



## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

10:30 AM

### ***How the Illinois Soybean Association is Working for You***

- Andrew Larson  
Director of Gov. Relations & Strategy, Illinois Soybean Association
- Todd Main  
Director of Market Development, Illinois Soybean Association
- Abigail Peterson, CCA  
Director of Agronomy, Illinois Soybean Association

12:00 PM

### **Lunch**

- Featuring Rob and Emily Sharkey presenting ***The Human Side of Succession Planning.***

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

### ***Boosting Profits with 4R Nutrient Stewardship: A Focus on Phosphorous and Potassium***

- Dr. John Jones, Jr.  
Assistant Professor of Agronomy and Soil Fertility Extension Specialist, University of Illinois

1:50 PM – 2:40 PM

### ***Farm Machinery and Equipment Decisions***

- Greg Peterson  
Founder & Spokesperson, Machinery Pete

2:40 PM – 3:30 PM

### ***Cultivating Resilience: The 2025 Agricultural Economic Landscape***

- Ben Brown  
Agricultural Extension Economist, University of Missouri

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

### **Break**

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

### **Breakout Sessions**

- ***Find Funding for Conservation Practices Using ISAP's FIND Tool***  
Helen VanBeck  
Midwest Program Manager, American Farmland Trust
- ***Navigating Global Soybean Trade: Tech, Geopolitics, and Agrodity***  
Dr. Filipe Pohlmann Gonzaga  
CEO and Co-Founder, Agrodity
- ***University of Illinois Soybean Variety Testing: 2024 Results and Background***  
Clay Harper  
Manager of the Variety Testing Program, University of Illinois

- 5:00 PM **ISG Reception, Dinner & Auction** *(These events are for ISG Members only)*
- Featuring Rob Sharkey (The Shark Farmer) and Mary Kay Thatcher (Syngenta)

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Breakfast**
- 8:00 AM – 8:50 AM ***Building a U.S. Preference in Growing Global Soy Demand***  
Brianna Metts  
Industry Affairs Manager, U.S. Soybean Export Council  
Ryan Olson  
Industry Affairs Manager, U.S. Soybean Export Council
- 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM ***Pesticide Policy in Practice: Agronomic Strategies and Policy Implications***
- Dr. Aaron Hager  
Professor of Weed Science, University of Illinois
  - Brigit Rollins  
Staff Attorney, National Agricultural Law Center
- 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM **Break**
- 11:00 to 11:50 AM **Breakout Sessions**
- ***Current Policy Threatens Soy Biofuels***  
David Kubik  
Biofuels & Trade Policy Manager, Illinois Soybean Association
  - ***Equip Your Bin for Maximum Gains***  
Ryan Thompson  
Strategic Accounts Manager, AGI
  - ***Financial Benefits and Challenges of Succession Planning***  
Kevin Bearley  
Principal, Pinion
- 12:00 PM **Lunch**
- Featuring Jon Skinner, Regional Agronomy Manager for Beck's, presenting ***Influencing Soybean Roots and Yield.***
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ***Why Does the Farm Bill Matter?***
- Jonathan Coppess  
Associate Professor and Director of the Gardner Agriculture Policy Program, University of Illinois