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2026 OABA INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Agenda-at-a-Glance – Sessions & Speakers

Session offerings or specific speakers may be subject to change

Monday, January 26 – Wednesday, January 28

January 26

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

January 27

7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

January 28

7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Monday, January 27

5:30-6:30 pm **Welcome Reception**

Tuesday, January 27

7-8 am Breakfast and Registration

8 am Welcome

General Sessions

8:15 am **Opportunities & Risks in a Trump Economy**

Arlan Suderman, StoneX Financial, Inc.

CCA: 1 CM

9:30 am **High Impact Meteorology: Weaponizing Weather**

Eric Snodgrass, Nutrien Agronomy

CCA: 1 SW

10:45 am Breakout Sessions

Fertilizer Market Outlook

Jason Newton, Nutrien

CCA: 1 NM; ODA Pesticide Credit Requested

Soilborne Pathogens of Soybean

Horacio Lopez-Nicora, The Ohio State University

CCA: 1 PM; ODA Pesticide Credit Requested

Supply & Demand Outlook and the Impact on Spreads

Nick Fitzgerald, Orchard Point Commodities

CCA: 1 CM

12:15 pm **OABA Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon**



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1:30 pm

Breakout Sessions

Public Policy Impacting Ohio Agribusiness

Melinda Witten and Aaron Heilers, Ohio AgriBusiness Association

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Data Imagery for Plant Disease Detection and Management

Boris Camiletti, University of Illinois

CCA: 1 PM, ODA Pesticide Credit Requested

Working With Producers and Grain Originators

Ryan Walsh, Commodity & Ingredient Hedging

CCA: 1 CM

2:45 pm

Breakout Sessions

Public Policy Impacting Ohio Agribusiness (Continued)

Melinda Witten and Aaron Heilers, Ohio AgriBusiness Association

CCA: 1 PD

Staying Ahead of Corn and Soybean Foliar Diseases: Tools, Trends, and What to Expect

Darcy Telenko, Purdue University

CCA: 1 PM, ODA Pesticide Credit Requested

Toxins in Ohio: Impact on Grain & Feed

Jason Hartschuh, The Ohio State University

CCA: 1 PM

4 pm

Breakout Sessions

Red Crown Rot of Soybean: Emerging Threats, Regional Insights, and Management Strategies

Horacio Lopez-Nicora, OSU; Boris Camiletti, Univ. of Illinois; and Darcy Telenko, Purdue University

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Regulatory Headwinds: Crop Protection Products

Dillon Gabbert, CropLife America and RISE

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Tuesday, January 27, cont.

- 4 pm Breakout Sessions (continued)
Ohio Grain Markets and Delivery Mechanics
Bailey Elchinger, StoneX Financial Inc.
CCA: 1 CM
- 5-6:30 pm Industry Networking Reception & Exhibitor Showcase

Wednesday, January 28

- 6:45-7:30 am Breakfast and Registration
- 7:30 am **General Session**
What AI Is - and Who It Is Not
Jennifer Coleman, The Directions Group
CCA: 1 PD
- 8:45 am Breakout Sessions
Bio-what? Biostimulants, Biologicals, Biofertilizers:
Reviewing the Market and Tips to Their Use
Marli Favoretto, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
CCA: 1 NM
- Navigating The Messy Middle as an Ag Professional**
David Marrison, The Ohio State University Extension
CCA: 1 PD
- Livestock Health Impacts and Lessons Learned**
Heath Barnes, Mercer Landmark and Lucas Buehler, Four Star Veterinary Service
CCA: 1 CM
- The Endangered Species Act and the EPA's Herbicide Strategy**
Alyssa Essman, The Ohio State University
CCA: 1 PM
- 10 am Breakout Sessions
Global Supply - Crop Protection Products
Dillon Gabbert, CropLife America and RISE
CCA: 1 PM
- Livestock Market Outlook for Ohio**
Jon White, United Producers, Inc.
CCA: 1 CM



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Wednesday, January 28, cont.

- 10 am Breakout Sessions (continued)
Ohio Department of Agriculture Updates
Daniel Kenny and Greg Minor, Ohio Department of Agriculture
CCA: 1 PD
- 11:15 am Breakout Sessions
US Biofuels Market Outlook
Grace Johannes, Lois Dreyfus Company
CCA: CM
- FRST Fertilizer Recommendation Support Tool**
Nathan Slaton, University of Arkansas
CCA: 1 NM; ODA Pesticide Credit Requested
- Top of Your Game: Sales Tips for Today's Agribusinesses**
TBA
CCA: 1 PD
- Drone Risk and Liability Considerations When Working With Subcontractors**
Matt Langhals, Agra Drone Solutions
CCA: 1 CM; ODA Pesticide Credit Requested
- 12:15 pm **Luncheon and General Session**
Sustainability and Ag Business: Friends, Enemies or Frenemies?
Lisa Woodke, Star of the West
CCA: 1 SW
- *1:30 pm Additional Sessions (*will begin immediately following the luncheon session)
- Safety and Risk Management for 2026**
– New Trends, OSHA Enforcement Priorities, and More
Ohio Risk Coordinators Group
CCA: 1 PD
- Grain Law Roundtable with Ohio Dept of Agriculture**
David Simmons, Ohio Department of Agriculture
CCA: 1 CM