

TOP FARMER CONFERENCE

JANUARY 7, 2022

Agenda



10:00 AM EST

Welcome to the 2022 Top Farmer Conference

10:05 AM EST

OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES OF STORING CARBON IN AGRICULTURAL SOILS

Purdue ag economists Nathanael Thompson and Carson Reeling will join Purdue agronomist Shalamar Armstrong to discuss emerging opportunities for farmers to receive payments for storing carbon on their farms. The session will explore underlying motivations for these markets, what opportunities markets are currently offering farmers, and what soil science tells us about the viability of soil carbon markets.

11:00 AM EST

CORN BELT FARMLAND VALUES: WHAT'S AHEAD

Purdue ag economist Todd Kuethe and farm real estate experts RD Schrader and Howard Halderman will discuss the new record high farmland prices across the Midwest. The discussion will cover the drivers behind the recent sharp increase in farmland values, the implications for farm finance and cash rents, and how long the boom is expected to last.

12:00 PM EST

Break for lunch

1:00 PM EST

KEYNOTE: ANIMAL AG'S PATH TO CLIMATE NEUTRALITY

Dr. Frank Mitloehner is a sustainability expert who has spent nearly two decades studying the relationship between the livestock industry and air quality. His research sheds new light on the impact of livestock emissions on climate and reveals, once livestock emissions and mitigation process are better understood, how the world can move closer to turning what can be viewed as a liability into an asset. Mitloehner is the director of the University of California's CLEAR Center which is dedicated to bringing clarity to the intersection of animal agriculture and the environment. In 2013 Mitloehner served as chairman of a United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) partnership project to benchmark the environmental footprint of livestock production. An engaging speaker, Professor Mitloehner joined the University of California-Davis faculty after earning his M.S. at the University of Leipzig and Ph.D. at Texas Tech University.

2:00 PM EST

STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH THE RISE IN CROP PRODUCTION COSTS

Purdue agronomists Dan Quinn and Shaun Casteel join Purdue weed scientist Bill Johnson and Purdue ag economist Michael Langemeier to examine the impact of the dramatic rise in crop input prices as well as potential input supply shortfalls on corn and soybean production in 2022. During the session they'll outline management options to consider for use in 2022.

3:00 PM EST

Conference Wrap-Up