



March 12, 2026
Raising Nebraska
Grand Island, Nebraska
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2026 Nebraska Sorghum Symposium

– DRAFT AGENDA –

10:00 AM Welcome

10:05 AM Weather Outlook for 2026
- Mike McMahon, Consor Engineers (invited)

10:25 AM Sorghum Agronomics and Production
- 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
- Clint White, communications director, United Sorghum Checkoff

12:05 PM Lunch and Learn: Sorghum Cooking Demonstration
- Nazim Khan, CEC, WCEC, WCMC, executive chef, Bryan Health

1:05 PM Break

1:15 PM Livestock Feeding Systems and Sorghum Utilization
- 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
- Amy France, chair, National Sorghum Producers (invited)

2:20 PM Supporting Rural Communities
- Terry Johnston, Farm Rescue (invited)

2:40 PM Break

2:55 PM Market Development & Export Opportunities
- 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
- Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen (invited)

4:05 PM Nebraska Sorghum Remarks/ Closing Comments
- Kristine Dvoracek-Jameson, executive director, Nebraska Sorghum

4:15 PM Reception



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2026 Nebraska Sorghum Annual Banquet

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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 |