

Securing Our Future: Don't Just Talk ... Act!

NIAA 2025 Annual Conference

April 7 – 9, 2025

Kauffman Foundation, 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110

Monday, April 7

- TBD National Assembly Meeting
- 9:30 AM NIAA Advanced Training for Animal Agriculture Leaders Capstone Presentations
- Animal Agriculture Industry Study
 - Sarah Coleman, Rose Digianantonio, Chelsea Good, Rita Harkless, and Emmanuel Okello
 - Data Collection for a Healthier World
 - Johnna Granville, Blaine Johnson, Tanner King, Rahul Kumar, Hattie Webb
 - Responsible Use of Technology
 - Kristi Block, Kelli Payne, Dakota Thomas, Jackson Tolle, Ryan Bennett
 - Globalization in Animal Agriculture
 - Will Fiske, Ashley Kohls, Jennifer Koziol, Megan McCullough, Hannah Robbins
- 1:00 PM Council and Working Group Meetings
- Animal Disease Issues & Emergency Management
 - Kate Dion DVM, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Iowa State University - College of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine
 - Julia Herman DVM, MS, DACVPM, Beef Cattle Specialist Veterinarian, National Cattlemen's Beef Association
 - Megan Niederwerder, DVM, PhD, Executive Director, Swine Health Information Center
 - Jason Lombard DVM, Veterinary Epidemiologist, Colorado State University *WALK, RUN, CRAWL- H5N1, what we have learned in dairy cattle this past year*
 - Dr. Jennifer Siembieda/ Dr. Mark Lyons, USDA - APHIS
 - Antibiotics
 - Animal Identification & Information Systems
 - Callahan Grund, CattleTrace
 - Garrett Girk, Kansas Department of Agriculture
 - Sustainability
 - Equine Working Group
 - Animal Agriculture Innovation & Investment Working Group
- 4:30 PM NIAA Annual Meeting
- 6:00 PM Welcome Reception

Tuesday, April 8

- 7:30 AM NIAA 101 Breakfast – Ideal for those newer to NIAA
- 8:00 AM Welcome
Chelsea Good, JD, Livestock Marketing Association , NIAA Board of Director’s Chair
- 8:30 AM Opening Keynote
- *The War on Food*
Andy Curliss, National Pork Producers Council
- 9:30 AM License to Operate Panel
Moderator: Julie Broadway, American Horse Council
- Rick Stott, Superior Farms
 - Dr. Jim Heird, Texas A&M University
 - Justina Graff, House Agriculture Committee
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM Consumer Insights
- Danette Amstein, Midan Marketing
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- NIAA Advanced Training for Animal Agriculture Leaders Program
Capstone Project Highlights
- 1:15 PM Afternoon Keynote/Conversation
Moderated by Kaitlyn Briggs
Board of Directors Panel from the U.S. Ag. Partnership Fund
- Kip Tom, Chariman and former US Ambassador to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 - Nicole Montna Van Vleck, Vice Chairwoman and President and CEO of Montna Farms
 - Collin Peterson, Former Chairman of the US House Agriculture Committee
 - Randy Russell, President of the Russell Group and former USDA Chief of Staff
 - Lisa Van Doren, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives Vice President and Chief of Staff
- 2:15 PM Ag Legislation Panel w/ Association Executives
Moderator: Chelsea Good, Livestock Marketing Association
- Michael Schumpp, The Meat Institute
 - Julie Broadway, American Horse Council
 - Andy Curliss, National Pork Producers Council
 - Zach Helder, Kansas City Ag Business Council
- 3:30 PM Break

- 3:45 PM License to Operate Interactive Work Session
- Facilitated by American Horse Council
with Joe Eddie, Dr. Eleanor Green, and Dr. Jim Heird
- 4:45 PM Closing Challenge
- Joel Leftwich, U.S. Agriculture Partnership Fund
- 5:15 PM Adjourn
- 5:30 PM - Closing Awards Event
8:00 PM - Cocktails and conversations
- Dinner
- Award presentation
- Introduce members of the Advanced Training for Animal Agriculture Leaders
- Entertainment: Mark Mayfield: “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Barn...”

Wednesday, April 9

- 8:00 AM What’s Next After Scrapie Eradication?
- Facilitated by American Sheep Industry Association
- 8:00 AM Convening & Coalescing National Animal Disease Preparedness and Responses
- NIAA-facilitated convening of USDA National Animal Disease Preparedness & Response Program (NADPRP) stakeholders
- Noon Board of Directors Meeting