

AG HORIZONS CONFERENCE

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 • Ramkota RiverCenter, Pierre, SD • Tentative Schedule

Attendee, exhibitor, and sponsor registration available at SDWGA.org/Ag-Horizon/

Room reservation information: Call the Ramkota Hotel by Nov. 15th at 605-224-6877 to get the AG HORIZONS block rate.

7:30 – 8:00		Breakfast and Registration Check-In Open (Lobby)
8:00 – 8:05	Opening Remarks	Welcome from Secretary Hunter Roberts , SD DANR (Amphitheater I)
8:05 – 9:00	General Session- IPM	<i>Is weed management in South Dakota all doom and gloom or is there hope?</i> Dr. Eric Jones , SDSU Professor/Extension Weed Specialist (Amphitheater I)
9:00 – 9:50	Breakout Session- SWM	<i>Managing Soil and Water Quality for Productive and Resilient Cropping Systems</i> , Kent Vlieger , NRCS State Soil Health Specialist (Amphitheater I)
9:00 – 9:50	Breakout Session- IPM	<i>Laser Scarecrow and Smarter Nitrogen Use with Crops as Biosensors and Satellite Imagery</i> , Dr. Ali Nafchi , SDSU Precision Agriculture Professor/Extension Specialist (Amphitheater II)
10:00 – 10:50	Breakout Session- CM	<i>2025-2026 Climate Review and Outlook</i> , Laura Edwards , SDSU State Climatologist (Amphitheater I)
10:00 – 10:50	Breakout Session- CM	<i>Soil 101 to 2.0 with South Dakota Soil Coalition</i> , Producer Panel of SD Soil Coalition Board of Directors (Amphitheater II)
11:00 – 11:50	General Session- PD	<i>Financial Performance of Production Agriculture Past, Present & Future</i> , Nate Franzén , First Dakota Ag Banking President (Amphitheater I)
12:00 Noon	Lunch & Keynote- PD	<i>Charting the Course of Wheat Exports Amid Uncertainty</i> , Julia Debes , U.S. Wheat Associates, Sponsored by the South Dakota Wheat Commission (Gallery B&C)
1:30 – 2:20	General Session- PD	<i>Celebrity Producers take the Post-Harvest Challenge</i> , Ed Usset , U of MN Grain Marketing Economist (Amphitheater I)
2:30 – 3:20	Breakout Session- IPM	<i>Speaker Panel: Clean Water, Endangered Species & Pesticide Policy: Regulatory Updates and Implications for South Dakota Agriculture</i> , Aaron Ward , DANR Water Quality Program Administrator and Rebecca Perin , EPA Region 8 Agriculture Advisor (Amphitheater I)
2:30 – 3:20	Breakout Session- CM	<i>Peas and Chickpeas in South Dakota: 2025 Crop Performance Insights</i> , Dr. Chris Graham , SDSU Professor/Extension Agronomist (Amphitheater II)
3:30 – 3:45	Break	Visit with Exhibitors and Enjoy Cookies Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America (Lobby)
3:45 – 4:45	Breakout Session- PA	<i>Emerging SDSU Technologies: Virtual Yield Mapping, Precision Cover Cropping, and Mapping Soybean N-Credit Variability</i> , Dr. Ali Nafchi , SDSU Precision Agriculture Professor/Extension Specialist (Amphitheater I)
3:45 – 4:45	Breakout Session- PD	<i>Keeping the Farm in the Family: Estate and Succession Planning in a Changing Tax Landscape</i> , Luke Edwards , Pierre CPA (Amphitheater II)
5:00 – 6:00	Annual Meeting	South Dakota Wheat Growers Association (Gallery D)
5:00 – 5:30	Annual Meeting	South Dakota Crop Improvement Association (Lake Sharpe)
5:30 – 6:00	Annual Meeting	South Dakota Seed Trade Association (Lake Sharpe)
6:00		Night on the Town (Dinner on your own.)

Certified Crop Advisor Program Continuing Education Units (CEUs) – 12 credits available.

Additional sponsors include BNSF Railway and Syngenta Crop Protection, plus many exhibitors!

The Ag Horizons Conference is proudly hosted by the SD Crop Improvement Association, SD Oilseeds Council, SD Pulse Growers, SD Seed Trade Association, SD Wheat Growers Association, SD No-Till Association, and SD Soil Health Coalition.