



DAY 1: TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2027

7:00 AM	Registration Open A complimentary hot breakfast will be served from 7:00 – 8:00 AM
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome Session - Kevin “KJ” Johnson, Director of Government Relations & Strategy - Todd Main, Director of Market Development - Abigail Peterson, Director of Agronomy
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	High Impact Meteorology Eric Snodgrass, Senior Science Fellow & Atmospheric Scientist, Nutrien Ag Solutions
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Meeting Global Expectations: The Future of Soybean Trade with ADM Michelle French, Senior Director Global Sustainability Programs, ADM
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Networking Break
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Profitability and Patience: What Hybridizing On-Farm and On-Campus Research Trials Tell Us About Fertilization, Liming, and Carbon Credits Andrew Margenot, Professor of Soil Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Navigating a Changing Marketplace: The Strategic Role of the Illinois Livestock Development Group Annie Hadden, Director of Livestock Development, Illinois Livestock Development Group
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Geopolitics on the Farm: How Global Conflict & Trade Wars are Reshaping Agriculture Jim Wiesemeyer, Washington Policy Analyst for Ag Bull Media and Author of Wiesemeyer’s Perspectives Podcast
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Panel Discussion: The Future of Farm Inputs: What’s Real, What’s Next and What Pays? - Todd Gleason, Ag Information Producer, WILL/Illinois Public Media - Kevin “KJ” Johnson, Director of Government Relations & Strategy, Illinois Soybean Association - Westin Rink, Director of National Accounts, SUL4R-PLUS - Jenny Webb, President, Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	United Soybean Board (USB) Update Courtney Knupp, Chief Executive Officer, United Soybean Board
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Networking Break
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Illinois Legislative Update Kevin “KJ” Johnson, Director of Government Relations & Strategy
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Launching Illinois’ Soybean Yield Contest - Jim Isermann, Farm Manager, Illinois Soybean Association - Abigail Peterson, Director of Agronomy, Illinois Soybean Association 2026 Yield Contest Pilot Farmer Participant
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Illinois Soybean Growers Reception, Dinner & Auction <i>This event is held exclusively for Illinois Soybean Grower Members</i>

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2027

7:00 AM	Registration Opens A complimentary hot breakfast will be served from 7:00 – 8:00 AM
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Panel Discussion: Soy Innovation in Action - Paul Burke, Partner, Commodity and Cooperator Services, Inc. - Lindsey Hermes, Chief Executive Officer, BioSpan Technologies - Brady Holst, Vice Chairman, Illinois Soybean Association - Barry McGraw, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Airable Labs
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Session Title: To Be Announced Speaker to be announced
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Networking Break
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	How World Events Impact Domestic Fertilizer Markets Josh Linville, Vice President of Fertilizer, StoneX
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	From Gut Feel to Revenue Management: How Grain Marketing Has Evolved Mike Rusch, Sales Director, Total Farm Marketing
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Understanding the Market with ProExporter Marty Ruikka, President, The ProExporter Network
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Right Variety. Right Management. Revealing the Path to Soybean Success AJ Woodyard, Commercial Product Insight Lead, Beck’s Hybrids
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch & Awards Ceremony
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Field to Food: How MAHA Could Change the Food System - Kevin “KJ” Johnson, Director of Government Relations & Strategy, Illinois Soybean Association - Ryan Locke, Vice President of Engagement, National Oilseed Processors Association