

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

FRENCH LICK, INDIANA • DECEMBER 12-14, 2019

Event Information

Hotel accommodations

Convention registration does not include a hotel reservation. Attendees must reserve hotel rooms on their own. Indiana Farm Bureau does NOT reserve hotel rooms for delegates.

Due to the popularity of French Lick and West Baden - and our 100th Anniversary Celebration - we are offering four hotel options this year. A complimentary shuttle to and from the French Lick Springs Event Center will be available between all hotels. Shuttle times will be posted near the convention registration desk. The deadline for hotel reservations is Nov. 11 or until room blocks are sold out.

[French Lick Springs and West Baden Springs Hotel](#): 1-888-936-9360 or [click here](#) for the exclusive INFB online registration portal. If you call to make a reservation, be sure to use the group code 1219INF and identify yourself as a Farm Bureau convention attendee to take advantage of the discounted rate of \$139 per night (plus tax).

[Comfort Suites French Lick](#): 1-812-936-5000, 9350 West SR 56, French Lick. The discounted rate is \$129 per night (plus tax) and includes breakfast. Be sure to mention Indiana Farm Bureau when making your reservation.

[Best Western Plus French Lick](#): 1-812-936-0520, 613 South Arnold F. Habig Blvd., French Lick. The discounted rate is \$143 per night (plus tax) and includes breakfast. Make sure to request the INFB annual convention rate when making your reservation.

Meals

Attendees may select from the following optional meals. See agenda for locations.

Dec. 12 @ 6 p.m. Kick-off dinner (\$35 per person billed to county Farm Bureau. No child's meal option.) - plated meal with a short program.

Dec. 13 @ 11:30 a.m. [AgELECT](#) Fundraising Lunch (\$100 per person **payable via PayPal** during online registration. Ticket required at door for this event.) - plated meal featuring a keynote address from [Max Armstrong](#), national agriculture broadcaster.

Dec. 13 @ 6:30 p.m. 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner (\$35 per person billed to county Farm Bureau. No child's meal option.) - plated meal with full program including external awards presentations, 50+ years member recognition and special 100th anniversary activities.

Meal tickets will be included with your name badge at convention registration. Unless noted otherwise, meals are billed to the county Farm Bureau and are not payable during registration. *Please note, we will not have a closing lunch as we have in the past. The convention will adjourn at noon on Saturday, Dec. 14 after the closing general session.*

Childcare

French Lick Springs Resort offers KidsFest Lodge which hosts a wide range of interactive events and activities for children ages 6 - 12 years. 50 Days of Lights Children's Activities is on the schedule during the INFB state convention. Reservations for your child(ren) should be made at least 24 hours in advance of drop-off. Call 812-936-5553 to reserve a session. [Click here](#) for information about costs and session hours. Indiana Farm Bureau will not provide childcare during our annual meeting.

Parking

Free valet parking is available for hotel guests at French Lick and West Baden resorts. There is also a self-park garage at French Lick Springs. Comfort Suites and Best Western Plus guests will have access to free parking as well. Complimentary shuttle to and from the French Lick Springs Event Center will be available between all hotels. Shuttle times will be posted near the convention registration desk. *Reminder - Parking is extremely limited at the West Baden Hotel. Please travel by shuttle to the hotel on Friday evening for the 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner unless you are an overnight guest of the hotel.*

Farm Bureau Museum

Convention attendees will want to be sure to browse through artifacts and memorabilia celebrating INFB's 100 years. Perhaps you have something at home you'd like to display? Simply bring it along and an INFB staff member will check it in for everyone to enjoy. Just be sure to pick it up before you leave!

100th Anniversary Mosaic Photo

Check your agenda for information about when and where you can get your photo taken to be a part of the historic 100th anniversary mosaic. Our professional photographer will use cutting edge technology to integrate all of the photos into one large mosaic forming a single image. Every convention attendee will receive an electronic version of the image via email which you can print for your own enjoyment!

Time capsule

At the convention, we'll be putting together a time capsule for a future anniversary celebration. Each county Farm Bureau will donate one item to the capsule. If you think you might have the perfect INFB-related item, please contact your county president.

First time attendees

Back by popular demand! Attendees can join other "first timers" on Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. at French Lick Event Center. This is the perfect way to meet other members from around the state, as well as INFB staff.

Award winners

For the second year in a row, we're inviting county and individual award winners to a reception on Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. at French Lick Event Center. Pick up your awards and have your picture taken with President Kron and other INFB leaders. Award winners will receive an invitation letter with additional details closer to the event.

The Polar Express™ Train Ride - SOLD OUT

We have a limited number of tickets for sale to ride on The Polar Express on Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available to purchase via PayPal during online registration. *Guests planning to jump on board the train should not plan to register for the 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at West Baden Springs on Friday evening. Because of the late start for the dinner, there is no time to dine before the train departs.* The INFB shuttle at the French Lick Hotel will provide service to the [French Lick Scenic Railway](#) for ticketholders.

If you have not already registered for the annual convention, please click on the box below to begin.

REGISTER NOW



Deadline to register and make hotel reservations is Nov. 11, 2019.

Questions? Call 317-692-7846 or email odt@infb.org.

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Agenda

Agenda subject to change prior to event.

All times are Eastern Standard Time.

Thursday, Dec. 12

11:30 a.m - 7:30 p.m.	Registration (Windsor Foyer, French Lick Hotel)
12:30 p.m.	Ag in the Classroom volunteer training (Location TBD)
1 - 4 p.m.	Silent Auction item drop-off (Hoosier Ballroom Foyer, French Lick Hotel)
1 - 7:30 p.m.	Farm Bureau Museum (Nixon Room, French Lick Hotel)
2 p.m.	Leadership Trainings for County Leaders (details coming soon) Professor W. Scott Downey, Purdue University
4:30 p.m.	First time attendees reception
4:30 p.m.	Award winners reception (CRP, YF&AP finalists and Membership)
6 p.m.	Kick-off dinner (Hoosier and Windsor Ballrooms, French Lick Hotel)
7:45 p.m.	President's Welcome and 100th Celebration Concert by Josh Turner (French Lick Exposition Hall)

Friday, Dec. 13

6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Registration (Windsor Foyer, French Lick Hotel)
7 a.m.	Discussion Meet orientation for judges and participants
8 a.m.	Sweet 16 round of Discussion Meet
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Farm Bureau Museum (Nixon Room, French Lick Hotel)
8:30 a.m.	Breakout sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Today's Ag Economy: Challenges and Opportunities: Jason Henderson, Purdue University• Future of Protein: Jayson Lusk, Purdue University and a representative of Tyson Foods• Building Resiliency to Changing Weather: Melissa Widhalm and Dr. Beth Hall, Purdue University
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Silent Auction (location TBA)
10 a.m.	General Session feat. President's Address and Discussion Meet finals
11:30 a.m.	Lunch on your own. <i>Several options available in the French Lick and West Baden Hotels</i>
11:30 a.m.	AgELECT Fundraising Lunch feat. Max Armstrong , national ag broadcaster (Cost is \$100 per person and requires a pre-purchased ticket)

- 1:45 p.m. Innovation Showcase featuring:
- Putting conservation to work on your farm
 - Feeding 9 billion by 2050: Meeting the challenge
 - Biotech innovations and trends
 - Commodity checkoff research and innovations
 - Direct market innovations
 - Producers positioning for the future
 - Supply chain innovations
 - Trends in retail sales and more
- 4 p.m. Silent auction closes and check-out (location TBA)
- 4:30 p.m. District breakouts
- 5:30 p.m. Board shuttles for West Baden Springs Hotel (French Lick Hotel Event Center entrance)
- 6:30 p.m. Board shuttle for French Lick Springs Railway (Polar Express tickets required)
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner and 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner (West Baden Hotel Atrium) featuring Hovde, Rural Teacher of the Year and Farm Family of the Year awards, live entertainment from [Lick Creek Band](#) and sealing the time capsule along with the mosaic reveal.
- 7 p.m. The Polar Express Train (ticket required)

Saturday, Dec. 14

- 8 - 10:30 a.m. Registration (Windsor Foyer, French Lick Hotel)
- 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Farm Bureau Museum (Nixon Room, French Lick Hotel)
- 9 a.m. Delegate and Education Session (Windsor Ballroom)
- INFB Vice President election
 - Financials presented to the membership
 - State legislative priorities
- 9 a.m. Breakout session - 2020 Book of the Year and Ag in the Classroom: Lindi Kocher, Indiana Farm Bureau
- 10:45 a.m. Closing General Session (French Lick Exposition Hall)
Please note that the closing session does not include a meal.
- *Agriculture 2025* presented by keynote speaker and AgDay anchor [Clinton Griffiths](#)
 - Young Farmer & Ag Professionals Awards
 - Raffle drawing (must be present to win)
- 12 p.m. Adjourn