



58th Annual Fertilizer and Pesticide Conference

— Tuesday, November 24, 2026 —

WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT JACOB DAVENPORT

On behalf of the Southern Illinois Fertilizer and Pesticide Conference Board and Southern Illinois University, welcome to the 58th Annual Southern Illinois Fertilizer and Pesticide Conference and thank you for your continued support. As we reflect on the challenges of 2026 and look ahead to 2027, today is an opportunity to explore new ideas, innovations, and strategies to help our farms and businesses recover, adapt, and thrive. We encourage you to take advantage of today's presentations and connect with our speakers and vendors throughout the day. Their knowledge, expertise, and continued support are an important part of this conference and our industry. This conference brings together agriculture professionals from across Southern Illinois and the greater Midwest area, so enjoy the opportunity to network, share experiences, and strengthen relationships across our industry.

On behalf of the entire board, I wish you and your families a safe and joyful holiday season.

Thank you again for being here.



**A DAY OF RESEARCH, INDUSTRY INSIGHT, PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTION.**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, November 24, 2026 | Registration & displays begin at 8:00

8:00 – 9:00 am

Registration and Displays

Check in, visit exhibitors and connect with colleagues.

9:00 – 9:50 am

Weed Management for 2027

Bryan Young, Professor, Purdue University

New herbicides, technologies and practices that can improve weed management in 2027, along with changes in weed populations that create greater challenges.

9:55– 10:45 am

IL NREC: Investing in Research, Delivering Results

Corey Lacey, Executive Director, NREC

An overview of Illinois NREC, how it funds nutrient research and education, and how that work delivers practical value for Illinois agriculture.

10:45 – 11:15 am

Break

Visit exhibitors and connect with colleagues.

11:15 am– 12:05 pm

Let's Talk Weather Forecasts

Trent W. Ford, Illinois State Climatologist; **and**
Dr. Joseph E. Trujillo-Falcon, Assistant Professor
University of Illinois

A focus-group discussion on current weather forecast information, communication and accuracy, with input from producers and ag professionals.

12:05 –1:30 pm

Lunch and Industry Updates

Jenny Webb, President, IFCA

A look at the policy and economic issues facing Illinois ag retail, and how IFCA is working on members' behalf.

Followed by Awards and Recognitions:

Erik Brevik, SIU Carbondale, and

Albert Allen, Midwest Agricultural Scholarship Fund

MEET THE SPEAKERS

Research, policy, weather and industry perspectives for the 2027 season

Bryan Young



Professor of Weed Science
Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Purdue University

Young has held an academic appointment with teaching, research and outreach activities for more than 28 years. His work focuses on weed biology and ecology, herbicide application technology and characterizing herbicide resistance in weeds.

Corey Lacey, Ph.D.



Executive Director
Illinois Nutrient Research & Education Council

Lacey brings experience in agricultural research, nonprofit leadership, public policy and coalition development. His work connects nutrient research and education with practical outcomes for Illinois farmers, agricultural retailers and water quality.

**MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR DAY VISIT VENDOR DISPLAYS
DURING REGISTRATION AND BREAK, CONNECT WITH
SPEAKERS, AND MAKE TIME TO NETWORK WITH
AGRICULTURE PROFESSIONALS FROM ACROSS SOUTHERN
ILLINOIS AND THE GREATER MIDWEST.**

MEET THE SPEAKERS cont.

Trent Ford



Illinois State Climatologist
Prairie Research Institute
University of Illinois

Ford leads climate and drought monitoring, research and data collection for Illinois. His work focuses on climate and climate change and their impacts, especially as they relate to water, communities, industries and state agencies.

Jenny Webb



President
Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association

Webb serves as President of the Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association (IFCA), where she leads the organization's efforts to represent and support Illinois' fertilizer and crop protection industry. In this role, she works closely with IFCA members, policymakers, regulatory agencies, agricultural organizations and other industry partners on issues affecting agribusiness and Illinois agriculture. Prior to joining IFCA, Jenny spent more than a decade with Illinois Farm Bureau. She holds a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness from Illinois State University and resides in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois.

Hotel Accommodations

DoubleTree by Hilton Mt. Vernon
222 Potomac Blvd. • Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

For reservations, contact the hotel directly at (618) 244-7100.

SCHOLARSHIPS & CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Recognizing students and the people who help guide the conference. Awardees will be announced during lunch at the conference.

Lloyd Burling Ag Fertilizer & Pesticide Industry Award
George Kapusta Weed Science Award
Ed Varsa Soil Science Award
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SCAN TO REGISTER ONLINE

PARTICIPANT / GROUP REGISTRATION

Please list all individuals included in this registration. If you are registering multiple attendees from the same organization, you may submit one form with all names and contact details below.

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(After November 15th, registration fees increase \$10)

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Please select a level: (26W0900201E)

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| ☐ SILVER | \$200 – \$299 | 1 registration + lunch + 1 exhibit table |
| ☐ GOLD | \$300 – \$399 | 2 registrations + lunches + 1 exhibit table |
| ☐ PLATINUM | \$400+ | 2 registrations + lunches + 1 exhibit table + exhibit location reserved |

If a previous platinum sponsor, do you want the same booth as before: ☐ Yes ☐ No

\$50 Additional Vendor / Name and Email: _____

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- ☐ Contribution Only
- ☐ I will need a table for my display (Silver Level or above)
- ☐ Outdoor Display for Heavy Equipment (Silver Level or above)

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We look forward to seeing you at the 58th Annual Southern Illinois Fertilizer & Pesticide Conference!