

**Our Farms, Our Future**  
**April 3-5, 2018**  
**Breakout Session Schedule**

**Day One: Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

	<b>Track A</b> Building Soil Health with Cover Crops and Other Strategies	<b>Track B</b> Eating Well Together: Developing Partnerships for a Local Food Economy	<b>Track C</b> Ecology and Economics of Grazing for Beef and Dairy	<b>Track D</b> Profitable Pigs and Poultry	<b>Track E</b> Successful Small Ruminant Production	<b>Track F</b> Surviving and Thriving with Vegetable and Fruit Production	<b>Track G</b> The First Years on the Farm or Ranch	<b>Track H</b> Transforming Urban Landscapes and Communities with Urban Agriculture
<b>Breakout Session #1:</b> 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	The state of soil health and the latest insights on soil biology	Rules, regulations and scale	Animal impacts on soil health	Keys to profitably producing pastured poultry	Manage small ruminants for animal and ecosystem health	Improving and optimizing water use	Two major challenges new farmers face and how to manage them (finances and markets)	Urban agriculture in the heart of the Midwest
<b>Breakout Session #2:</b> 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM	Opportunities across the Corn Belt and Northern Plains	Social, economic and environmental impacts of local food systems	Animal behavior in grazing management	Alternative methods of pork production	How to raise small ruminants profitably and sustainably	Manage weeds successfully	New farmers share their hurdles and successes	Climate change and conservation in urban agriculture
<b>Breakout Session #3:</b> 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Opportunities in the South and in the Pacific Northwest	Developing partnerships in the real world	Market and economic factors of beef and dairy production	Processing and marketing pork and poultry products	Markets for sheep and goat products	Farm labor in vegetable and fruit production systems	Lessons every farmer and rancher needs to know	How to create long-term, viable urban farming businesses

**Day Two: Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

	<b>Track I</b> Success Stories in Farming and Ranching	<b>Track J</b> Launching the Next Generation of Farmers and Ranchers	<b>Track K</b> Farming and Ranching in a Changing Climate	<b>Track L</b> Water Challenges for the Coming Decades	<b>Track M</b> Addressing the Intersection of Economics and the Environment in Future Food Systems	<b>Track N</b> How to Build a Food System	<b>Track O</b> Pollinators, Wildlife and Biodiversity on Farms and Ranches	<b>Track P</b> Service Learning and Engaged Scholarship Opportunities in Sustainable Agriculture
<b>Breakout Session #4:</b> 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM*	Individual stories of success from farm families across the US	Supporting the next generation, especially when it comes to land access	How farmers and ranchers can make their operations climate resilient	Water quality and quantity issues facing farmers and ranchers across the country	Preserving natural resources while turning a profit	How to build a food system for the people who take part in it	The role of our food system in supporting pollinators, wildlife and biodiversity	Educating the emerging leaders and scientists supporting the sustainable agriculture community
<b>Breakout Session #5:</b> 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM*								

\*Day Two sessions are repeated.