

Teaching Facilities

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL AND FOOD SCIENCES

The Department of Animal and Food Sciences at Oklahoma State University is home to 15 facilities encompassing more than 13,000 acres. Our units house quality livestock that are used for teaching, research and extension purposes. The farms allow students to gain hands-on experience and apply concepts learned in the classroom to real-world scenarios, whether in class or as a student employee.

Primary Teaching Units

CHARLES AND LINDA CLINE EQUINE TEACHING CENTER

- The equine center is a teaching facility located on approximately 40 acres adjacent to the Totusek Arena.
- The center is home to more than 30 quarter horses used for classes ranging from breaking and training to breeding and foaling.

FERGUSON FAMILY DAIRY CENTER

- The OSU Dairy Center milks 120 registered Holstein and Jersey cows twice a day in a double 6 herringbone milking parlor.
- Heifers have access to just over 300 acres of pasture.

PUREBRED BEEF CATTLE CENTER

- The beef center and purebred range are home to more than 300 mature cows representing five breeds: Angus, Hereford, Brangus, Limousin and Simmental.
- The center hosts the annual Cowboy Classic Sale.

SHEEP AND GOAT CENTER

- The sheep barn is one of the oldest structures on campus (built in 1930), and is located on ~80 acres.
- The farm consists of three breeds of sheep: Suffolk, Hampshire and Dorset, as well as Boer goats.

SWINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

- The swine center is a total confinement facility featuring modern waste and odor management technologies.
- The swine center houses high-quality Yorkshire and crossbred sows, along with commercial pigs used for nutrition research.



TOTUSEK ARENA

- The arena is a state-of-the-art facility that includes a 92' x 192' (17,664 sq. ft.) arena floor with adjacent chair back seating for 779 people.
- The arena was renamed on April 11, 2015, to honor the late Dr. Robert "Bob" Totusek, who fostered a culture of excellence in the department of animal science for more than 60 years.

WILLARD SPARKS BEEF CATTLE RESEARCH CENTER

- The Sparks Center is a feedlot that helps OSU's teaching, research and Extension programs to better serve the beef industry.
- The facility has a dedicated barn with an Insentec feeding system to measure individual feed and water intake in a pen environment.

Other Facilities

CROSS TIMBERS/BLUESTEM RESEARCH RANGE

FEED MILL

MARSHALL WHEAT PASTURE RESEARCH UNIT

NORTH RANGE COW RESEARCH CENTER

NUTRITION PHYSIOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER

POULTRY CENTER

SOUTH RANGE COW RESEARCH CENTER

STILLWATER WHEAT PASTURE BARN

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