



## ***2026 Tentative Agenda***

\*Please note: This schedule is very fluid and will change.

### **Monday, April 27**

- 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**      **NAFB Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Holiday Inn Capitol**
- 1:30-3 p.m.**                **NAFB Member Business Meeting & Registration**  
**Holiday Inn Capitol**
- 3-4 p.m.**                    **Issues Forum Registration**  
**Holiday Inn Capitol**  
**Sponsor: NASA Agriculture**
- 3-6 p.m.**                    **Issues Forum**  
**Holiday Inn Capitol**  
**Sponsor: The Fertilizer Institute**
- 6-6:45 p.m.**                **Issues Forum Reception**  
**Holiday Inn Capitol**  
**Sponsor: Soy Checkoff**
- 7 p.m.**                        **Dinner**  
**Holiday Inn Capitol**  
**Sponsor: Farm Credit**  
**Speaker: Al Tank, Ag and Food Entrepreneur, Investor and Farmer**

## Tuesday, April 28

- 7:15 a.m.** Arrive on your own to USDA.  
Jamie L. Whitten Building, 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington. D.C.  
\*We will meet in the hotel lobby at 6:45 a.m. to walk as a group. \*  
**(Please allow yourself time to get through security-BRING PHOTO ID.)**
- 7:30 a.m.** Breakfast  
Whitten Building – Press Room 107A  
Sponsor: The Ag Retailers Association
- 8-11 a.m.** USDA Speaker Lineup  
Whitten Building - Williamsburg Room 108A  
(No food or beverage is allowed in this room)
- Speaker Lineup:
- Group photo
  - 8:00 a.m. Brooke Rollins, USDA Secretary of Agriculture (invited)
  - 8:30 a.m. Karen Budd-Falen, Associate Deputy Secretary of Interior (confirmed)
  - 9:00 a.m. Richard Fordyce, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Protection and Conservation (confirmed)
  - 9:30 a.m. Brad Rippey, USDA Meteorologist and managing editor of the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin (confirmed)
  - 10:00 a.m. USDA Deputy Secretary Stephen Vaden (confirmed)
- 11:00 a.m.** Depart USDA and move to National Association of Broadcasters, 1 M Street SE, Washington DC, for lunch and afternoon speakers.
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch  
Sponsor: Corn Refiners Association
- 12:15 p.m.** Professional Development Session  
Sponsor: National Association of Broadcasters  
Topic: AI Use in Broadcasting and Rural Connectivity  
Speaker: John Clark, National Association of Broadcasters
- 1:15 p.m.** Policy Insights  
Sponsor: Clean Fuels Alliance America  
Speaker: Val Dolcini, Head of Public Affairs, NA Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC
- 2:00 p.m.** Newsmaker  
Topic: TBD  
Speaker: TBD

- 2:45 p.m.**                    **Newsmaker**  
**Topic: TBD**  
**Speaker: TBD**
- 3:30 p.m.**                    **Adjourn Speaker Sessions**
- 5:00-7:00 p.m.**            **Rooftop Reception (casual attire welcomed)**  
**National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Headquarters**  
**1275 Pennsylvania Avenue NW**  
**Sponsor: National Cattlemen’s Beef Association**
- 7:15 p.m.**                    **Depart for Guided Evening Monument Tour**  
**Bus will load near NCBA Headquarters**  
**(portions of this tour include walking at several monuments)**  
**Sponsor: National Corn Growers Association**
- 9:30 p.m.**                    **Bus returns to hotel**

**Wednesday, April 29**

- 7:15 a.m.**                    **Breakfast**  
**Holiday Inn Capitol**  
**Sponsored: Associated Milk Producers Inc.**
- 8:00 a.m.**                    **Arrive on your own U.S. Capitol Visitors Center entry for security screening.**  
**Intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE and East Capitol Street.**  
**Let the security team know that you are attending the event in SVC-208 and**  
**they will direct you to the visitor’s desk to get your badge.**  
**(Please allow yourself 60 minutes to get through security-BRING PHOTO ID and**  
**as little gear as possible.)**  
**\*We will meet in the hotel lobby at 7:45 a.m. and get Ubers as a group so drop-**  
**off point is coordinated \***
- 9 a.m.-11:40 p.m.**        **Capitol Hill Speaker Lineup**  
**U.S. Capitol Visitors Center**  
**Room SVC-208**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.            Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE) (confirmed)  
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.            Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) (confirmed)  
9:40 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.            Representative Angie Craig (D-MN) (confirmed)  
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.        Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD) (confirmed)  
10:25 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.        Senator Amy Klobuchar (invited)

11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) (confirmed)
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) (confirmed)
11:45 a.m. – Noon	Senator Mike Rounds (R-SD) (confirmed)

# ISSUES FORUM

## **2026 Confirmed Participants**

- Ag Retailers Association
- American Farm Bureau Federation
- American Seed Trade Association
- American Sugar Alliance
- Clean Fuels Alliance America
- Corn Refiners Association
- CropLife America
- Farm Credit
- Growth Energy
- International Fresh Produce Association
- NASA Agriculture
- National Association of Broadcasters
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
- National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
- National Farmers Union
- National Pork Producers Council
- National Sorghum Producers
- Pivot Bio
- Renewable Fuels Association
- The Fertilizer Institute
- Soy Checkoff
- U.S. Wheat Associates