



2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 5, 2026 – October 8, 2026

Embassy Suites Grand Rapids
710 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Monday – October 5

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Registration (Grand Foyer)

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Board of Directors Meeting (Nelson)

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Welcome Reception (Salon A)

Smart Phone Grain Analysis

Ruchi Ryley, AXON Americas – Inarix

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Networking Room (Room 724)

Tuesday – October 6

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Salon A

Registration / Breakfast (on your own)

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Welcome

Dr. Tim Boring, MDARD Director

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

NGFA 2026 Policy Priorities and Issues Update

Jess McClure, National Grain and Feed Association

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Protecting Producers Together: An Industry

Perspective on Grain Dealer Audits

Robert Geers, Michigan Agricultural Commodities

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Roll Call and Updates

AGRO Members

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Grain Balance Sheets and Markets Angie Setzer, Consus
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Basis Trading and Risk Management Jeff Reardon, White Commercial
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Bankruptcy Basics for Grain Regulators Abigail Ryan, National Association of Attorneys General
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	USDA Update Carie Cameron, USDA
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner (on your own)
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Networking Room (Room 724)
Wednesday – October 7	Salon A
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast (on your own)
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	The Financial Condition of the Grain & Farm Supply Industry Matt Hellwig, CoBank
8:45 AM – 9:30 AM	ExamNet and ExamHand Update Mike Delong, ExamNet
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Break
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Simplifying Checkoff Program Audits and Administration Easton Kuboushek, Checkoff Pro
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Committee Meetings & Report Out
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch (on your own)
12:30 PM – 12:40 PM	Meet in lobby for transportation to offsite tour
12:40PM – 4:15 PM	Tour of Founders Brewing Company and Ed Dunneback & Girls Farm Market
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Return from tour

5:30 PM – 5:40 PM	Meet in lobby for transportation to President's Banquet
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	President's Banquet New Holland Brewing
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Networking Room (Room 724)
Thursday – October 8	Salon A
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast (on your own)
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Grain Measurement Technology James Case, VEGA
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Reality Capture Technology Patrick Crawford, Leica Chris Wilkes, Leica
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Business Meeting
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Board of Directors Meeting