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**Expand your opportunities at the 2026 NE Sorghum Symposium**

**LINCOLN, Neb. (Feb. 23, 2026)** – As producers continue navigating tight margins and rising input costs, the 2026 Nebraska Sorghum Symposium will provide sorghum growers and those considering adding it to their rotations with information they can use to make decisions on their farms this season. The event will take place on Thursday, March 12, at the Raising Nebraska Building in Grand Island.

This year's program will cover sorghum agronomy and production strategies, innovation in food products made with sorghum, livestock feeding systems, market development, export opportunities and more.

Registration is now open for both the symposium and the Nebraska Sorghum Annual Banquet: <https://2026NESorghumSymposium.eventbrite.com>.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Brent Bean, Ph.D., director of agronomy, United Sorghum Checkoff Program
- Sara Sexton-Bowser, Ph.D., managing director, Center for Sorghum Improvement
- James Schnable, Ph.D., professor, Department of Agronomy & Horticulture, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- Clint White, communications director, United Sorghum Checkoff Program
- Nazim Khan, executive chef, Bryan Health
- Jeffrey Jackson, alfalfa and forage specialist, CROPLAN
- Mary Drewnoski, beef systems extension specialist, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- Amy France, chair, National Sorghum Producers
- Ben Smith, field operations manager, corn belt region, Farm Rescue
- Samantha Redfern, manager of global programs, U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council
- Jacki Fee, president, Renewable Fuels Nebraska
- Nicolas Cafaro La Menza, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Agronomy & Horticulture, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

“Sorghum continues to be a versatile and resilient crop for Nebraska growers,” said Kristine Dvoracek-Jameson, executive director of Nebraska Sorghum. “This symposium is a chance for farmers to connect with experts, learn from one another and explore the innovations and opportunities that can strengthen their operations and communities.”

Hosted by the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board and Nebraska Sorghum Producers, the event will bring together growers, researchers and industry partners to discuss the latest developments shaping sorghum production, utilization, and market opportunities.

Symposium will conclude with a reception, followed by the Nebraska Sorghum Annual Banquet, where leaders and partners will be recognized for their contributions to the industry, including service to industry and service to sorghum honorees, scholarship recipients, and more.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow. Register today to secure your spot for the symposium and banquet: <https://2026NESorghumSymposium.eventbrite.com>.

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*The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board administers the checkoff on sorghum sold in the state. The Board's funds are invested in programs of international and domestic market development, research, policy development, and producer and consumer education. To learn more, visit [www.nebraskasorghum.org](http://www.nebraskasorghum.org).*