



March 12, 2026
Raising Nebraska
Grand Island, Nebraska
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2026 Nebraska Sorghum Symposium
– DRAFT AGENDA –

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| 10:00 AM | Welcome |
| 10:05 AM | Weather Outlook for 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mike McMahon, Consor Engineers (invited) |
| 10:25 AM | Sorghum Agronomics and Production <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brent Bean, Ph.D., director of agronomy, United Sorghum Checkoff- Sara Sexton-Bowser, Ph.D., managing director, Center for Sorghum Improvement |
| 11:20 AM | Break |
| 11:35 AM | Innovating Food Products with Sorghum <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clint White, communications director, United Sorghum Checkoff |
| 12:05 PM | Lunch and Learn: Sorghum Cooking Demonstration <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nazim Khan, CEC, WCEC, WCMC, executive chef, Bryan Health |
| 1:05 PM | Break |
| 1:15 PM | Livestock Feeding Systems and Sorghum Utilization <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jeffrey Jackson, alfalfa & forage specialist, Land O'Lakes, Inc.- Mary Drewnoski, professor & beef systems extension specialist, University of Nebraska – Lincoln |
| 2:05 PM | National Sorghum Producers Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amy France, chair, National Sorghum Producers (invited) |
| 2:20 PM | Supporting Rural Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Terry Johnston, Farm Rescue (invited) |
| 2:40 PM | Break |
| 2:55 PM | Market Development & Export Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Samantha Redfern, manager of global programs, U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council- Emily Lafferty, director of supply chain, Seven Sundays (invited)- Jacki Fee, president, Renewable Fuels Nebraska (invited) |
| 3:45 PM | Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen (invited) |
| 4:05 PM | Nebraska Sorghum Remarks/ Closing Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kristine Dvoracek-Jameson, executive director, Nebraska Sorghum |
| 4:15 PM | Reception |



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| 5:00 PM | Reception |
| 5:30 PM | Opening Remarks |
| 5:35 PM | Dinner |
| 6:00 PM | Keynote Speaker |
| 6:30 PM | Award Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2025 NSP Yield Contest Winners- Service to Industry- Service to Sorghum- Scholarship Recognition- Corporate Sponsor Recognition- Board of Directors Recognition |
| 7:00 PM | Closing |