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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



AGRIBUSINESS 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.

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



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LANCE WEAVER

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

VISIT YOUR COUNTY FARM BUREAU MANAGER TODAY TO GET REGISTERED



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TENTATIVE AGENDA

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 6

- 5:00 – 7:00 PM** Collegiate 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 AM** Breakfast Buffet
7:30 AM Registration Opens
8:30 AM Junior Farm Bureau Opens
(licensed childcare)
8:45 AM Welcome to the 2026 Young Leader
Conference & Keynote Speaker
Lance Weaver
10:10 AM Breakout Session A
11:10 AM Breakout Session B
12:00 PM Lunch Sponsored by
Illinois Beef Association
& Awards Ceremony
2:00 PM Breakout Session C
2:50 PM District Ice Cream Social
Sponsored by Prairie Farms
3:50 PM Breakout Session D
5:00 PM Silent Auction Closes
5:00 PM Junior Farm Bureau Closes
5:30 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Live Auction
7:15 PM Trivia Check-in
(break for costume changes!)
8:00 PM “Glow Party” Themed Trivia Night
10:00 PM Winners Announced & Social Time

