



SOYBEAN RESEARCH FORUM & THINK TANK

INAUGURAL EVENT AUGUST 23-25, 2021

Venue: The Westin Indianapolis
241 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Rooms: Meals & Receptions: Grand 1 & 2
Meeting: Grand 4

Attire: Casual evenings, business casual day

Monday, August 23:

6:00-7:30 pm - Networking Welcome powered by SOYLEIC™
Heavy Hors D'oeuvres

Tuesday, August 24:

6:30-7:45 am – Breakfast powered by Ohio Soybean Council & North Central Soybean Research Program

8:00 am – Welcome from Think Tank Emcee- Tom Brand, Executive Director, National
Association of Farm Broadcasters

8:10-9:10 am – Keynote Kickoff

Soybean Systems Innovation: Habits that will Transform Your Future

Dr. Scott Hutchins- Former Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics

Future State of Soy- Aimpoint Research

Mark Purdy, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

Jennifer Coleman, Director of Communications

9:15-10:15 am – Research Needs and Research Portfolio Panel

Focusing on the potential forward thinking and possibilities for the future

- Gene Stoel, Minnesota Farmer
- Sarah Lovas, North Dakota Farmer
- Ryan Fuller, Syngenta
- Dr. Seth Naeve, University of Minnesota
- Dr. Jeff Rosichan, USDA-FFAR – Director Crops of the Future

10:15-10:45 am – Break

10:45 am-12:15 pm – Focus Area: Soybean **Production Research** for the future

Discussions and conversations on genetics, breeding, biotechnology, digital ag, equipment, cropping systems – yield, quality, weed, insect, and pathogen management

- Speakers: 40 minutes
 - Dr. Kevin Bradley, University of Missouri, Professor
 - Dr. John Fulton, Ohio State University, Professor
- Roundtable Discussion: 50 minutes

12:20 pm – Turning Crops into Living Sensors
Shely Aronov and Rod Kumimoto, InnerPlant

12:30 pm – Lunch powered by State Partners

1:30–3:00 pm – Focus Area: Soybean **Sustainability and Regenerative Agriculture Research for the future**
Discussions and conversation on conservation, soil health, nutrients/fertility, water quality, environment, carbon sequestration

- Speakers: 40 minutes
 - Anne Meis, Nebraska Farmer & Chairwoman of US Farmers & Ranchers in Action
 - Dr. Shamitha Keerthi, Agriculture and Water Quality Scientist from The Nature Conservancy's North American Region
- Roundtable Discussion: 50 minutes

3:00–3:30 pm – Break

3:30–5:00 pm – Focus Area: Soybean Research Response to **New Uses and New Market Opportunities**
Discussions and conversations on quality/composition, feed, fuel/industrial, food, fiber, niche, international/domestic

- Speakers: 40 minutes
 - Dr. Edgar Cahoon, University of Nebraska- Professor & Director of Center for Plant Science Innovation
 - Barry McGraw, Airable Research Lab
- Roundtable Discussion: 50 minutes

5:00–5:20 pm – Day Synthesis – Dr. Seth Naeve, University of Minnesota
Wrap Up and Setting the Stage for further Collaboration

6:00 pm – Social & Dinner at the Indianapolis Indians Minor League Baseball Stadium powered by Indiana Soybean Alliance

Wednesday, August 25:

6:30–7:45 am – Breakfast powered by Kansas Soybean Commission & North Central Soybean Research Program

8:00 am – Welcome Back-Tom Brand

8:10–10:30 am - Roundtable- Bridge the Gap Exercise

Pulling together ideas, conversations, and thoughts to set the stage as the industry moves forward

Synthesis Leads:

- Ed Anderson- North Central Soybean Research Program
- Roger Wolf- Iowa Soybean Association
- Seth Naeve- University of Minnesota

10:30–11:00 am – Wrap Up

From conversations and notes throughout the past few days, a summary will be developed and circulated to help focus the collective moving forward and encourage collaboration and competition as we work together to move the soybean industry forward

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