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OWC's Kisling Honored by Oklahoma Farm Bureau

Oklahoma Farm Bureau honored Keith Kisling during its 65th annual meeting in Tulsa with the Distinguished Service to Oklahoma Agriculture Award.

The award is designed to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to agriculture and to Oklahoma Farm Bureau, according to Matt Wilson, Oklahoma Farm Bureau executive director.

Alfalfa County's Kisling was honored Nov. 11, in ceremonies before the convention body.

Kisling, 59, of Burlington, has

served agriculture since he was just a youngster, first earning honors in high school as a member of the two-time national championship livestock judging team. He continued his success in livestock judging as a member of the 1967 national champion team from Northwestern Oklahoma State and the 1968 national champion team from Oklahoma State University.

Kisling grew up on his family's farm. He graduated college and returned to his hometown of Burlington as a vocational



OFB President Steve Kouplen, right, presents the Distinguished Service to Oklahoma Agriculture award to Keith Kisling, Oklahoma Wheat Commission board member and past chairman.

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NAWG Board Approves 2007 Farm Bill Proposal

The National Association of Wheat Growers Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution Wednesday calling for a wheat target price of \$5.29 and a direct payment of \$1.19, within the structure of the 2002 Farm Bill, in new farm legislation set to be written next year.

The counter cyclical and marketing loan programs have provided

little if any benefit for wheat growers since 2002, in part because of recurring disasters in many wheat-growing regions and, in part, because the target price for wheat was set too low for the current market conditions.

Producing a bill that is favorable for wheat growers and correcting existing inequities between commodities were key

goals for the NAWG Domestic Policy Committee and Board of Directors when examining proposals for the 2007 bill. Other considerations included the need for the 2007 bill to be as World Trade Organization compliant as is practicable.

The Committee has been examining proposals for about a year,

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agriculture teacher and started farming 80 acres of rented land.

After teaching four years, the opportunity arose to begin farming full time in 1975 and he and his wife, Marlene, purchased a retiring neighbor's home and part of his machinery and rented his land. From that 80-acre start, the operation has blossomed into a large farm and ranch with three full time employees.

Despite leaving the teaching profession, Kisling has been dedicated to helping students in the agriculture field at the local, state and national levels by serving on the local and county fair boards,

and judging youth contests, fairs and stock shows.

The FFA has recognized him with the State Honorary FFA Degree and the American Honorary FFA Degree. Kisling has served on the Oklahoma Wheat Commission and U.S. Wheat Associates boards, traveling the world to convince other countries to purchase American wheat as well as hosting foreign trade teams in Oklahoma.

He is a charter member of the Value Added Partners, which helped open the frozen dough plant in Alva.

Kisling's advice has been sought by elected officials, like Sen. Tom

Coburn who asked his advice on the confirmation of USDA Secretary Mike Johanns. He also has worked with state officials, most recently being asked his opinion of opening the border for Canadian beef importation.

Kisling is no stranger to honors and awards. His family was the Farm Bureau 2003 Farm Family of the Year.

He received the Wheat Commission's 2006 Staff of Life Award and is a member of the Governor's Oklahoma Agriculture Hall of Fame search committee.

Courtesy of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau

OWGA President Testified at House Ag Subcommittee

Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association President Jeff Krehbiel testified at the on House Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research's review of farm policy in El Reno on Sept. 18, 2006. Present for the hearing were Subcommittee Chair Rep. Frank Lucas of Oklahoma, Ranking Member of the subcommittee Rep. Tim Holden of Pennsylvania, and Chairman of the House Ag Committee Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia.

Krehbiel's testimony covered the inequalities of the current commodity program which wheat producers face. The fact that Counter-Cyclical payments and Loan Deficiency programs do not provide a

safety net for wheat producers was stressed. Only Direct payments have been effective. The current drought and record high energy prices have made this situation worse.

The Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association annual convention will be Dec. 9, at the Express Event Center, 8512 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City. The program will start at 10 a.m. with many industry speakers.

During the business meeting, items to be covered are policy resolutions, by-law changes and the election of board members. Lunch will be provided and catered by Klein's Catering.

The Oklahoma Wheat Commission works to educate the public about wheat production and industry operations through educational programs like the Junior Wheat Show, the Wheatheart Bread Baking Contest and the Oklahoma Farm Show.

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One day pesticide disposal in Altus

Oklahoma agricultural producers, commercial and non-commercial applicators and pesticide dealers can get rid of unwanted



pesticides Dec. 6 at Humphrey's Coop Elevator, 2109 Asphalt Rd, Altus, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of the Oklahoma Unwanted Pesticide Disposal Program.

There is no cost for the first 2,500 pounds of pesticides brought by a participant. Oklahoma State

University reports liquid pesticides weigh about 10 pounds per gallon. A \$1 per pound charge will be instituted for additional amounts of pesticide brought in, with the exception of mercury-based products,

which will cost \$2.22 per pound. Checks and credit cards will be the only accepted forms of currency.

Unwanted pesticides are those that are unusable as originally intended for a variety of reasons, including leftover pesticides, pesticides that are no longer registered in Oklahoma and

pesticides that no longer have labels or are no longer identifiable.

The program is funded by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, with support from the Oklahoma Agribusiness Retailers Association and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

For more information, contact Charles Luper, extension associate with the OSU Pesticide Safety Education Program, at 405-744-5808 or Sandy Wells, ODAFF Consumer Protection Services, at 405-522-5993.

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and has included in their discussions analysis by the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute and Dr. James Richardson of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M.

“The 2007 Farm Bill should provide equitably for wheat growers,” said Dale Schuler, NAWG president, in a press

release about the proposal.



“Variable production conditions, including disasters like we have seen recently, indicate this level of support is what it will take to keep wheat growers in business.”

The Oklahoma Wheat Commission is committed to ensuring the competitiveness of Oklahoma wheat in national and international markets.

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Down Under Wheat numbers Down

The Wheat Export arm of the Australian wheat industry, AWB Ltd, now believes that the Australian wheat crop will be no more than 9 to 11 million metric tons, compared to 12 to 15 million metric tons they had called the crop just a few weeks ago. Some in the Down Under wheat trade believe it will likely go even smaller- and there is some talk that this country might have to import some feed wheat before the crop cycle is completed.

Meanwhile, the Australian equivalent of the USDA's NASS-ABARE- will be updating their crop forecast for the Aussie crop by late this evening Oklahoma time. Their last number was 16.4 million metric tons and they normally would not be updating again until early December, but decided they had to in light of the extreme decline that everyone agrees has happened to the wheat crop in this country that is normally our stiffest competition in the export marketplace.

The question remains- will the Aussies have any wheat to sell globally beyond the long term deals they must service with countries like Japan and Korea? There was some brave talk a few days ago from the Australians that they would- but the reality is that it is getting more unlikely with each report of the declining crop

Events Calendar

Dec. 9: Oklahoma Wheat Growers Annual Convention, Express Events Center, Northwest Expressway, OKC.

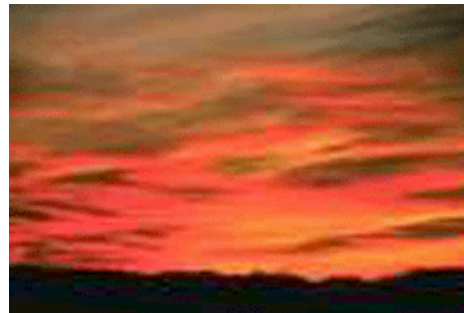
Dec. 20: Oklahoma Wheat Commission monthly board meeting, OWC Conference Room, 800 NE 63rd, OKC

Don't forget to record the NEW OWC phone number. As of Nov. 6, our new phone number is (405) 608- 4350.

Is El Nino back?

Climatologists say El Nino is coming back. That means a warming tropical Pacific Ocean and potential impact on world wheat supplies. The professional consensus predicts a weak event building late this year. But, even a baby El Nino historically leads to a bias for above normal precipitation in the drought ravaged United States HRW production regions. The latest national Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration US Drought

Assessment shows potential for some of likely improvement in drought conditions across most of the Plains. The assessment, which deals in very broad trends, also shows the potential for drought condition to persist in western



Wyoming and Montana and potential for drought to develop east of the Cascades in the Pacific Northwest.

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