89.04		
	35.73	336.77				
	REAL 2024	224.00	53.76			
	35.00	312.76				
	REAL 2025	230.00	13.80			
	30.00	273.80				
	REAL Total 869.00 278.40 136.39 1,283.79					
	TID: 4899 LAMBERT, MARGARET LOTS 1-2 BLOCK 7 EAST TEMPLE REAL 2022 5.00 3.00 51.14 59.14 REAL 2023 5.00 2.10 35.73 42.83 REAL 2024 5.00 1.20 35.00 41.20 REAL 2025 5.00 0.30 30.00 35.30 REAL Total 20.00 6.60 151.87 178.47	51.14	59.14			
		REAL 2023	5.00	2.10		
35.73		42.83				
REAL 2024		5.00	1.20			
35.00		41.20				
REAL 2025		5.00	0.30			
30.00		35.30				
REAL Total 20.00 6.60 151.87 178.47						
TID: 4236 MARTINEZ, SIMON PETER LOTS 11-12 BLOCK 38 TEMPLE REAL 222 SOUTH COMMERCIAL REAL 2022 276.00 165.60 51.14 492.74 REAL 2023 282.00 118.44 35.73 436.17 REAL 2024 290.00 69.60 35.00 394.60 REAL 2025 301.00 18.06 30.00 349.06 REAL Total 1,149.00 371.70 151.87 1,672.57		165.60	51.14	492.74		
		REAL 2023	282.00			
	118.44	35.73	436.17			
	REAL 2024	290.00				
	69.60	35.00	394.60			
	REAL 2025	301.00				
	18.06	30.00	349.06			
	REAL Total 1,149.00 371.70 151.87 1,672.57					
	TID: 6111 MCNITT, TRISTON & LOGAN-ANN LOT 9 BLOCK 3 HIGH ADDITION 1112 HEATHER DR REAL 2022 950.00 570.00 64.27 1,584.27 REAL 2023 1,006.00 422.52 49.46 1,477.98 REAL 2024 1,028.00 246.72 65.00 1,339.72 REAL 2025 1,081.00 64.86 30.00 1,175.86 REAL Total 4,065.00 1,304.10 208.73 5,577.83	570.00	64.27	1,584.27		
		REAL 2023	1,006.00			
422.52		49.46	1,477.98			
REAL 2024		1,028.00				
246.72		65.00	1,339.72			
REAL 2025		1,081.00				
64.86		30.00	1,175.86			
REAL Total 4,065.00 1,304.10 208.73 5,577.83						
TID: 4837 MILLS, LENA LOTS 1-3 BLOCK 20 A & F ADDITION REAL 2022 8.00 4.80 51.14 63.94 REAL 2023 8.00 3.36 35.73 47.09 REAL 2024 8.00 1.92 65.00 74.92 REAL 2025 7.00 0.42 30.00 37.42 REAL Total 31.00 10.50 181.87 223.37		51.14	63.94			
		REAL 2023	8.00	3.36		
	35.73	47.09				
	REAL 2024	8.00	1.92			
	65.00	74.92				
	REAL 2025	7.00	0.42			
	30.00	37.42				
	REAL Total 31.00 10.50 181.87 223.37					
	TID: 4496 NASH, W M LOT 24 BLOCK 42 TEMPLE HEIGHTS W. GEORGIA REAL 2022 3.00 1.80 51.14 55.94 REAL 2023 3.00 1.26 35.73 39.99 REAL 2024 3.00 0.72 35.00 38.72 REAL 2025 3.00 0.18 30.00 33.18 REAL Total 12.00 3.96 151.87 167.83	51.14	55.94			
		REAL 2023	3.00	1.26		
35.73		39.99				
REAL 2024		3.00	0.72			
35.00		38.72				
REAL 2025		3.00	0.18			
30.00		33.18				
REAL Total 12.00 3.96 151.87 167.83						
TID: 6422 PATMAN, STACIE R LOT 27 BLOCK 1 LIONS CLUB 144 LIONS COVE REAL 2022 552.00 331.20 51.14 934.34 REAL 2023 585.00 245.70 49.46 880.16 REAL 2024 598.00 143.52 65.00 806.52 REAL 2025 628.00 37.68 30.00 695.68 REAL Total 2,363.00		331.20	51.14	934.34		
		REAL 2023	585.00			
	245.70	49.46	880.16			
	REAL 2024	598.00				
	143.52	65.00	806.52			
	REAL 2025	628.00				
	37.68	30.00	695.68			
	REAL Total 2,363.00					
	TID: 758.10 195.60 3,316.70	121.80	35.66	360.46		
		REAL 2023	212.00	89.04		
35.73		336.77				
REAL 2024		224.00	53.76			
35.00		312.76				
REAL 2025		230.00	13.80			
30.00		273.80				
REAL Total 869.00 278.40 136.39 1,283.79						
TID: 7099 PORRAS, PATRICIA LOTS 5-8 BLOCK 10 RC REAL 2022 338.00 202.80 51.14 591.94 REAL 2023 336.00 141.12 35.73 512.85 REAL 2024 338.00 81.12 35.00 454.12 REAL 2025 347.00 20.82 30.00 397.82 REAL Total 1,359.00 445.86 151.87 1,956.73		202.80	51.14	591.94		
		REAL 2023	336.00			
	141.12	35.73	512.85			
	REAL 2024	338.00				
	81.12	35.00	454.12			
	REAL 2025	347.00				
	20.82	30.00	397.82			
	REAL Total 1,359.00 445.86 151.87 1,956.73					
	TID: 7139 RORIE, NANCY LOT 6 BLOCK 23 R. C. REAL 2022 9.00 5.40 35.66 50.06 REAL 2023 9.00 3.78 35.73 48.51 REAL 2024 9.00 2.16 35.00 46.16 REAL 2025 9.00 0.54 30.00 39.54 REAL Total 36.00 11.88 136.39 184.27	35.66	50.06			
		REAL 2023	9.00	3.78		
35.73		48.51				
REAL 2024		9.00	2.16			
35.00		46.16				
REAL 2025		9.00	0.54			
30.00		39.54				
REAL Total 36.00 11.88 136.39 184.27						
TID: 7442 RORIE, NANCY LOTS 15-16 BLOCK 75 RC REAL 2022 17.00 10.20 35.66 62.86 REAL 2023 17.00 7.14 35.73 59.87 REAL 2024 17.00 4.08 35.00 56.08 REAL 2025 17.00 1.02 30.00 48.02 REAL Total 68.00 22.44 136.39 226.83		35.66	62.86			
		REAL 2023	17.00	7.14		
	35.73	59.87				
	REAL 2024	17.00	4.08			
	35.00	56.08				
	REAL 2025	17.00	1.02			
	30.00	48.02				
	REAL Total 68.00 22.44 136.39 226.83					
	TID: 7243 RORIE, NANCY HEAD LOTS 13-15 BLOCK 48 RC REAL 2022 16.00 9.60 51.14 76.74 REAL 2023 16.00 6.72 35.73 58.45 REAL 2024 16.00 3.84 35.00 54.84 REAL 2025 16.00 0.96 30.00 46.96 REAL Total 64.00 21.12 151.87 236.99	51.14	76.74			
		REAL 2023	16.00	6.72		
35.73		58.45				
REAL 2024		16.00	3.84			
35.00		54.84				
REAL 2025		16.00	0.96			
30.00		46.96				
REAL Total 64.00 21.12 151.87 236.99						
TID: 6346 SEVIER, JANA MARIA LOTS 9-10 BLOCK 9 HOUGH REAL 2022 180.00 108.00 51.14 339.14 REAL 2023 190.00 79.80 35.73 305.53 REAL 2024 194.00 46.56 35.00 275.56 REAL 2025 204.00 12.24 30.00 246.24 REAL Total 768.00 246.60 151.87 1,1						

73.44 35.00 414.44
 REAL 2025 283.00
 16.98 30.00 329.98
 REAL Total 589.00
 90.42 65.00 744.42
 S 2022 436.84 209.68
 5.00 651.52
 S 2023 258.55 112.47
 5.00 376.02
 S 2023 523.68 172.81
 5.00 701.49
 S 2023 316.44 99.68
 5.00 421.12
 S 2024 201.39 48.33
 40.00 289.72
 S 2024 246.95 33.34
 40.00 320.29
 S 2024 436.90 52.43
 5.00 494.33
 S 2024 218.13 19.63
 5.00 242.76
 S Total 2,638.88 748.37
 110.00 3,497.25
Grand Total 3,227.88
838.79 175.00 4,241.67

TID: 105891 SKYLINE
CAPITAL GROUP LLC
 LOTS 15-16
 BLOCK 21
 WALTERS HEIGHTS
 102 W. WYOMING
 REAL 2024 21.00 5.04
 35.00 61.04
 REAL 2025 21.00 1.26
 30.00 52.26
 REAL Total 42.00 6.30
 65.00 113.30
 S 2022 332.41 159.56
 5.00 496.97
 S Total 332.41 159.56
 5.00 496.97
Grand Total 374.41
165.86 70.00 610.27

TID: 105978 SKYLINE
CAPITAL GROUP LLC
 LOTS 11-12
 BLOCK 30
 WALTERS HEIGHTS
 222 E. TEXAS
 REAL 2024 225.00
 54.00 35.00 314.00
 REAL 2025 210.00
 12.60 30.00 252.60
 REAL Total 435.00
 66.60 65.00 566.60
 S 2022 305.49 146.64
 5.00 457.13
 S 2023 291.22 126.68
 5.00 422.90
 S 2023 322.76 106.51
 5.00 434.27
 S 2023 268.76 84.66
 5.00 358.42
 S 2024 201.39 48.33
 40.00 289.72
 S 2024 221.04 26.52
 5.00 252.56
 S 2024 257.84 23.21
 5.00 286.05
 S Total 1,868.50 562.55
 70.00 2,501.05
Grand Total 2,303.50
629.15 135.00 3,067.65

TID: 106685 SKYLINE
CAPITAL GROUP LLC
 W 12'6" OF LOT 12 &
 ALL OF 13-14
 BLOCK 33
 ROSS ADDITION
 601 E. VIRGINIA
 REAL 2023 29.00 12.18
 35.73 76.91
 REAL 2024 28.00 6.72
 35.00 69.72
 REAL 2025 29.00 1.74
 30.00 60.74
 REAL Total 86.00 20.64
 100.73 207.37
 S 2022 446.98 214.55
 5.00 666.53
 S 2023 505.61 212.36
 35.73 753.70
 S 2023 542.85 179.14
 40.73 762.72
 S 2023 374.79 118.06
 5.00 497.85
 S 2024 210.44 50.51
 40.00 300.95
 S 2024 256.47 34.62
 40.00 331.09
 S 2024 398.93 47.87
 5.00 451.80
 S 2024 279.07 25.12
 5.00 309.19
 S Total 3,015.14 882.23
 176.46 4,073.83
Grand Total 3,101.14
902.87 277.19 4,281.20

TID: 4270 SMITH,
THOMAS A, JR.
 LOTS 7-10
 BLOCK 45
 TEMPLE REAL
 206 E. OHIO
 REAL 2022 10.00 6.00
 51.14 67.14
 REAL 2023 10.00 4.20
 35.73 49.93
 REAL 2024 10.00 2.40
 65.00 77.40
REAL Total 30.00 12.60
151.87 194.47

TID: 4944 SMITH,
THOMAS A, JR.
 LOTS 9-10
 BLOCK 12
 EAST TEMPLE
 REAL 2022 5.00 3.00
 35.66 43.66
 REAL 2023 5.00 2.10

35.73 42.83
 REAL 2024 5.00 1.20
 65.00 71.20
REAL Total 15.00 6.30
136.39 157.69
TID: 5815 SPENCE,
BOBBIE J
 LOTS 27-28
 BLOCK 12
 WALTERS HEIGHTS
 207 W. VIRGINIA
 REAL 2022 195.00
 117.00 64.27 376.27
 REAL 2023 174.00
 73.08 35.73 282.81
 REAL 2024 177.00
 42.48 65.00 284.48
 REAL 2025 186.00 11.16
 30.00 227.16
REAL Total 732.00
243.72 195.00 1,170.72

TID: 4280 TAYLOR,
RICHARD BURNS
 LOTS 20-22
 BLOCK 46
 TEMPLE REAL
 REAL 2022 218.00
 130.80 51.14 399.94
 REAL 2023 223.00
 93.66 49.46 366.12
 REAL 2024 230.00
 55.20 65.00 350.20
 REAL 2025 238.00
 14.28 30.00 282.28
REAL Total 909.00
293.94 195.60 1,398.54

TID: 4295 WALLS,
JAMES M & DEANNA M
 LOTS 16-18
 BLOCK 48
 TEMPLE REAL
 REAL 2022 385.00
 231.00 51.14 667.14
 REAL 2023 394.00
 165.48 35.73 595.21
 REAL 2024 405.00
 97.20 35.00 537.20
 REAL 2025 420.00
 25.20 30.00 475.20
REAL Total 1,604.00
518.88 151.87 2,274.75

TID: 6135 WHITE-
COTTON, MICHELLE
 LOT 3
 BLOCK 2
 HERITAGE
 618 W. NEVADA
 REAL 2022 551.00
 330.60 64.27 945.87
 REAL 2023 575.00
 241.50 49.46 865.96
 REAL 2024 579.00
 138.96 65.00 782.96
 REAL 2025 583.00
 34.98 30.00 647.98
REAL Total 2,288.00
746.04 208.73 3,242.77

TID: 7543 WOOD,
STEVY M
 LOTS 8-12
 BLOCK 98
 RC
 REAL 2022 66.00 39.60
 51.14 156.74
 REAL 2023 66.00 27.72
 35.73 129.45
 REAL 2024 66.00 15.84
 35.00 116.84
 REAL 2025 49.00 2.94
 30.00 81.94
REAL Total 247.00
86.10 151.87 484.97

TID: 7544 WOOD,
STEVY M
 LOTS 1-2
 BLOCK 99
 RC
 REAL 2022 15.00 9.00
 35.66 59.66
 REAL 2023 15.00 6.30
 35.73 57.03
 REAL 2024 15.00 3.60
 35.00 53.60
 REAL 2025 15.00 0.90
 30.00 45.90
REAL Total 60.00 19.80
136.39 216.19

TID: 7546 WOOD,
STEVY M
 LOT 4
 BLOCK 99
 RC
 REAL 2022 9.00 5.40
 35.66 50.06
 REAL 2023 9.00 3.78
 35.73 48.51
 REAL 2024 9.00 2.16
 35.00 46.16
REAL 2025 9.00 0.54
30.00 39.54

"When you look into your mother's eyes, you know that is the purest love you can find on this earth."
 ~ Mitch Albom

Beef Experts Unite At OSU To Discuss Future Of Cattle Industry

By Mandy Gross

STILLWATER, Okla. – Oklahoma State University welcomed experts from across the beef supply chain to campus for the inaugural Beef Center of Excellence Advisory Board meeting.

The Beef Center of Excellence is a cross-disciplinary effort to drive innovation, sustainability and profitability for cattle producers.

“We’re just getting started, but I hope the advisory board can come together and bring real ideas for change in the beef industry,” said Ben Hale of Western Livestock Auctions. “As ambassadors of the Beef Center of Excellence, we can tell our stories and be advocates to the industry as a whole.”

The advisory board members had the opportunity to connect with faculty and students and learn about the research and Extension activities happening across OSU Agriculture.

Beginning at the Purebred Beef Center, Jayson Lusk, vice president and dean of OSU Agriculture, led a roundtable discussion with Mark Johnson, Extension livestock evaluation specialist, and Rosslyn Biggs, Extension beef cattle specialist, about issues in the beef industry. Many topics surfaced, including animal health, disease threats such as New World screwworm, finding efficiencies and educating those outside the beef industry.

Barry Pollard of Pollard Farms said the Beef Center of Excellence is an opportunity to strategically prioritize based on industry and academic needs and to plan for the future.

“There are so many issues we can work on,” Pollard said. “We can work on fertility, feed efficiencies, health, disease resistance and a number of things that are meaningful to the industry. We can work together and find ways to coordinate the research that’s being done into meaningful messages that have practical applications.”

The group visited the Bluestem Research Range for demonstrations of ranch automation technology, such as the Ranch Rover, virtual fencing, liquid feed monitoring and drone surveillance, led by Ryan Reuter, George Chiga Endowed Professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, and student researchers.

“We wanted to highlight the innovative research we are doing around precision livestock production and ranch automation,” Reuter said. “The research we are doing to address management questions with this technology and the associated student development will have a long-term impact on the industry.”

The advisory board concluded its visit at Agricultural Hall, interacting with food science faculty and students, participating in a taste panel featuring a variety of steaks, and holding the first advisory board meeting to discuss the future of the Beef Center of Excellence.

“The board had a robust and wide-ranging discussion on the opportunities and threats facing the beef industry,” Lusk said. “The group was unanimous in their desire and intention to position OSU as the leading destination for students interested in learning about the beef cattle industry and the premier source of beef research and Extension programming. We will soon initiate a process to identify a director to lead the center.” The founding members of the Beef Center of Excellence Advisory Board include Tracie and Eric Chapman, Chapman Ranch; Vanessa and Ford Drummond, F.F. Drummond Ranch; Jamae and Mike Frey, Frey Angus; Aimee and Ben Hale, Western Livestock Auctions; Kari and Robert Hodgen, King Ranch; Gaye and John Pfeiffer Jr., Pfeiffer Angus Farm; Roxanne and Barry Pollard, Pollard Farms; Martha and Mark Shaw, IGNITE Veterinary Solutions; Mary and Rob Shuey, U.S. meat and livestock industry consultant; Merck Animal Health; Corteva Agriscience; Oklahoma Beef Council; and Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association.

For more information about the Beef Center of Excellence, visit Animal Excellence online.

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Cole Votes In Favor Of The Farm, Food, And National Security Act Of 2026

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Tom Cole (OK-04) released the following statement after voting in favor of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, which reauthorizes, modernizes, and improves key Department of Agriculture programs through 2031:

“Agriculture is truly the heart of America – and as a lifelong Oklahoman, I know this firsthand. In fact, Oklahoma ranks first in the nation in the production of rye, third in the nation in the production of wheat, fifth in the production of cattle, pecans and grain sorghum, tenth in peanuts, and twelfth in watermelon. It is clear: Oklahoma’s farmers, ranchers, producers, and growers are essential to not only our state, but to our entire country,” said Congressman Cole.

“In return, as the representative for over 13,000 farms and ranches in the Fourth District alone, I will always fight to ensure they are not neglected in Congress. Today, in passing the Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026, we did just that,” said Congressman Cole.

“This legislation focuses on practical policy for farm country. It will help to keep family farms in business, competition thriving, and grocery shelves stocked. This bill maintains America’s position as a global agriculture leader – because

food security is national security. It provides farmers with the protection and stability they need to maintain healthy crops and produce, as well as streamlines working lands conservation programs and prioritizes responsible management of federal forests. Furthermore, it enacts these commonsense policies all while remaining budget neutral and prioritizing integrity and transparency,” said Congressman Cole.

“The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 was must-pass legislation, and I am proud to have helped push it across the finish line with my vote today. I also want to thank my good friend, fellow Oklahoman, and former Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Congressman Frank Lucas, for all he did to secure these important provisions vital to Oklahoma. We must always ensure that those who put food on our tables and fuel the American people are not left behind,” said Congressman Cole.

Wins for Oklahoma in the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026

Protects and enhances conservation programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program, supporting Oklahoma’s 84 conservation districts.

Updates essential watershed programs that so many Oklahomans rely on to maintain and improve the over 2,100 watershed flood control dams in Oklahoma.

Increases funding for the Market Access Program and Foreign Market Development Program so that our producers can more easily tap into trade expansion.

Authorizes state and tribal led local food purchasing programs to increase the purchase of local foods, growing local economies.

Reauthorizes critical rural development programs that invest in economic development, job creation, technical assistance, and utility services.

Reauthorizes vital water infrastructure programs such as the Rural Water and Wastewater Circuit Rider Program. This program supports the over 3,000 technical assistance visits that Oklahoma Rural Water Association circuit riders carry out each year.

Incorporates middle mile infrastructure into the ReConnect Rural Broadband Program, improving access to rural areas and lowering costs for users and providers.

Reauthorizes important research, extension, and education activities that our land-grant universities, such as Oklahoma State University, Langston University, and College of the Muscogee Nation, rely on to produce innovative and cutting-edge research.

Increases loan guarantee to \$50 million for the Rural Energy for America Program and ensures that projects using underutilized renewable energy technologies, such as distributed wind projects, are highlighted.

Bill Adding Alpha-gal Syndrome To State Reporting Heads To Governor’s Desk

OKLAHOMA CITY – A bill that would add the condition commonly known as the red meat allergy to the state’s list of reportable diseases and conditions is now headed to the governor’s desk for final consideration.

Senate Bill 1644, authored by Rep. Cynthia Roe, R-Lindsay, would require health care providers and laboratories to report suspected cases of alpha-gal syndrome and add the condition to the Oklahoma State Department of Health’s list of reportable diseases and conditions.

“Because symptoms can vary widely and there is no single definitive test, it is important we capture suspected cases across the state to improve awareness and prevention,” Roe said. “By tracking alpha-gal syndrome in Oklahoma, we can better inform the public and help reduce future cases through early detection.”

Alpha-gal syndrome is a tick-borne allergic condition caused by the bite of the lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*). The condition can trigger a delayed allergic reaction, typically three to six hours after consuming red meat or other mammalian products, due to the body’s immune response to the alpha-gal sugar molecule.

Those most at risk include individuals who spend extended time outdoors and those exposed to tick habitats. Roe said the legislation intends to provide data as cases increase across the country and for the state to tap into federal funds to help with research once the number of cases is known.

“We have many hunters, farmers and outdoor workers who could experience alpha-gal in our state, and with its growing prevalence across the country, it is important we get an accurate picture of the numbers,” Roe said. “We also need to identify where cases are occurring in Oklahoma and position ourselves to access any available federal resources to help address it.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 0.15% of Americans have been diagnosed with alpha-gal syndrome, though the actual number is believed to be higher due to underreporting and the condition not being nationally notifiable. By requiring suspected cases to be reported at the state level, SB1644 aims to bridge the gap and improve understanding of the condition’s impact in Oklahoma.

If signed into law, the SB1644 will take effect Nov. 1.

Ranson Bill Creating Early Childhood Task Force Heads To Governor’s Desk

OKLAHOMA CITY – Rep. Trish Ranson, D-Stillwater, passed HB 1979 out of the House and Senate. The bill now heads to the Governor’s desk.

The measure creates an Early Childhood Task Force to study how Oklahoma delivers services to children ages zero through five and their families. Currently, 26 other states have implemented similar measures and are seeing positive results in school readiness, infant and childhood health, and access to care.

“I am thankful for the passage of this legislation and the opportunity to better the lives and outcomes of children in the State of Oklahoma,” said Ranson. “This task force is a step toward streamlining services and addressing the issues faced by Oklahoma children and families. I am looking forward to using the information garnered by this task force to create real, meaningful solutions that improve outcomes for Oklahoma children.”

In 2024, data from the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2024 American Community Survey showed about 1 in 5 Oklahoma children are living at or below the federal poverty level. In 2025, a report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation ranked Oklahoma 46th nationally in cases of child well-being for the third consecutive year.