

Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Kansas State University Present AgCon 2026

Agricultural Commodity Futures Conference (AgCon) Agenda

October 22-23, 2026

Marriott Kansas City Overland Park, 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210-2320

Thursday, October 22		
Industry Perspective on Strengthening Agricultural Futures Markets		
Time (CT)	Topic	Presenters
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Conference Welcome from CFTC and K-State	➤ Michael Selig, Chairman, CFTC ➤ Richard Linton, President, K-State
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Panel One: “Commodities, Contracts, and Big Moves: Are Derivatives Keeping up with Cash Markets?”	➤ Moderator: Glynn Tonsor, Professor, Agricultural Economics, K-State ➤ Panelists: ○ Patrick Coyle, Director of Trading & Operations, Lakeside Grain Trading LLC ○ Lance Zimmerman, Senior Beef Industry Analyst, Rabobank ○ Fred Seamon, Executive Director in Agricultural Markets, CME Group ○ Joe Barker, Senior Director of Commodity Brokerage, CHS Hedging ○ Liam Smith, Chief Strategy Officer, Optiver
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break	
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Fireside Chat with Mike Seyfert, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Grain and Feed Association: “Accessing Agricultural Credit”	➤ TBD
3:20 pm – 4:20 pm	Panel Two: “Addressing Challenges in the Farm Economy”	➤ Moderator: Joe Parcell, Professor and Director, K-State Risk Management Center ➤ Panelists:

		○ Adam Donoho, Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, White House National Economic Council ○ John Newton, Vice President Public Policy and Economic Analysis, American Farm Bureau Federation ○ Seth Meyer, Director, Food & Agricultural Policy Research Institute ○ Tanner Ehmke, Lead Economist for Grains & Oilseeds, CoBank
4:20 pm – 4:40 pm	Break	
4:40 pm – 5:30 pm	Panel Three: “Changes in Innovative Markets: Perpetuals, 24/7 Trading, and Tokenized Collateral”	➤ Moderator: Keaghan Ames, BGR ➤ Panelists: ○ Jake Chervinsky, Chief Executive Officer, Hyperliquid Policy Center ○ Andriana VanderGriend, Senior Manager, Regulatory Policy, Payward ○ Daniel Gerhardstein, Head of Policy, Jump Trading Group ○ John Murphy, Managing Director, Global Head of Futures, Mizuho Americas ○ Gabe Afolayan, Vice President, Soybean Merchandising & Trading, Cargill
5:35 pm – 6:05 pm	Fireside Chat with CFTC Chairman Michael Selig	➤ Aaron Hedlund, Member, White House Council of Economic Advisors, Executive Office of the President
6:05 pm – 7:00 pm	Social Hour	
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Dinner and Keynote Address	➤ Stephen Vaden, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Friday, October 23		
The Future of Futures: What’s Next for Derivatives Markets		
7:00 am – 8:20 am	Continental Breakfast	
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7:50 am – 8:20 am	Morning Keynote Address: “Commodity Markets, Public Policy, and the Senate Agriculture Agenda”	➤ Senator Roger Marshall of Kansas, Member of Senate Agriculture Committee

8:25 am – 9:10 am	Panel Four: “Quick Takes on Big Questions: Agricultural Prediction Markets?”	➤ Moderator: Scott Parsons, Managing Partner, Delta Strategy Group ➤ Panelists: ○ Sudhir Jain, Chief Compliance Officer and Head of Regulatory Affairs, Kalshi ○ Neal Kumar, Chief Legal Officer, Polymarket ○ Steve Humenik, Chairman of the Board of OG Prediction Markets and Chief Legal Officer, OG.com ○ Reggie Griffith, Global Head of Regulatory Compliance, Louis Dreyfus Company ○ Ed Prosser, Senior Vice President, Special Projects, Scoular
9:15 am – 9:45 am	Presentations: “From Public Reports to Proprietary Signals: Data in Modern Commodity Markets”	➤ Gene Kunda, Market Analyst, CFTC
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Fireside Chat with CFTC Chairman Michael Selig	➤ Tarek Mansour, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Kalshi
10:35 am – 11:20 am	Panel Five: “AI, Information Advantage, and Market Integrity”	➤ Moderator: Michael Passalacqua, Senior Advisor, CFTC ➤ Panelists: ○ Coinbase ○ Makenzie Billings, Chief Operating Officer, Agriculture USA, Marex ○ Buddy Allen, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Cotton Shippers Association ○ TBD
11:25 am – 11:55 am	Fireside Chat with CFTC Chairman Michael Selig	➤ Walt Lukken, President and Chief Executive Officer, FIA
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch and Keynote Address:	TBD
1:05 pm – 1:25 pm	Presentation: Growing Partnerships with the CFTC	
1:30 pm – 2:20 pm	Panel Six: “Beyond the Trade: Clearing, Access, and Intermediaries”	➤ Moderator: Darin Guries, Vice President of U.S. Government Relations, FIA ➤ Panelists:

		○ Brad Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, ICE Futures U.S. ○ Brad Weber, Managing Director in the Futures and Cleared Swaps Business and Head of Sales for the Western U.S., Goldman Sachs ○ Gerry Corcoran, Chief Executive Officer, R.J. O'Brien, and Special Advisor to the StoneX Executive Committee ○ Tom Anderson, Senior Vice President, Group Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, ADM Investor Services
2:25 pm – 2:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks	➤ Michael Selig, Chairman, CFTC