



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

To Be Announced

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

- ***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
- ***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