

**AMERICAN FARM BUREAU CONVENTION TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**108<sup>th</sup> American Farm Bureau Convention • January 8 – 13, 2027**

**Thursday, January 7, 2027**

12:00 p.m. Convention Registration – Group Pickup, Exhibitor & Sponsor Only

6:00 p.m. Joint Committee Reception (*Invitation Only*)

**Friday, January 8, 2027**

8:00 a.m. Member Benefits Meeting (*Invitation Only*)

P&E Committee Meeting (*Invitation Only*)

8:30 a.m. WLC Meeting (*Invitation Only*)

Cornell University Ag-Corps Workshop

9:00 a.m. Convention Registration

4:00 p.m. Member Benefits Reception (*Invitation only*)

5:00 p.m. YF&R Competitor Networking Reception (*Invitation Only*)

Women's Communication Boot Camp Workshop (*Invitation Only*)

6:00 p.m. State Presidents Dinner (*Invitation Only*)

**Saturday, January 9, 2027**

6:30 a.m. Convention Registration

7:30 a.m. YF&R Excellence in Ag Orientation (*Invitation Only*)

8:00 a.m. North Carolina Ag Tours

P&E Program Coordinators Meeting (*Invitation Only*)

Women's Leadership Networking and Regional Caucuses

8:30 a.m. Cornell University Ag-Corps Workshop

9:00 a.m. Women in Ag Meet-and-Greet

YF&R Discussion Meet Competitor Orientation (*Invitation Only*)

YF&R Excellence in Ag Presentations

Presidents' Industry Regional Meeting (*Invitation Only*)

10:00 a.m. Ag Innovation Challenge Training with Ag Launch & F3 Tech  
(*Invitation Only*)

10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting of the American Farm Bureau Women

YF&R Discussion Meet Round 1

Noon Trade Show Opens

1:00 p.m. Communicate, Collaborate & Influence (CCI): Consumer Engagement Program

Presidents' Industry Regional Meeting *(Invitation Only)*

1:30 p.m. Women's Leadership State Chair Training *(Invitation Only)*

2:00 p.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Round 2

3:30 p.m. Celebration of Grassroots Reception

4:30 p.m. **Forum Hosted by American Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee**

4:50 p.m. Member Benefits "Get the Scoop" Daily Winner Drawing

5:25 p.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Sweet 16 & Achievement Award Top 10 Announcements

5:30 p.m. Trade Show Closes

YF&R Achievement Award Top 10 Competitor Orientations *(Invitation Only)*

**5:30 p.m. Indiana Reception (All Members from Indiana Welcome to Attend)**  
**5:30 - 7 p.m. | Omni Hotel Charlotte**

7:25 p.m. YF&R Excellence in Agriculture Top 10 Announcement

7:30 p.m. YF&R Excellence in Agriculture Top 10 Competitor Orientations *(Invitation Only)*

### **Sunday, January 10, 2027**

6:30 a.m. Convention Registration

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m. Flapjack Fundraiser *(ticketed event, all welcome)*

YF&R Excellence in Ag Top 10 Presentations

YF&R Achievement Award Top 10 Interviews

8:45 a.m. Youth Leadership Program (4-H, FFA and Jr. MANRRS)

9:30 a.m. **Opening General Session** (President Duvall, FBFA & state awards)

11:30 a.m. Featured Workshops

YF&R Excellence in Ag Learning Session

YF&R Achievement Award Top 10 Interviews *(Continued)*

YF&R Excellence in Ag Top 10 Presentations *(Continued)*

Foundation's Book of the Year Author Signing

- 12:00 p.m. Trade Show Opens  
Ag Innovation Challenge Final Four Live Pitch Competition  
Leadership Luncheon (*ticketed event, all welcome*)
- 1:15 p.m. Workshops  
YF&R Discussion Meet Sweet 16
- 2:30 p.m. Workshops  
General Counsel Advisory Committee (*Invitation Only*)
- 3:15 p.m. Member Benefits "Get the Scoop" Daily Winner Drawing
- 3:30 p.m. Trade Show Closes
- 4:00 p.m. **Mid General Session** (Keynote/YF&R Discussion Meet Final 4 Announcement)
- 5:30 p.m. Presidents' Industry Reception (*Invitation only*)

**6 p.m. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance FOA Celebration Dinner (Invitation Only)**  
**6 - 9 p.m. | NASCAR Hall of Fame Museum | Private event**

- 6:30 p.m. YF&R Finalist & Sponsors Reception (*Invitation Only*)
- 7:00 p.m. PAC Dinner (*Invitation Only*)

### **Monday, January 11, 2027**

- 7:30 a.m. Convention Registration
- 7:45 a.m. Trade Show Opens
- 8:00 a.m. **Cultivation Center - YF&R Discussion Meet Final Four**
- 8:50 a.m. Member Benefits "Get the Scoop" Daily Winner Drawing
- 9:00 a.m. Featured Workshops
- 10:00 a.m. **Field to Fork Face-Off - Hosted by the AFBF P&E Committee**
- 10:15 a.m. Workshops
- 11:00 a.m. Trade Show Closes
- 11:30 a.m. **Closing General Session** (DSA, Keynote, YF&R Winner Announcements)
- 1:00 p.m. P&E State Chair & Coordinator Lunch (*Invitation Only*)
- 2:00 p.m. LINC Business Meeting (*Invitation Only*)
- 4:00 p.m. LINC Reception (*Invitation Only*)

**4:30 p.m. Indiana Delegate Prep Meeting (Indiana Delegates and Alternates Only)**  
**4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Omni Hotel Charlotte | Private event**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2027**

7:30 a.m. North Carolina Ag Tours  
8:00 a.m. Annual Meeting of Voting Delegates  
9:00 a.m. Spouses Event *(Invitation Only)*  
12:00 p.m. Voting Delegate Luncheon *(Invitation Only)*  
1:00 p.m. Voting Delegate Regional Caucuses  
2:00 p.m. Voting Delegate Session Cont.

**Wednesday, January 13, 2027**

7:00 a.m. AFBF Board of Directors' Breakfast *(Invitation Only)*  
8:00 a.m. AFBF Board of Directors' Meeting *(Invitation Only)*

## Indiana Farm Bureau Member Information Guide

### Indiana Farm Bureau Hotel

#### [Omni Charlotte Hotel](#)

132 E. Trade St.

Charlotte, NC 28202

(704) 377-0400

*\*Shuttles to the convention center provided by AFBF\**

### Airport

#### [Charlotte Douglass International Airport](#)

Airport Code: CLT

*\*Approximately 10 to 15-minute drive to hotel\**

### AFBF Meetings

#### [Charlotte Convention Center](#)

501 S. College St., Charlotte, NC 28202

*\*Approximately 8-10 min walk to our hotel\**

*\*Shuttles to/from the convention center provided by AFBF\**

### INFB Events

- Saturday, 1/9: Opening Reception – 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

*\*All Indiana members are welcome to attend\**

- Monday, 1/10: Delegate Meeting – 3 pm
- Tuesday, 1/11: Alternate Voting Delegate Lunch - TBD

### Restaurant Suggestions

- Original Pancake House – 915 Charlottetowne Ave – breakfast – [www.ophcarolina.com](http://www.ophcarolina.com)
- Famous Toastery – 101 W. Martin Luther King Blvd. [www.famoustoastery.com](http://www.famoustoastery.com) (walkable) – breakfast

- Ruby Sunshine – 332 West Bland Street - [www.rubybrunch.com](http://www.rubybrunch.com) - breakfast
- Amelie's Uptown French Bakery & Café – breakfast and lunch – 380 S. College St.
- Red Eye Diner – breakfast lunch and dinner – 210 E. Trade St. c149
- Dean's Italian Steakhouse (JW Marriott) – 128 E. Brooklyn Vlg. Avenue (*expensive*)
- Dos Camino's – 601 S. Tryon St.
- Tupelo Honey Southern Kitchen and Bar – 101 S. Tryon St.
- Pie in the Sky Pizza- 124 Brevard Court
- Carolina's Oyster Bar - 120 E. Brooklyn Vlg. Avenue
- STK Steakhouse – 201 S. College St. – (*expensive*)
- Golden Cow Creamery (ice cream) – 601 S. Tryon St.
- Mimosa Grill – 327 S. Tryon St.
- Red Ginger Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi – 401 S. Tryon St. inside Three Wells Fargo Center
- La Belle Helene – French restaurant – 300 S. Tryon St.
- Mama Ricottas Italian – 601 S. Kings Drive
- RiRa Irish Pub – 208 N. Tyron Street
- Midnight Diner – Sandwiches, wings, seafood platters – open 24 hours – 420 E. Trade Street
- WFNZ Doghouse – sports bar – 401 W. Morehead Street
- BW3 – wings and sports bar – 400 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

### **Churches Near Hotel**

- First Baptist Charlotte, 301 S. Davidson St.
- St. Peter Catholic Church, 501 S. Tryon St.
- First United Methodist, 501 N. Tryon St.
- First United Presbyterian, 406 N. College St.

### **Bank/ATM**

Wells Fargo, 555 S. Tryon St.

### **Urgent Care**

Atrium Health Urgent Care, 1426 E. Morehead St.

### **Hospital**

Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, 1000 Blythe Blvd.

### **Pharmacy**

Walgreens in the attached mall near the hotel lobby and CVS, 1533 South Blvd.

### **Things To Do...**

- NASCAR Hall of Fame - Hall of Fame and Museum that honors NASCAR and its history. [NASCAR Hall of Fame | Charlotte, NC | Our Sport. Our House.](#)
- Museum of Illusions - Discover the world's most extraordinary collection of perspective-changing rooms, mind-bending installations, and optical illusions. [Museum of Illusions Charlotte](#)
- Billy Graham Library/Museum - Large library dedicated to religious leader Billy Graham, plus his original home with tours. (Free) [Home - The Billy Graham Library](#)
- Discovery Place – science and technology museum [Home - Discovery Center Museum](#)

## Shopping

- SouthPark Mall - upscale shopping mall in the affluent SouthPark neighborhood in Charlotte. 440 Sharon Rd., Charlotte. [Welcome To SouthPark® - A Shopping Center In Charlotte, NC - A Simon Property](#)
- Target – 900 Metropolitan Ave. Ste 2
- Whole Foods Market and Grocery – 400 E. Brooklyn Village Ave.

## Renting a car? Places to visit...

- **Mooresville, NC Area**  – Widely known as "Race City USA," it serves as a major hub for NASCAR teams, drivers, and motorsports technology. <https://visitmoorerville.com/>
- **Concord, NC** –The campus features state-of-the-art facilities and technology, which the organization's four NASCAR Cup Series teams and a NASCAR O'Reilly Series team employ in preparation for race day. The newly remodeled and reimagined team museum is now open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The renovated space includes the team store, numerous artifacts and race cars from throughout Hendrick Motorsports' history and other Easter eggs for fans to discover. <https://www.hendrickmotorsports.com/visit>
- **Charlotte Motor Speedway** - Visit the NASCAR Cup Series garage area and take a ride through two infield race tracks. After you make your way down Pit Road, stop in Winner's Circle for a photo opportunity. On track tours are also available. [Speedway Tours | Charlotte Motor Speedway](#)
- **Biltmore Estate** - A classic full-day visit to the Biltmore Estate balances historical grandeur, beautiful nature, and relaxed wine-tasting. Because the estate spans 8,000 massive acres, a full day is generally divided into two main geographic chapters: the Mansion and Gardens area in the morning, and Antler Hill Village in the afternoon. <https://www.biltmore.com/>