

**Farm Bill Summit**  
**March 20, 2017**  
**Conference Program**



**7:00 a.m. Registration Opens**

**8:00 a.m. Welcome**

- Sara Wyant, *Editor, Agri-Pulse*

**8:15 a.m. Welcome Remarks**

- Zippy Duvall, *President, American Farm Bureau Federation*
- Tom Zacharias, *President, National Crop Insurance Services*
- Galen Lee, *President, American Sugarbeet Growers Association*
- Chuck Conner, *President & CEO, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives*

**8:45 a.m. Breaking Down the Baseline and Budget Challenges**

- Jonathan Coppess, *Director, Gardner Agriculture Policy Program, University of Illinois*

**9:15 a.m. Panel 1: Next Generation Risk Management – What Does It Look Like?**

**Moderator:** Jeff Nalley, *Agri-Pulse Contributing Editor*

**Panel:**

- Mary Kay Thatcher, *Sr. Director of Congressional Relations, American Farm Bureau Federation*
- Rob Larew, *Sr. Vice President, Public Policy & Communications, National Farmers Union*
- Jim Mulhern, *President & CEO, National Milk Producers Federation*
- Joe Glauber, *Sr. Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute*
- Chuck Conner, *President & CEO, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives*

**10:30 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. Panel 2: Conservation: What Works, What Doesn't**

**Moderator:** Sara Wyant, *Editor, Agri-Pulse*

**Panel:**

- Tina May, *Sr. Director of Sustainability, Land O'Lakes*
- Eric Lindstrom, *National Manager of Agriculture Policy, Ducks Unlimited*
- Suzy Friedman, *Sr. Director of Agriculture Sustainability, Environmental Defense Fund*
- Dave White, *Co-Founder/Partner, 9B Group*– Anne Simmons, *Democratic Staff Director, House Agriculture Committee*

**12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**

**12:45 p.m. Welcome Remarks**

- Leif Magnusson, *President, CLAAS Global Sales Americas*
- John Keeling, *Specialty Crop Coalition, Exec. VP and CEO, National Potato Council*
- Todd Van Hoose, *President & CEO, Farm Credit Council*

**1:00 p.m. Farm Bill Perspectives**

- Representative Mike Conaway, *House Agriculture Committee Chairman*

**1:30 p.m. Panel 4: Bridging the Gaps Between Farm and Food Policy**

**Moderator:** Philip Brasher, *Agri-Pulse Senior Editor*

**Panel:**

- Blake Hurst, *President, Missouri Farm Bureau*
- Carrie Calvert, *Vice President, Feeding America*
- Michel Nischan, *CEO/Founder, Wholesome Wave*
- Matt Perin, *Head of Government Relations, The Kroger Co.*

**2:30 p.m. Break**

**2:45 p.m. Panel 5: How the Farm Bill Can Help Bring the Next Generation Back to the Farm Through Investments in Infrastructure, Research and Rural Development**

**Moderator:** Spencer Chase, *Agri-Pulse Associate Editor*

**Panel:**

- Krysta Harden, *Vice President of Public Policy and Chief Sustainability Officer, DuPont*
- Laura Batcha, *CEO, Organic Trade Association*
- Travis Medine, *Louisiana Farmer*
- Ryan Quarles, *Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Chair, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Communications Working Group*
- Neil Dierks, *CEO, National Pork Producers Council*

**3:45 p.m. 2018 Farm Bill Outlook**

- Representative Collin Peterson, *House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member*
- Senator Debbie Stabenow, *Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking Member*
- Senator Pat Roberts, *Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman*

**5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks**

**5:15 p.m. Agri-Pulse Customer Appreciation Reception**