



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, 12th 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: Agricultural 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
 - 8:30 a.m. Karen Budd-Falen, Associate Deputy Secretary of Interior
 - 9:00 a.m. Richard Fordyce, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Protection and Conservation
 - 9:30 a.m. Brad Rippey, USDA Meteorologist and managing editor of the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin
 - 10:30 a.m. Justin Benavidez, USDA Chief Economist
- 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

- 2:15 p.m.** ***The Impact of the War in Iran: Fertilizer, Fuel and Inputs***
Speakers:
- **Faith Parum, Economist, American Farm Bureau Federation**
 - **Duane Simpson, President and CEO, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives**
 - **Peter Friedmann, Executive Director, Agriculture Transportation Coalition**
 - **Joseph W. Glauber, Research Fellow Emeritus, International Food Policy Research Institute**
- 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 1st 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
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| 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Representative G.T. Thompson (R-PA) (confirmed) |
| 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. | Representative Don Davis (D-NC) (invited) |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. | Representative Eric Sorensen (D-IL) (invited) |
| 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) |
| Noon – 12:15 p.m. | Senator John Boozman (R-ARK) (confirmed) |

ISSUES FORUM

2026 Confirmed Participants

Agricultural 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