



2023 Annual Convention Agenda

All times are EST. Schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Thursday, December 14

1 – 6 p.m.	Convention registration open
2 p.m.	YF&AP Discussion Meet orientation for judges and competitors
2 – 5:00 p.m.	County president packet pick-up
3 p.m.	YF&AP Discussion Meet – Round 1
4 p.m.	YF&AP Discussion Meet – Round 2
4:30 – 6 p.m.	County Farm Bureau leadership update
6:30 – 9 p.m.	County Farm Bureau Officers Dinner & Recognition Invitation only for county president, vice president, CEOC and secretary/ treasurer, district leadership (director, DEOC, YF&AP) and Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance executive team. Spouse/significant other included in the invitation. No charge for invited guests. The dinner program will include a presentation with INFB President Kron, announcement of County Activity of Excellence winners, announcement of YF&AP Discussion Meet Sweet 16 competitors and recognition of L.E.A.D. graduates.

Friday, December 15

7 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Convention registration open
7:45 – 8:30 a.m.	YF&AP Discussion Meet – Sweet 16
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	County President packet pick-up
8:45 – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome and keynote address <i>A Short Review of 10,000 Years of Agriculture & the Transformation of Today's Food Production Systems through Innovation</i> presented by Aidan Connolly , president of Agritech Capital YF&AP Discussion Meet Final Four competitors announced.
8:00 – 9:45 a.m.	Trade show vendor check-in and booth set-up
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Trade Show <i>Tech Talks will take place throughout the day on the trade show stage. Full schedule will be posted in your program and outside the doors of Hall A.</i>
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Breakouts & Tech Talks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech Talks on the Trade Show stage • Virtual livestock fence demo from Vence

- Breakouts
 - *From Grocery Stores to Mobile Apps: Understanding Shifts in Food Purchasing Behavior* presented by Daniel Munch, economist with American Farm Bureau Federation
 - *What's Keeping Me Awake at Night? – Looking ahead at 2024* presented by Todd Davis, INFB's chief economist
 - *Introduction to Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS): Project Development and Land Management* presented by Hugh Caperton, [Vault 44.01](#)

11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Breakouts & Tech Talks

- Tech talks on the Trade Show stage
 - [ReproHealth Technologies](#) bring in vitro fertilization to the farmgate presented by Michael Whitt and Dave Dixon. Also, Hands-on Leadership: L.E.A.D. Class of 2023 presented by Natalie Harris and Kate Litts, L.E.A.D. graduates
- Breakouts
 - *Global Macroeconomics Leading to Local Decisions* presented by Corey Geiger, lead economist for dairy production and processing in [CoBank's Knowledge Exchange Research Division](#)
 - *Top 10 Technologies Changing Agriculture* presented by Willie Vogt, former content and user engagement for [Farm Progress](#)
 - *Land Use: Preservation, Development, Renewable Energy Panel* moderated by INFB staff and includes Kara Salazar, assistant program leader for community development at Purdue University; Brianna Schroeder, Janzen Schroeder Ag Law; Cris Coffin, [American Farmland Trust](#)

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

AgELECT Fundraising lunch
Reservations are \$125 per person, donation payable during online registration.
 Guest speaker is retired U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kansas).
 - OR -

Lunch on your own at a local restaurant or choose from several “grab and go” options in the pre-function area of the Grand Wayne Convention Center

1:45 p.m.

YF&AP Discussion Meet – Final Four

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Breakouts & Tech Talks

- Tech Talks on the Trade Show stage
 - AgriNovus panel discussion about ag biotech in Indiana and personal indoor produce growers presented by [ANU™](#)
- Breakout
 - *Liquid Fuels: Critical for the Future* presented by Matt Smorch, [CountryMark](#), and Dallas Gerber, [Growth Energy](#)
 - *Water Quantity: A Discussion about Ag not being Last on the Spigot in Water Disputes* presented by Stefanie Smallhouse, Arizona Farm Bureau President

3 – 4 p.m.

Breakouts & Tech Talks

- Tech talks on the Trade Show stage
 - Micro tractor robot demonstration by [Barn Owl Precision Ag](#)

- Breakouts
 - *Hoosier Food Insecurity: Where Does it Exist and How Can We Help?* presented by Emily Weikert Bryan, executive director of [Feeding Indiana's Hungry](#)
 - *Optimizing your Voice in Land Use Planning* presented by Debbie Luzier, GRW Engineering, Jamie Palmer, IU Public Policy Institute and KK Gerhart-Fritz, The Planning Workshop, Inc.
 - *Level Setting the Labor Discussion in Washington DC* presented by John Walt Boatright, director of government affairs at American Farm Bureau Federation

4 p.m.	Trade show closes
4:10 – 5:15 p.m.	Closing general session and keynote <i>Anti-Ag Groups: The Rest of the Story - Lifting the Curtain on Activist Groups</i> presented by Andy Curliss , national director of strategic initiatives at SAS Institute
6 – 8:30 p.m.	Awards Dinner <i>Reservations are \$45 per person and payable during online registration. No child's meal option.</i> During dinner, we will recognize the winners of the Farm Family of the Year Award, Hovde Award, Ag in the Classroom Volunteer of the Year Award, YF&AP Achievement Award, YF&AP Excellence in Ag Award and YF&AP Rising Star Award. The Discussion Meet winner also will be announced.
8:30-11:30 p.m.	Young Farmers & Ag Professionals Social <i>Invitation-only, adults-only event for members 21-40 years old at Hampton Inn & Suites Rooftop Bar</i>

Saturday, December 16

7 – 10:30 a.m.	Convention registration open
8 – 9:15 a.m.	Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>2024 Book of the Year workshop</i> presented by Micah Dillman, INFB education coordinator, and INFB Women's Leadership Committee • <i>Leadership by Default or by Design</i> presented by Steve Isaacs, extension farm management specialist at University of Kentucky
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	General session and keynote <i>Us vs. Them: Navigating the Generations</i> presented by Jeff Havens , owner of The Jeff Havens Company
10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Indiana Farm Bureau Delegate Session <i>Open to all convention attendees</i> Indiana Farm Bureau annual report and INFB 2 nd Vice President election
12 p.m.	Convention adjourns