

Illinois Soybean Growers 2024 Farm Business Summit

December 17, 2024



Featured Host

Rob Sharkey - "The Shark Farmer"

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Start your morning off with some coffee, pastries and a chance for some industry networking.
8:30 a.m.	Welcome	Rob Sharkey, IL Farmer and Ag Influencer: A brief overview of the summit and insights on what to expect in the upcoming presentations.
8:45 a.m.	Illinois Legislative Update	Senator Andrew Chesney and State Representative Bradley Fritts: How is Springfield impacting your farm business?
9:15 a.m.	Global Grain Markets	Eric Woody, Illinois Soybean Association: How are political trends influencing trade around the world and what market is sizing up to to replace China?
9:55 a.m.	Climate and Weather Outlook	Trenton Wayne Ford, Climatologist, University of Illinois: High impact events and destructive weather patterns; the weather predictability tools available to you to monitor changes in long-range forecasts.
10:35 a.m.	Solving the Ag Labor Crisis	Teri Theodore, USAFarmlabor: Understanding the H-2A temporary agricultural guest workers to strategize your labor operations.
11:20am	Navigating Dynamics of the Family Business	Kevin Bearly, Tax Accountant, Pinon Global: Navigating complex dynamics of the family business; ensuring operating assets and cash flow are accessible for on-farm heirs, while also providing a monetary benefit to off-farm heirs.
12:00 p.m.	Sponsored Lunch	AGI BinManager® protects you, employees and your grain. You will stay safe and your grain will be preserved and conditioned until you are ready to sell.
1:00 p.m.	Agriculture Leasing & Loans	Buck Hill & Anjie Erbsen, Compeer Financial: Increased prices are impacting property across the board, learn what to watch out for in an inflated market.
1:40 p.m.	AI Throughout Your Operations Part 1:	Clint Chaffer, John Deere: Tillage, planting and spraying: Implementing AI integrations and precision technology into farmers' existing equipment to grow business during lean times.
2:20 p.m.	AI Throughout Your Operations Part 2:	Daniel Kurdys, Bayer: GENAI for Agriculture: Farming new frontiers with language model development. How AI breakthrough innovations are helping farmers process information to increase production and ROI's.
3:00 p.m.	Farm Business Managers Panel	Issues impacting farm operations and what local operations are doing to address the largest hurdles in the field.

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Cost to attend: Free for ISG Members
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