

From a Tulsa World article, we see that gubernatorial Republican candidate Kevin Stitt has already aligned himself with the Oklahoma Pork Council ("Oklahoma gubernatorial candidates Drew Edmondson, Kevin Stitt agree on some objectives but not on how to pay for them," Oct.

3). He is touting the bogus claim that "out of state animal groups" somehow represent a danger to Oklahoma agriculture. The real danger to our Oklahoma traditional farmers and ranchers and other citizens is the advancing invasion of foreign-owned corporate farms. Many people don't realize that Smithfield Foods, with extensive factory farming operations near Guymon, is owned by a Chinese firm. Residents of Delaware, Cherokee and Adair counties are increasingly concerned about plans by Simmons Foods to expand its poultry house operations in that area. Another Tulsa World article reported on citizen concerns from that area regarding Simmons Foods planned expansion. Congressman Markwayne Mullin, who owns a home in the area, is quoted as saying "Who in their right mind wouldn't be upset about this?" ("At public meeting, U.S. Congressman Markwayne Mullin says poultry issue is 'personal to me'," Sept.

22). Oklahomans want a way of life that is not threatened by the problems associated with ever-expanding confined animal feeding operations, without safeguards to protect their interests. Please vote for Drew Edmondson for governor. He will serve all Oklahomans, not out-of-state factory farm corporations, which put profits before the quality of life of Oklahoma land owners.

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