



PROGRAM

Sunday, July 16-Tuesday, July 18

Embassy Suites Northwest Arkansas

Hotel, Spa and Convention Center

Rogers, Arkansas

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Sunday, July 16, 2017

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| 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm | Registration | |
| 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm | Opening Session | Commerce Ballroom |
| 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm | Reception | |
| 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Dinner | |
| 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Welcome Randy Veach <i>President of the Board</i> <i>Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation</i> | |
| | Conference Overview Evan Teague, P.E. <i>Vice President, Commodity & Regulatory Affairs</i> <i>Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation</i> | |

Monday, July 17, 2017

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| 7:30 am – 10:00 am | Registration | |
| 8:00 am | General Session | Pinnacle Ballroom IV |
| | Keynote Zippy Duvall <i>President</i> <i>American Farm Bureau</i> | |
| | 2018 Farm Bill Mary Kay Thatcher <i>Senior Director</i> <i>American Farm Bureau</i> | |
| | Economic Outlook Bob Young <i>Chief Economist</i> <i>American Farm Bureau</i> | |
| | The National Agriculture Law Center Harrison Pittman <i>Center Director</i> <i>National Ag Law Center</i> | |
| 9:45 am | Break | |
| 10:00 am | Commodity Breakouts – Round 1 | |
| | Beef | Commerce A |
| | Corn & Soybeans (Feed Grains) | Commerce B |
| | Cotton | Commerce C |
| | Dairy | Pinnacle Ballroom I |
| | Forestry | Pinnacle Ballroom II |
| | Poultry | Pinnacle Ballroom III |
| | Specialty Crops | Pinnacle Ballroom VI |
| | Swine | Pinnacle Ballroom VII |
| | Wheat | Pinnacle Ballroom VIII |

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| 11:30 am | Lunch | Pinnacle Ballroom V |
| 12:30 pm | Depart Hotel for Afternoon Briefings and Tours | |
| 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Forestry Track <i>Advanced Wood Products in Structural Components</i> Dr. Peter MacKeith, <i>UofA School of Architecture</i> | |
| 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm | Commodity Tours and Briefings <i>Livestock, Crops and Forestry</i> | |
| 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | Welcome and Interactive Discussion Rex Holstein <i>VP, Commodity Purchasing</i> <i>Tyson Foods</i> | |
| 2:30 pm | Forestry Track Departs UofA School of Architecture & Design for Tyson Foods | |
| 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | Briefings/Tour at Tyson Foods Headquarters | |

| Livestock Track | Crops Track | Forestry Track |
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| <i>Legal Issues and Animal Agriculture</i> Elizabeth Rumley, B.A., J.D., LL.M. <i>National Agricultural Law Center</i> | <i>Tyson Foods Discovery Center Tour</i> | <i>Forestry Track at UofA Fay Jones School of Architecture</i> |
| <i>Tyson Foods Discovery Center Tour</i> | <i>Commodity Purchasing Program</i> Multiple Speakers <i>Tyson Foods</i> | <i>Tyson Foods Discovery Center Tour</i> |

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- 4:15 pm Crops Track Departs for Feed Mill and Livestock & Forestry Tracks Return to Hotel
- 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm **Crops Track (continued)**
Tyson Foods Springdale Feed Mill Tour
John Wilson, *Tyson Foods*
- 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm **Livestock Track (continued)**
National Research Initiatives
Dr. Mike Looper, *American Society of Animal Science*
- 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm **Forestry Track (continued)**
H.R. 2936 - Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2017
U.S. Congressman Bruce Westerman (AR)
House Committee on Natural Resources
Chair, Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Dinner** **Multiple Locations**
Beef – Doe's Eat Place
Corn & Soybeans – Tusk & Trotter
Cotton – The Hive at 21c Hotel
Dairy – Theo's - Rogers
Forestry – Foster's Pint & Plate
Poultry – Doe's Eat Place
Specialty Crops – Bonefish Grill
Swine – Tusk & Trotter
Wheat – Tusk & Trotter
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Return to Hotel

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

8:00 am

Commodity Breakouts – Round 2

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| Beef | Commerce A |
| Corn & Soybeans (Feed Grains) | Commerce B |
| Cotton | Commerce C |
| Dairy | Pinnacle Ballroom I |
| Forestry | Pinnacle Ballroom II |
| Poultry | Pinnacle Ballroom III |
| Specialty Crops | Pinnacle Ballroom VI |
| Swine | Pinnacle Ballroom VII |
| Wheat | Pinnacle Ballroom VIII |

9:30 am

Break (Checkout of Hotel Rooms)

10:00 am

Commodity Breakouts - Wrap up (if necessary)

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