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SUSTAINABLE
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SUMMIT

2026

November 18-19
Fort Worth, TX



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Call for Proposals Now Open for the 2026 Sustainable Agriculture Summit

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SUMMIT OBJECTIVES

The Sustainable Agriculture Summit is the premier sustainability event for agriculture and by agriculture, serving as the trusted forum where all of agriculture convenes, strengthening the foundation that scales progress and ensures a resilient future. The Summit is hosted by the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy® and Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture®, in partnership with the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Poultry & Eggs, the Stewardship Index for Specialty Crops, MANRRS, and Agri-Pulse.

Designed to reflect the interconnected realities of the agriculture value chain, the Summit brings together varied perspectives and approaches to generate actionable insights and drive collective action across environmental, social, and economic sustainability. Through dynamic discussions and interactive learning experiences, the event explores critical topics such as climate action, water stewardship, soil health, farm and supply chain profitability, biodiversity, labor, animal welfare, food insecurity, responsible business goals, and topics of emerging concern for agricultural resilience. Summit organizers welcome stakeholder proposals that advance collaborative dialogue and deliver lasting impact for U.S. agriculture.

QUESTIONS?

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SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE
WITH NEARLY 1,000 SUMMIT ATTENDEES

SESSION FORMATS

The Summit will be accepting proposals for three different session formats:



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Smaller sessions that allow Summit attendees to dive deeper into specific topics, engage in more intimate conversations, and explore ideas or challenges in a collaborative setting. Breakouts can feature panels, case studies, group discussions, lectures, etc.

Duration: 45 minutes



WORKSHOPS

Structured, hands-on learning or training sessions where participants engage in practical activities to develop skills, knowledge, etc. Workshops are often interactive and focused on specific topics or tasks, allowing for collaboration, feedback, and experiential learning.

Duration: 45 or 90 minutes

(90-minute Workshops will be held over back-to-back concurrent session rounds)



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

An interactive lunchtime conversation in the Networking Hall that brings together small groups to exchange ideas, share perspectives, and explore solutions on a specific topic. No formal presentation will take place. Each table seats up to 10 participants, including the facilitator, and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Duration: 1 hour

Separate submissions are required for each session format.

Incomplete proposals will not be considered. You must complete this [online form](#) for your proposal to be considered for the 2026 Sustainable Agriculture Summit.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Proposals will not be accepted after these deadlines.



Breakout Session and Workshop Proposals
Friday, July 10, 2026

must be completed and submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern



Roundtable Discussion Proposals
Friday, August 28, 2026

must be completed and submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern



SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Breakout Session proposals should reflect the rich tapestry of experiences, innovations, viewpoints, and approaches needed to drive a productive, profitable, and resilient U.S. agriculture industry.

Breakout Session submissions with broad applicability across multiple commodities and agricultural supply chain sectors are preferred. Proposals that demonstrate adaptability and scalability across different agricultural products and stages of the supply chain also stand out. Such submissions showcase a comprehensive understanding of the interconnectedness of agricultural systems and offer innovative solutions that can address common challenges faced by various stakeholders.

Each submission will be evaluated based on alignment with the Summit objectives and selection criteria. Emphasis will be placed on the ability to drive sustainability action for the U.S. food, farming, and agriculture industry's value chains. Additionally, appeal to a wide-ranging audience of nearly 1,000 attendees representing food companies, government agencies, academics, conservation groups, and farmers will be strongly considered.

Preference will be given to unique proposals that align with the key topics as outlined, include audience engagement techniques, feature farmer perspectives, and/or bring forth compelling speakers or panelists. Only presentations offering vendor-neutral content will be considered.

Priority will be given to proposals covering innovative ideas and/or new approaches. Selection and scheduling for Breakout Sessions will be at the discretion of the [Summit organizers](#).

Selection Criteria

- Directly connect with the overall objectives of the Summit
- Creatively showcase innovative approaches to addressing our industry's shared challenges and opportunities
- Consider the natural resource, economic, and human challenges and opportunities that will drive sustainable supply chains in the future
- Provide actionable insights, best practices, and/or recommendations that attendees can apply in their work or organization
- Feature projects, collaborations, and successes that shine a light on possible sustainable futures for agriculture and the food industry
- Applicable to a broad segment of the Summit's multi-stakeholder audience
- Must include 3-5 learning objectives and audience takeaways



IMPORTANT DEADLINE

Breakout Session Proposals
Friday, July 10, 2026

must be completed and submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern



SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1 SUBMITTER & CONTACT INFORMATION

- ◇ Submitter name, title, organization, and email
- ◇ Contact information for all proposed speakers — name, title, organization, and email (Please note: no more than five (5) speakers are allowed per Breakout Session, including moderator.)
- ◇ Role and participation status:
 - » Proposed - hope to include as a speaker but individual is not yet aware of session
 - » Invited - individual is aware of session and has been asked to participate
 - » Confirmed - individual has agreed to participate in session if it is accepted

2 BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTATION DETAILS

- ◇ Title that concisely indicates the nature of the presentation (15 words or less). If selected, this is the title that will appear on the Summit agenda and should be short enough to fit completely in the Summit app.
- ◇ Short description (100 words or less) that will appear on the Summit agenda, if selected
- ◇ In-depth summary (500 words or less) that includes:
 - » Clear/concise objectives
 - » Key points to be articulated
 - » Natural resource, economic, and human challenges and opportunities to be addressed
 - » Novel or innovative approaches
 - » Actionable insights, best practices, and/or recommendations that attendees can apply in their work or organization
 - » List of intended stakeholder audiences (farmers, NGOs, academia, etc.)
 - » Methods for audience engagement

3 KEY TOPIC *(choose at least one)*

- ◇ Data and Technology - e.g. tools, policy, AI, reporting
- ◇ Ecosystems and/or Environment - e.g. GHG emissions, water, biodiversity, circularity, sustainable nutrition
- ◇ Finance/Economic Sustainability - e.g. ecosystems markets, trade, grants/funding
- ◇ Next Generation - e.g. future workforce, land access
- ◇ Social Sustainability - e.g. worker well-being, animal well-being, mental health, rural economies

4 INTENDED COMMODITY AUDIENCE *(choose all that apply)*

- ◇ Beef • Dairy • Pork • Poultry • Row Crops • Specialty Crops • Other

5 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ◇ Provide 3-5 learning objectives/audience takeaways that are clear, measurable, and achievable

- Proposals must be submitted via the [Abstract Scorecard® website](#) by **July 10, 2026**. *Please DO NOT email your submission, as they will NOT be accepted.*
- Submitters will have the option to upload up to four supplemental materials in any file format.
- All submitters will be notified of review outcomes the week of **August 24, 2026**.
- By submitting a proposal for consideration, you agree that, if selected, you will be available to present your Breakout Session at any time on Wednesday, November 18 or Thursday, November 19, 2026. **Breakout Sessions will be 45 minutes in length.** Selection and scheduling for Breakout Sessions will be at the discretion of the Summit organizers.



SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Workshop proposals should provide a structured opportunity for hands-on learning or training on a topic, skill, or task related to advancing sustainability in U.S. agriculture that attendees can then apply in their own work or organization. Proposals should highlight the importance of the topic, skill, or task to be explored, as well as methods for active participation, including group activities and practical exercises.

Workshop submissions with broad applicability across multiple commodities and agricultural supply chain sectors are preferred. Proposals that demonstrate a clear need for the training and its applicability to U.S. agriculture businesses stand out.

Each submission will be evaluated based on alignment with the Summit objectives and selection criteria. Emphasis will be placed on the ability of the skills learned to drive sustainability action for the food, farming, and agriculture industry's value chains. Additionally, appeal to a multi-faceted audience of nearly 1,000 attendees representing food companies, government agencies, academics, conservation groups, and farmers will be strongly considered.

Preference will be given to unique proposals that conform to the key topics as outlined, are highly engaging, and equip attendees with practical takeaways. Only proposals offering vendor-neutral content will be considered. Priority will be given to proposals covering innovative ideas and/or new approaches. Selection and scheduling for Workshops will be at the discretion of the [Summit organizers](#).

Selection Criteria

- **Directly connect with the overall objectives of the Summit**
- **Creatively teach or train attendees on a topic, skill, or task that will help them address the industry's shared challenges and opportunities**
- **Provide actionable insights, best practices, and/or recommendations that attendees can apply in their work or organization**
- **Must feature methods for audience participation and engagement**
- **Applicable to a broad segment of the Summit's multi-stakeholder audience and can include up to 50 attendees**
- **Must include 3-5 learning objectives and audience takeaways**



IMPORTANT DEADLINE

Workshop Proposals
Friday, July 10, 2026

must be completed and submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern



SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1 SUBMITTER & CONTACT INFORMATION

- ◇ Submitter name, title, organization, and email
- ◇ Contact information for all proposed speakers/facilitators — name, title, organization, and email (Please note: no more than five (5) speakers/facilitators are allowed per Workshop.)
- ◇ Role and participation status:
 - » Proposed - hope to include as a speaker but individual is not yet aware of session
 - » Invited - individual is aware of session and has been asked to participate
 - » Confirmed - individual has agreed to participate in session if it is accepted

2 WORKSHOP PRESENTATION DETAILS

- ◇ Title that concisely indicates the nature of the Workshop (15 words or less). If selected, this is the title that will appear on the Summit agenda and should be short enough so that it will fit completely in the Summit app.
- ◇ Short description (100 words or less) that will appear on the Summit agenda, if selected
- ◇ In-depth summary (500 words or less) that includes:
 - » Clear/concise objectives, including topic overview, Workshop deliverables and outcomes
 - » Detailed description of the knowledge, skills, and/or abilities participants will gain
 - » Outline of Workshop flow, including methods for attendee engagement
 - » Actionable insights, best practices, and/or recommendations that attendees can apply in their work or organization
 - » Materials that would be provided for attendees (optional)

3 WORKSHOP LENGTH

- ◇ Select either 45 or 90 minutes (If 90 minutes is selected, could it be adapted to 45 minutes, if needed?)

4 ATTENDEE FAMILIARITY WITH TOPIC

- ◇ Beginner - participants have little to no prior knowledge of the subject matter
- ◇ Intermediate - participants have some experience and are familiar with the basics of the subject
- ◇ Advanced - participants are highly knowledgeable and experienced; have a solid understanding of the subject
- ◇ Expert - participants who are experts in the field and looking for cutting-edge, specialized content and seek to refine or expand their expertise

5 KEY TOPIC (choose at least one)

- ◇ Data and Technology - e.g. tools, policy, AI, reporting
- ◇ Ecosystems and/or Environment - e.g. GHG emissions, water, biodiversity, circularity, sustainable nutrition
- ◇ Finance/Economic Sustainability - e.g. ecosystems markets, trade, grants/funding
- ◇ Next Generation - e.g. future workforce, land access
- ◇ Social Sustainability - e.g. worker well-being, animal well-being, mental health, rural economies

6 INTENDED COMMODITY AUDIENCE (choose all that apply)

- ◇ Beef • Dairy • Pork • Poultry • Row Crops • Specialty Crops • Other

7 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ◇ Provide 3-5 learning objectives/audience takeaways that are clear, measurable, and achievable

- Proposals must be submitted via the **Abstract Scorecard® website** by **July 10, 2026**. Please **DO NOT email your submission, as they will NOT be accepted**.
- Submitters will have the option to upload up to four supplemental materials in any file format.
- All submitters will be notified of review outcomes by **August 24, 2026**.
- By submitting a proposal for consideration, you agree that, if selected, you will be available to present your Workshop at any time on Wednesday, November 18 or Thursday, November 19, 2026. **Workshops may be either 45 or 90 minutes in length**. Selection and scheduling for Workshops will be at the discretion of the Summit organizers.



SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Roundtable Discussion proposals should identify a specific topic, issue, or opportunity related to sustainability in the U.S. agriculture supply chain that can be further explored through informal, interactive conversations amongst a small group (10 per table) of attendees. They should facilitate collaboration, knowledge sharing, and networking amongst participants as they exchange personal experiences, viewpoints, innovative solutions, and/or approaches to the identified topic without the need for a formal presentation or level-set.

Each submission will be evaluated based on alignment with the Summit objectives and selection criteria. Only discussions offering vendor-neutral content will be considered. Selection and scheduling for each Roundtable Discussion will be at the discretion of the [Summit organizers](#).

Selection Criteria

- **Directly connect with the overall objectives of the Summit**
- **Provide an opportunity for interactive conversations between stakeholders that can lead to deeper discussions that explore solutions, methods for collaboration, and more**
- **Consider our industry's shared natural resource, economic, and human challenges and opportunities that will drive sustainable supply chains in the future**
- **Demonstrate topic applicability to a broad segment of the Summit's multi-stakeholder audience**



IMPORTANT DEADLINE

Roundtable Discussion Proposals
Friday, August 28, 2026

must be completed and submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1 SUBMITTER & CONTACT INFORMATION

- ◇ Submitter name, title, organization, and email
- ◇ Facilitator contact information — name, title, organization, and email
- ◇ Role and participation status:
 - » **Proposed** - hope to include as a speaker but individual is not yet aware of session
 - » **Invited** - individual is aware of session and has been asked to participate
 - » **Confirmed** - individual has agreed to participate in session if it is accepted

2 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION DETAILS

- ◇ Title that concisely indicates the nature of the discussion (15 words or less). If selected, this is the title that will appear on the Summit agenda and should be short enough so that it will fit completely in the Summit app.
- ◇ Short description (100 words or less) that will appear on the Summit agenda, if selected
- ◇ In-depth summary (300 words or less) that includes:
 - » Clear/concise description of the topic, challenge or opportunity that will be discussed, including specific aspects of focus, if relevant
 - » Examples of questions you intend to ask to open/probe for further discussion

3 INTENDED COMMODITY AUDIENCE *(choose all that apply)*

- ◇ Beef • Dairy • Pork • Poultry • Row Crops • Specialty Crops • Other

- Proposals must be submitted via the **Abstract Scorecard® website** by **August 28, 2026**. *Please DO NOT email your submission, as they will NOT be accepted.*
- Submitters will have the option to upload up to four supplemental materials in any file format that will help level-set the discussion.
- All submitters will be notified of review outcomes the week of **September 9, 2026**.
- By submitting a proposal for consideration, you agree that, if selected, you will be available to facilitate your Roundtable Discussion topic during lunch on Wednesday, November 18 or Thursday, November 19, 2026. **Roundtable Discussions will be one hour in length**. Selection and scheduling will be at the discretion of the Summit organizers.

TERMS and CONDITIONS

The proposal submitter agrees to the following terms on behalf of all proposed speakers and/or facilitators and is responsible for communicating these expectations to all speakers and/or facilitators.



BREAKOUTS

- ◇ **REGISTRATION:** All Breakout speakers are required to register (and pay) for the Sustainable Agriculture Summit. A special registration link for a discounted registration rate of \$650 will be provided for each speaker. Name badges will be scanned at each Breakout Session. You must be wearing your name badge or you will not be allowed in the Breakout Session, even if you are a speaker.
- ◇ **ROOM and AV SET:** Breakout rooms will be set theater style, with a mic'd podium and a head table with microphones for four (4) speakers. An LCD projector and screen will be provided, but speakers must bring their own laptop. There will not be an audio option available for videos and there is no virtual option for participation.
- ◇ **WI-FI:** Complimentary wi-fi will be provided throughout the Summit meeting space.
- ◇ **COMPENSATION:** Breakout Session speakers will not receive monetary compensation or reimbursement of travel expenses from the Sustainable Agriculture Summit.
- ◇ **PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:** It is the speakers' responsibility to ensure their proposed presentation and accompanying materials do not violate any proprietary or personal rights of others (including copyright, trademark, and privacy rights), is factually accurate, and contains nothing defamatory or otherwise unlawful.
- ◇ **SPEAKER INFORMATION:** If selected, the Summit has the authority to use the speaker's name, biographical information, and photograph in promotion of the Summit.
- ◇ **RESOURCE SUBMISSION:** If selected, speakers will submit a headshot and 100-word biography by October 16, 2026.



WORKSHOPS

- ◇ **REGISTRATION:** All Workshop speakers and facilitators are required to register (and pay) for the Sustainable Agriculture Summit. A special registration link for a discounted registration rate of \$650 will be provided for each speaker/facilitator. Name badges will be scanned at each Workshop. You must be wearing your name badge, or you will not be allowed in the Workshop, even if you are a speaker or facilitator.
- ◇ **ROOM and AV SET:** There are multiple room and AV sets available for Workshops. Submitters will indicate their preferred room and AV sets in the online form and, if selected, can inquire about further changes with Summit organizers. Speakers must bring their own laptops. There is no virtual option for participation.
- ◇ **WI-FI:** Complimentary wi-fi will be provided throughout the Summit meeting space.
- ◇ **COMPENSATION:** Speakers/facilitators will not receive monetary compensation or reimbursement of travel expenses from the Sustainable Agriculture Summit.
- ◇ **PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:** It is the speakers'/facilitators' responsibility to ensure their proposed Workshop and accompanying materials do not violate any proprietary or personal rights of others (including copyright, trademark, and privacy rights), is factually accurate, and contains nothing defamatory or otherwise unlawful.
- ◇ **SPEAKER/FACILITATOR INFORMATION:** If selected, the Summit has the authority to use the speaker's/facilitator's name, biographical information, and photograph in promotion of the Summit.
- ◇ **RESOURCE SUBMISSION:** If selected, speakers/facilitators will submit a headshot and 100-word biography by October 16, 2026.



ROUNDTABLES

- ◇ **REGISTRATION:** All Roundtable Discussion facilitators are required to register (and pay) for the Sustainable Agriculture Summit. A special registration link for a discounted registration rate of \$650 will be provided for the facilitator. Name badges will be scanned at the tables. You must be wearing your name badge, or you will not be allowed in the Networking Hall, even if you are a facilitator.
- ◇ **ROUNDTABLE SET:** Roundtable Discussions will take place at a reserved set of tables that are part of the existing setup in the Summit's Networking Hall. A maximum of 10 people, including the Roundtable facilitator, can sit at each table on a first-come, first-served basis. No technology will be made available at the table – facilitators should bring their own laptop if desired.
- ◇ **WI-FI:** Complimentary wi-fi will be provided throughout the Summit meeting space.
- ◇ **COMPENSATION:** Facilitators will not receive monetary compensation or reimbursement of travel expenses from the Sustainable Agriculture Summit.
- ◇ **PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:** It is the facilitator's responsibility to ensure their proposed discussion does not violate any proprietary or personal rights of others (including copyright, trademark, and privacy rights), is factually accurate, and contains nothing defamatory or otherwise unlawful.
- ◇ **FACILITATOR INFORMATION:** If selected, the Summit has the authority to use the facilitator's name, biographical information, and photograph in promotion of the Summit.