

All sessions take place in the **Ruby/Emerald** room on the second floor unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, August 23

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Registration and Refreshments (Pre-function Area)
10:00 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions <i>Emcee, Sarah Michaels, Agriculture Reporter, WEEK Channel 25, Peoria</i>
10:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Agriculture and Ag Lending Outlook <i>Dr. David Kohl, Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Finance and Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship at Virginia Tech</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	ABA Update: Ag Priorities & Issues <i>Ed Elfmann, SVP, Agriculture & Rural Banking Policy, ABA</i>
12:20 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Networking Lunch (Diamond)
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Washington Policy Update: Farm, Energy & Economic Outlook <i>Jim Wiesmeyer, Washington Policy Analyst, Pro Farmer/Farm Journal</i>
1:50 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Building a Strong AG Credit Analysis Culture <i>Tony Hotchkiss, Executive Vice President, Director of Agricultural Banking, Regions Bank</i>
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Connecting the Banker and the Farmer with Knowledge and Tools for Mutual Success <i>Joe Jennings, CEO and Founder, Daitaas, LLC, Agricenter International</i>
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Renewable Energy Development in Illinois <i>Josh Hartke, Public Engagement Manager, Apex Clean Energy</i>
4:10 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	Plant, Weed & Water the Family Ag Business to Reap a Bountiful Harvest <i>Amanda Radke, Keynote Speaker</i>
5:10 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Networking Reception (Pre-function Area)

Thursday, August 24

7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet (Pre-function Area)
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Top 10 Farm Business Strategies <i>Bob Rhea, CEO, Illinois Farm Business Farm Management Association</i>
8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Farm Income Outlook and Risks for 2024 <i>Gary Schnitkey, UofI Professor; farmdoc</i>
9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Know Your Food <i>Sarah Michaels, Agriculture Reporter, WEEK Channel 25, Peoria</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Regulator Update <i>Matt Jennings, Manager of Bank and Thrift Supervision, IDFP</i>
10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Trends in the Marketplace <i>Zackery Witvoet, Big Iron Auctions</i>
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Disruptive Weather in Production Ag <i>Eric Snodgrass, Principal Atmospheric Scientist at Nutrien Ag Solutions</i>