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YOUNG LEADER
CONFERENCE

HARVESTING Success

FEBRUARY 6-7, 2026 | EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL | EAST PEORIA, IL

WORKSHOPS

20 sessions broken into five different tracks designed to provide something for everyone



ON THE FARM

Timely production-based agriculture topics for farmers



AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT

Resources to effectively manage and grow a successful business



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Gain personal and professional skills for a successful career



EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

Learn the empowerment skills to effectively communicate and advocate the value of agriculture in everyday life.



ON THE HORIZON

Understand new and emerging trends, agricultural innovation, research, and technology.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LANCE WEAVER

Former Ag Bank turned Business Coach, focused on helping American producers organize and improve their operations for long-term success.

* Attendees do not have to stick to one particular track all day – they are welcome to attend whatever session they are most interested in!

VISIT YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU MANAGER TODAY TO GET REGISTERED



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TENTATIVE AGENDA

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 6

5:00 – 7:00 PMCollegiate Farm Bureau Programming
7:00 PM.....Registration Opens
7:00 – 10:00 PM.....Harvest for All Fun Night
featuring Fun Pianos!
Dueling Pianos (7:30 – 9:30 p.m.)

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 7

6:30 AMBreakfast Buffet
7:30 AMRegistration Opens
8:30 AMJunior Farm Bureau Opens
(licensed childcare)
8:45 AMWelcome to the 2026 Young Leader
Conference & Keynote Speaker
Lance Weaver
10:10 AMBreakout Session A
11:10 AMBreakout Session B
12:00 PMLunch Sponsored by
Illinois Beef Association
& Awards Ceremony
2:00 PMBreakout Session C
2:50 PMDistrict Ice Cream Social
Sponsored by Prairie Farms
3:50 PMBreakout Session D
5:00 PMSilent Auction Closes
5:00 PMJunior Farm Bureau Closes
5:30 PMDinner
6:30 PMLive Auction
7:15 PMTrivia Check-in
(break for costume changes!)
8:00 PM“Glow Party” Themed Trivia Night
10:00 PMWinners Announced & Social Time

