

ON THE HORIZON

2025 OABA INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Agenda-at-a-Glance – Sessions & Speakers

Session offerings or specific speakers may be subject to change

Tuesday, January 28 - Safety & Risk Management Day

10:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

9:30 – 10:30 am **Ohio Risk Coordinators – Member Meeting & Roundtable**
CLOSED SESSION

Tuesday SESSIONS OPEN to all January 28 - Single Day and Full Conference paid registrants

- 10:45 am **Ohio Department of Agriculture Updates**
Daniel Kenny, Dan Walker, Ryan King, and Matt Cochran, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture
CCA: 1 PD, ODA Comm CORE
- 11:45 am **Lunch and Networking**
- 12:45 pm **90% of the Time, Works Every Time - Behavior Based Safety**
James Dobra, Heritage Cooperative
CCA: 1 PD
- 2 pm **Above Ground Storage Tanks**
Travis Smith, State of Ohio
CCA: 1 PD
- 3:15 pm **Driver Qualification Files and Recordkeeping**
Allan Stevens, Berkley Agribusiness
CCA: 1 PD
- 4:30 pm **Business Insurance:**
Why Am I Paying More Premium for Less Coverage, and How Do I Make It Stop?
Shane Humphrey, Tom Brenner and Tony Rohrer, Hummel Group
CCA: 1 PD
- 5:30-6:30 pm **Welcome Reception & Exhibitor Showcase**

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Wednesday, January 29 – Thursday, January 30

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8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

January 30

7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

7-8 am	Breakfast and Registration
8 am	Welcome
8:15 am	General Session The Winds of Change For Agriculture <i>Joseph Lardy, CHS</i> <i>CCA: 1 CM</i>
9:30 am	Breakout Sessions Expanding the Boundaries of H-2A: Integrating Temporary Ag Workers into Agribusiness Services <i>Heather Bustle, Growmark, Inc.</i> <i>CCA: 1 CM</i>
	Midwest Grain and Feed Outlook <i>Bailey Elchinger, StoneX Financial Inc.</i> <i>CCA: 1 CM</i>

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Wednesday, January 29, cont.

- 10:45 am Breakout Sessions
- Herbicide-Resistant Weeds: Fueling the Fire**
Ramawatar Yadav, The Ohio State University
CCA: 1 PM; ODA Comm 2C
- Economic View from the Farm Gate**
Bruce Clevenger and Barry Ward, OSU Extension
CCA: 1 CM
- Top Workplace Challenges for 2025**
Greg Logue, Crestcom International
CCA: 1 PD
- 12:15 pm **OABA Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon**
Guest: Director Brian Baldrige, Ohio Department of Agriculture
CCA: .5 PD
- 1:30 pm Breakout Sessions
- What You Should Know About Drone Operations:
Regulatory Guidelines and Operational Realities**
Doug Gerber, Aerovantage Drones and Robert Mullen, Heritage Cooperative
CCA: .5 NM, .5 PM, ODA Comm 1
- Grain Contract Law & Legal Issues for Grain Handlers**
Eli Earich, BECE
CCA: 1 CM

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- 2:45 pm Breakout Sessions
- Corn and Soybean Planting Impact – Alternative Utilizations**
Madison Corbi, Ohio Soybean Association and Tadd Nicholson, Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association
CCA: 1 CM
- Optimizing Grain Storage in the Present and Future**
Brandon Hutchison and Mike Zawisza, Elevator Services and Storage, Inc.
CCA: 1 CM
- 4 pm **General Session**
- When Everything Matters, What Really Matters?**
Chuck Benson, BASF - US Agricultural Solutions
CCA: 1PD
- 5-6:30 pm **Industry Networking Reception & Exhibitor Showcase**

Thursday, January 30

- 6:45-7:30 am Breakfast and Registration
- 7:30 am **General Session**
- Decision Making Weather: Recent Events and Updated Trends**
Aaron Wilson, The Ohio State University
CCA: 1 CM

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Thursday, January 30, cont.

- 8:45 am Breakout Sessions
Battle for the Belt - Which Crop Should Be Planted First?
Osler Ortez, Laura Lindsey and Taylor Dill, The Ohio State University
CCA: 1 NM
- Renewable Energy in Agribusiness: The Outlook for 2025 and Beyond**
Michael Reginelli, Advance Trading, Inc.
CCA: 1 CM
- 10 am Breakout Sessions
What's Coming Around the U.S. Agricultural Bend?
Veronica Nigh, The Fertilizer Institute
CCA: 1 NM
- Energy Development Briefing**
Dale Arnold, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
CCA: 1 CM
- 11:15 am Breakout Sessions
Non-Point, But Non-Ag? Overlooked Sources of Phosphorus Losses
Andrew Margenot, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
CCA: 1 SW
- Livestock Outlook**
Luke Wells, Professional Ag Marketing
CCA: 1 CM
- Evolution of the Farm: Meeting the Needs of Farmer of the Future**
Brady Brewer, Kansas State University
CCA: 1 CM
- 12:15 pm Luncheon and Closing Session
Coaching for Success(ion)
Greg Logue, Crestcom International
CCA: 1 PD