

Ag Outlook Forum

September 21-22, 2026
Kansas City Marriott Downtown
200 West 12th Street, Kansas City

Meeting Schedule

Monday, Sept. 21 | *In-Person Only*

3:30 PM CDT – Afternoon In-Person Program | *Truman Ballroom – Muehlebach Tower*

- Welcome – **Quinton Lucas**, Mayor, Kansas City, Missouri
- Fireside Chat with **Mike Johanns**, Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
- Farm Bureau Presidents' Panel
 - **Glenn Brunkow**, President, Kansas Farm Bureau
 - **Garrett Hawkins**, President, Missouri Farm Bureau

5:00 – 6:30 PM CDT – Welcoming Reception | *Bar M – Muehlebach Tower*

Tuesday, Sept. 22 | *In-Person & Virtual*

8:00 AM CDT – Registration & Networking | *Basie Ballroom, 2nd Floor – Marriott Tower*

9:00 AM CDT – Welcoming Remarks, **Sara Wyant**, Founder & Publisher, Agri-Pulse

9:05 AM CDT – *Panel Discussion: Are Higher Input Costs Here to Stay?*

- **Krista Swanson**, Chief Economist, National Corn Growers Association
- **Josh Linville**, Vice President of Fertilizer, StoneX
- **Scott Gerlt**, Chief Economist, American Soybean Association

10:00 AM CDT – *Industry Perspective & Fireside Chat*

- **Dennis Rodenbaugh**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dairy Farmers of America

10:40 AM CDT – Networking Break

11:05 AM CDT – *Federal Policy Address*

- Speaker to be announced

11:50 AM CDT – Lunch Break

12:50 PM CDT – *Ag Economy Keynote*

- **Justin Benavidez**, Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

1:15 PM CDT – *Panel Discussion: U.S. Ag Economy Overview*

- **Justin Benavidez**, Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- **Josh Garetson**, Director of Renewable Fuels & Corporate Strategy, John Deere
- **Nathan Kauffman**, Senior Vice President and Omaha Branch Executive, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
- **Seth Meyer**, Director, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), University of Missouri

2:05 PM CDT – *Fireside Chat* with **Dan Glickman**, Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

2:50 PM CDT – *Closing Remarks*, **Zach Helder**, Vice President, Ag Business Council of Kansas City

3:00 PM CDT – Adjourn

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