



JANUARY 5, 2024

Agenda

times listed are in Eastern Standard Time (EST)

WELCOME

8:00 AM - REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

Come early and enjoy coffee, juice, fruit, pastries and network with colleagues!

9:00 AM - WELCOME & FARM AGILITY SURVEY

James Mintert, Director & Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University

U.S. ECONOMY OUTLOOK

9:15 AM - WHERE IS THE U.S. ECONOMY HEADED?

James Bullard, Ph.D., Dr. Samuel R. Allen Dean Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. School of Business, Purdue University

James "Jim" Bullard, a noted economist and scholar, served as president of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank from 2008 until his appointment as Dean of Purdue's Daniels School of Business in 2023. As a former member of the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee, Dr. Bullard brings an insider's insight into Federal Reserve policy and the key factors influencing the U.S. economy in the years ahead.

10:15 AM - NETWORKING BREAK

FARM BILL

10:30 AM - FARM BILL DIRECTIONS & DECISIONS

Brad Lubben, Ph.D., Extension Associate Professor & Policy Specialist, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Brad Lubben is an expert in federal agricultural and trade policy and has closely followed U.S. farm programs and Farm Bill negotiations for decades. Whether a new farm bill makes it across the finish line or an extension keeps current programs in place for another year, crop producers are expected to face a familiar choice for ARC or PLC in 2024. Lubben will discuss the status of the new farm bill's development, farm program and related crop insurance decisions in 2024, and a broader outlook for farm policy development in the coming year.

STRATEGIC RISK

11:30 AM - HOW AGILE IS YOUR FARM - AGILITY SURVEY RESULTS

Michael Langemeier, Ph.D., Center for Commercial Agriculture Associate Director & Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University

This session will help you gauge your ability to deal with strategic risk. Specifically, agility and absorption capacity of farm operators will be compared across conference participants responding to today's survey and with benchmarks derived from a recent strategic risk survey of agricultural producers.

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LUNCH

12:00 PM - NETWORKING OVER LUNCH

BIOFUELS & SOYBEANS

1:00 PM - BIOFUELS & SOYBEANS - WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

Scott Irwin, Ph.D., Laurence J. Norton Chair of Agricultural Marketing, University of Illinois

Scott Irwin is the author of [Back To The Futures](#) a memoir of growing up on a family farm in Iowa and a market primer on commodity futures markets which Scott has studied extensively over the course of an academic career that is now in its 5th decade. Dr. Irwin is a globally recognized thought leader in agricultural economics and is one of the nation's foremost researchers focused on the impact of biofuels on commodity markets. Major media outlets, including [The Wall Street Journal](#) and [The New York Times](#), regularly seek Dr. Irwin out for commentary. With over 40,000 followers on social media, he is the most followed agricultural economist in the world.

CROP OUTLOOK

1:45 PM - THINKING ABOUT THE LONG-TERM OUTLOOK FOR CORN & SOYBEANS

Chad Hart, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Iowa State University

One of the nation's top crop outlook economists, Chad Hart is a professor and extension economist at Iowa State University. During his session Dr. Hart will discuss key factors influencing this year's outlook for corn and soybean prices, but with an eye on the longer term view as you make plans for the rest of the decade.

2:30 PM - NETWORKING BREAK

Q&A

2:45 PM - BIOFUELS, AG OUTLOOK, AG POLICY Q&A

Scott Irwin, Chad Hart & Brad Lubben

Bring your questions to this freewheeling panel discussion focused on what the future holds for ag policy, biofuels and the outlook for the agricultural economy.

3:45 PM - CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

Thanks for joining us!

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LOCATION

BECK AGRICULTURAL CENTER

4550 US-52, West Lafayette, IN

(Virtual Option) If you can't attend in-person, you can still join us remotely. Registered participants will receive a link to join the conference live prior to the start of the conference.