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Winter Conference

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January 20 and 21, 2026
Full Program Offered Each Day
The Gateway, Oberlin, KS



2026 Session Descriptions

2026 Grain Market Outlook and Strategies: Grain market prospects for 2026 depend on how seasonal market supply and demand looks and whether local crop usage will be strong enough to avoid the 'weak grain basis' and 'scarce selling opportunities'.

Crop Prices and Equitable Lease Arrangements: Using data from NW KS farms, we take a look at profitability and how it factors into negotiating lease terms that are equitable to both landlord and tenant.

Considerations for Intensifying Crop Rotations: As we look at intensifying crop rotations, what factors should be considered? We'll take a look at research results from various long-term dryland trials with insight into this.

Early Experiences with Targeted Herbicide Applications in Kansas: Information from interviews with early adopters of the technology and from in-field research trials will be covered.

Incorporating Forages into Dryland Rotations: A look at where forages fit into dryland cropping systems and how they affect the overall rotation.

Meeting Crop Nutrient Needs in Lean Economic Times: Determining how to spend the fertilizer budget can be challenging. Learn about fertilizer products and management techniques to get the best return on your fertilizer investment.

Navigating the 2026 Crop Insurance Decision, with SCO and ECO options: Recent policy changes have reduced the cost of Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) and Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO). This presentation will review these options and provide practical examples of these coverage strategies.

Top 5 Legal Issues Farmers Don't Think Of, But Should. We will review legal items that farmers should consider, for both farm business matters and future planning.

Weather Resources and 2026 Outlook: Get a look at available weather tools/apps and understand where their forecast information originates from. And get an outlook for weather this growing season.

Weed Control in Crop Rotations: A look at weed control plans for common rotations and commonly asked questions for controlling hard-to-control weeds.

Room 1			Room 2		Room 3		Room 4		
7:45	8:15	Registration							
8:15	8:20	Welcome							
8:30	9:20	Crop Prices and Equitable Lease Arrangements ¹ (M. Wood and G. Conover)	Navigating the 2026 Crop Insurance Decision, with SCO and ECO ¹ (J. Ifft)	Meeting Crop Nutrient Needs in Lean Times ¹ (D. Ruiz-Diaz)					
9:30	10:20	Top 5 Legal Issues Farmers Don't Think Of, But Should ¹ (R. McEowen)	Considerations for Intensifying Crop Rotations ¹ (L. Haag)	Incorporating Forages into Dryland Rotations (A. Obour)				Industry Session	
10:20	10:50	View Exhibits							
10:50	11:40	2026 Grain Market Outlook and Strategies ¹ (D. O'Brien)	Weather Resources and 2026 Outlook ^{1,2} (C. Redmond)	Weed Control in Crop Rotations ^{1,2} (J. Falk Jones)				Industry Session	
11:50	12:40	Navigating the 2026 Crop Insurance Decision, with SCO and ECO ¹ (J. Ifft)	Early Experiences with Targeted Herbicide Applications in Kansas ^{1,2} (S. Lancaster)	Lunch					
12:50	1:40	Meeting Crop Nutrient Needs in Lean Times ¹ (D. Ruiz-Diaz)	2026 Grain Market Outlook and Strategies ¹ (D. O'Brien)						
1:50	2:40	Considerations for Intensifying Crop Rotations ¹ (L. Haag)	Top 5 Legal Issues Farmers Don't Think Of, But Should ¹ (R. McEowen)	Weather Resources and 2026 Outlook ^{1,2} (C. Redmond)				Industry Session	
2:40	3:10	View Exhibits							
3:10	4:00	Weed Control in Crop Rotations ^{1,2} (J. Falk Jones)	Incorporating Forages into Dryland Rotations (A. Obour)						Industry Session
4:10	5:00	Early Experiences with Targeted Herbicide Applications in Kansas ^{1,2} (S. Lancaster)	Crop Prices and Equitable Lease Arrangements ¹ (M. Wood and G. Conover)	¹ CCA CEUs applied for ² Commercial Applicator CEUs approved					

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