



DAY 1: TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Opening Keynote: <i>How the Illinois Soybean Association Will Work for You</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kevin "KJ" Johnson, Director of Government Relations & Strategy• Todd Main, Director of Market Development• Abigail Peterson, Director of Agronomy
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hear from Rick Lambeth, Program Director for the United Soybean Board (USB), discussing Soy Checkoff Supply Investments
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Keynote: <i>The State of Trade: The Global Impact of Illinois Soy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim Sutter, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Soybean Export Council
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Keynote: <i>Is the Farm Bill Dead? A Look at the Political and Policy Landscape After the Reconciliation Farm Bill</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jonathan Coppess, Gardner Associate Professor of Agricultural Policy, University of Illinois
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Keynote: <i>Biodiesel Market and Policy Update</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joe Jobe, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Advanced Biofuel Refiners
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Break
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Session: <i>New Technology to Make Phosphate Fertilizer More Efficient and Economical</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taylor Strehl, Technical Agronomist, Phosphololutions Inc.
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Session: <i>Illinois Wetland Resources Overview</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geoff Pociask, Principal Research Scientist, Illinois State Geological Survey – a division of the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois• Paul Marcum, Associate Research Scientist, Illinois State Geological Survey – a division of the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Session: <i>Grains, Gains, and Global Change: The Story of Soy and Soybean Meal</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ryan Locke, Vice President of Engagement, National Oilseed Processors Association• David Kubik, Biofuels and Trade Policy Manager, Illinois Soybean Association• Todd Main, Director of Market Development, Illinois Soybean Association
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 28, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakout Session: <i>Farm Inputs: A Focus on Fertilizers and Overall Farm Economy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samuel Taylor, Farm Inputs Analyst, Rabobank
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakout Session: <i>Why Conservation Shouldn't Be a Trend</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Darby Danzl, Regional Technical Agronomist, Illinois Soybean Association
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakout Session: <i>Developing New Markets</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Todd Main, Director of Market Development, Illinois Soybean Association
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakout Session: <i>From Harvest to Quality: How Bin Intelligence Protects Your Grain</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. John Lawrence, PhD, PE, Lead Grain Researcher, AGI• Ryan Thompson, Strategic Account Manager, AGI
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakout Session: <i>How the MAHA Movement is Connecting Ingredients and Agriculture</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeremy Adamson, Director of Global Agriculture Policy, PepsiCo• Ryan Locke, Vice President of Engagement, National Oilseed Processors Association
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakout Session: <i>The 5 Year Transition Program: Taking Time to Transition to Effective Soil Health Systems</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim Iserman, Independent Ag Consultant
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Keynote: <i>Soybean Management: The Never-Ending Contest</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Matt Montgomery, Agronomy Education Lead, Beck's Hybrids
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Closing Keynote: <i>Prairie Fire & Ice</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matt Reardon, Senior Atmospheric Scientist, Nutrien Ag Solutions
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch