



DR. WADE THOMASON

Professor and Head of Plant & Soil Sciences - OSU

Dr. Thomason is a native of Mangum, OK and an OSU graduate. As head of the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, he provides leadership to achieve the highest possible level of excellence in teaching, research and Extension.



CALEB WINSETT

Vice President, Procurement Shawnee Milling Company

Serves on the Oklahoma Grain and Feed Association Board of Directors and the Oklahoma Crop Improvement Board of Directors as the industry representative.



JEFF WRIGHT

Coordinator, Production & Operations - OFSS

Since 2007, he has managed the Foundation Seed program at OSU, working with the Wheat Breeder to increase seed of new varieties and maintain seed of older varieties for seedsmen in OK and surrounding states.



Meeting Moderator

KC SHEPERD

Oklahoma Farm Report

KC grew up on her family's farm in Canute, OK, raising wheat and cattle, and was very active in 4H and FFA. A graduate of SW OK State University, she has a passion for radio and currently serves as Farm Director for Radio Oklahoma Ag Network.

Lunchtime Speaker

DAVE HUNZIKER

"Voice of the Cowboys"



Radio and television voice for OSU sports. Also serves as an adjunct instructor in the Paul Miller School of Media and Strategic Communications at OSU. Recognized as the OK Sportscaster of the Year in 2013 and presented with the Bill Teegins Excellence in Sportscasting Award in 2011.

2024 SPEAKER GUIDE

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“Just four multinational corporations own over one-half of the world’s seed supply for all crops, and for major field crops like corn and soybean, that percentage is strikingly closer to 100. In contrast, Oklahoma State University owns the intellectual property rights to about 70% of the seed currently in the Oklahoma wheat ground. That is a dichotomy that cannot go ignored...because it is not guaranteed. Oklahoma seed producers have access to seed genetics – and therefore a claim to authenticity – that is simply rare. It is my opinion we, at OSU, should vigorously protect that access. Our longevity in real-world crop improvement hinges on the seed producers’ success - and, in a larger sense, the road to food stability starts with the seed in the ground.”



DR. BRETT CARVER

**Regents Professor &
Wheat Genetics Ag Chair
OSU**

Winner of the 2022 OSU Eminent Faculty Award, Dr. Carver has published nearly 200 scholarly works and released 37 wheat varieties - including the Top 4 varieties planted in Oklahoma since 2015.



ROBERT CALHOUN
**Executive Director
OK Crop Improvement**

Robert grew up on a wheat and cattle operation in Ninnekah, OK. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Plant and Soil Sciences from OSU. Prior to OCIA, he was the Senior Agriculturalist for OSU Small Grains Extension Program managing wheat variety performance trials.



DR. KELLY CHAMBERLIN
**Supervisory Research Biologist
and Research Leader
USDA**

Research focuses on developing improved high-oleic peanut cultivars with enhanced disease resistance for U.S. production. Dr. Chamberlin has released many improved peanut cultivars that have been or are currently produced commercially.



ANDREW HOELSCHER
**President
Farm Strategy, LLC**

A Kansas farm kid and K-State graduate in Ag Economics, he is founder and President of Farm Strategy LLC which was formed to build ingredient-based supply chains in the agriculture/food value chains, linking end-use value to the production system.



DR. JAYSON LUSK
**Vice President,
Dean of Agriculture
OSU**

Dr. Lusk leads the Ferguson College of Agriculture and two state agencies - OSU Extension and OSU Ag Research. He has published more than 270 scientific articles and six books. Prior to returning to OK in August of 2023, he served as head of the Agricultural Economics Department at Purdue University.



MIKE SCHULTE
**Director
OK Wheat Commission**

An OSU graduate with a degree in Ag Comm, Mike has served as Director of the OWC for the past 15 years. Other leadership roles include the Food Aid working group as well as the Phytosanitary Committee working on export guidelines for USWA; OGI ex-officio; and advisor with OK Ag Leadership Program and OK Israel Exchange (OKIE) Program.



DR. SCOTT SENSEMAN
**Associate Vice President
OSU**

Provides leadership for long-range planning, operation and reporting for OSU Ag Research in support of our land grant mission. These programs account for about a third of OSU research and 85% of resulting royalty income back to OSU.