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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	January 27	January 28
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Monday, January 26

5:30-6:30 pm	Welcome Reception	Exhibitor Area
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Tuesday, January 27

7-8 am	Breakfast and Registration	Easton A&B
8 am	Welcome	
	General Sessions	
8:15 am	Opportunities & Risks in a Trump Economy <i>Arlan Suderman, StoneX Financial, Inc.</i> CCA: 1 CM	Easton A&B
9:30 am	High Impact Meteorology: Weaponizing Weather <i>Eric Snodgrass, Nutrien Agronomy</i> CCA: 1 SW	Easton A&B
10:45 am	Breakout Sessions Fertilizer Market Outlook <i>Jason Newton, Nutrien</i> CCA: 1 NM	Juniper ABC
	Soilborne Pathogens of Soybean <i>Horacio Lopez-Nicora, The Ohio State University</i> CCA: 1 PM; ODA: Comm 2A	Magnolia
	Supply & Demand Outlook and the Impact on Spreads <i>Nick Fitzgerald, Orchard Point Commodities</i> CCA: 1 CM	Easton CD
12:00 pm	OABA Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon	Easton A&B

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1:30 pm	Breakout Sessions Public Policy Impacting Ohio Agribusiness <i>Rick Carfagna, Ohio Chamber of Commerce</i> <i>Stephanie Pizzoferrato, CropLife America</i> <i>Andy Swain, Ohio Chemistry Technology Council</i> CCA: 1 PD	Easton A&B
	Data Imagery for Plant Disease Detection and Management <i>Boris Camiletti, University of Illinois</i> CCA: 1 PM, ODA: Comm 2A	Juniper ABC
	Working With Producers and Grain Originators <i>Ryan Walsh, Commodity & Ingredient Hedging</i> CCA: 1 CM	Easton CD
2:45 pm	Breakout Sessions Public Policy Impacting Ohio Agribusiness (Continued) <i>Melinda Witten and Aaron Heilers, Ohio AgriBusiness Association</i> CCA: 1 PD	Easton A&B
	Staying Ahead of Corn and Soybean Foliar Diseases: Tools, Trends, and What to Expect <i>Darcy Telenko, Purdue University</i> CCA: 1 PM, ODA: Comm 2A	Juniper ABC
	Toxins in Ohio: Impact on Grain & Feed <i>Jason Hartschuh, The Ohio State University</i> CCA: 1 PM	Easton CD
4 pm	Breakout Sessions Red Crown Rot of Soybean: Emerging Threats, Regional Insights, and Management Strategies <i>Horacio Lopez-Nicora, OSU; Boris Camiletti, Univ. of Illinois; and Darcy Telenko, Purdue University</i> CCA: 1 PM, ODA: Comm 2A	Easton A&B
	Regulatory Headwinds: Crop Protection Products <i>Dillon Gabbert, CropLife America and RISE</i> CCA: 1 CM	Juniper ABC



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

Wednesday, January 28

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

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10 am	Breakout Sessions (continued)	
	Ohio Department of Agriculture Updates <i>Daniel Kenny and Greg Minor, Ohio Department of Agriculture</i> CCA: 1 PD	Juniper ABC
11:15 am	Breakout Sessions	
	US Biofuels Market Outlook <i>Grace Johannes, Lois Dreyfus Company</i> CCA: 1 CM	Easton A&B
	FRST Fertilizer Recommendation Support Tool <i>Nathan Slaton, University of Arkansas</i> CCA: 1 NM	Easton CD
	Drone Risk and Liability Considerations When Working With Subcontractors <i>Matt Langhals, Agra Drone Solutions</i> CCA: 1 CM; ODA: Comm 1	Juniper ABC
12:15 pm	Luncheon and General Session	
	Sustainability and Ag Business: Friends, Enemies or Frenemies? <i>Lisa Woodke, Star of the West</i> CCA: 1 SW	Easton A&B
*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 <i>Ohio Risk Coordinators Group</i> CCA: 1 PD	Juniper ABC
	Grain Law Roundtable with Ohio Dept of Agriculture <i>David Simmons, Ohio Department of Agriculture</i> CCA: 1 CM	Easton E