

***GENERAL SESSION II: THURSDAY EVENING SESSION***  
***A Conversation with a Kansas Producer***

**MICHAEL SPRINGER**

Educating the public about what farmers do on the farm to raise healthy, quality food motivates Michael Springer. As an Operation Main Street speaker for Kansas Pork Association, he talks to grade schools and civic groups. Appointed by the governor of Kansas, Michael currently sits on the Kansas State Board of Agriculture. He's also served on the Young Farmers & Ranchers committee and the swine advisory committee for Kansas Farm Bureau.

Between juggling all of these activities, his main focus is his family farm, where he returned after graduating from Kansas State University. Now, Michael and his wife, Christy, have a partnership with his grandparents, parents, aunt and uncle. Together, they own a 3,200-sow farrow-to-finish hog operation, which Michael manages, and 5,000 acres of row crops. Michael's passion for ag entrepreneurship started in sixth grade when he started raising bucket calves.