# Ag Summit

AMERICAN PLAINS CO-OP 2026

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| 8:00 AM | | Doors Open & Breakfast |
| 9:30 AM | | Breakout Session 1 |
| 10:00 AM | | Break & Vendor Expo |
| 10:30 AM | | Breakout Session 2 |
| 11:00 AM | | Break & Vendor Expo |
| 11:30 AM | | Lunch |
| 12:15 PM | | Keynote Speaker |
| 1:30 PM | | Breakout Session 3 |
| 2:00 PM | | Break & Vendor Expo |
| 2:30 PM | | Breakout Session 4 |
| 3:00 PM | | Vendor Expo |
| 4:00 PM | | Event Concludes |

**December 1, 2026**
**Great Bend Event Center**
**3111 10th St.**
**Great Bend, KS 67530**

# Breakout Session Details

| | Cheyenne Bottoms | Fort Zarah | Santa Fe |
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| 9:30 | Fuel | Financial | Succession Planning |
| 10:30 | Fertilizer | Weather | A.I. in Ag |
| 1:30 | Fertilizer | Financial | A.I. in Ag |
| 2:30 | Fuel | Weather | Sucession Planning |

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| Fuel Outlook | • Wyatt Mobley, *CHS* |
| Financial | • Chuck Bibb, *CFA* |
| Succession Planning | • Ashlee Westerhold, *AgKansitions* |
| Fertilizer | • Josh Linville, *StoneX* |
| A.I. in Agriculture | • Ajay Sharda, *KSU* |
| Weather | • Chip Redmond, *KSU Mesonet* |

**Breakfast & Lunch - West Ballroom**
**Ag Vendor Expo - East Ballroom**

**Coffee & Drinks Available in the Expo Area All Day**

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# Breakout Sessions

Our breakout sessions feature industry experts covering topics that matter to your operation:

-Fuel Outlook | Wyatt Mobley, CHS-
Refined Fuels and a general Energy Market Update

·Financial | Chuck Bibb, CFA
Current Agricultural Credit Conditions in the Midwest, with a look forward to the next year. Topics include farmland values, grain markets, interest rates, ag banking conditions, and farm income trends. This will be a broad discussion & questions will be encouraged and welcomed.

-Succession Planning | Ashlee Westerhold, AgKansitions-

-Fertilizer Outlook | Josh Linville, StoneX-
Farmers continue to face incredibly high fertilizer prices in the face of relatively poor grain values. World events continue to be the driving force behind the fertilizer markets. Knowing what events around the world are keeping prices high will hopefully give you an idea of what to watch in the future for hopefully lower-priced values.

-AI in Agriculture | Ajay Sharda, KSU-

-Weather | Chip Redmond, KSU Mesonet-
Chip will present an outlook on the expected weather into 2027 with emphasis on potential impacts to agriculture. He will also provide producers with useful apps/tools most recommended while also leveraging free resources such as the Kansas Mesonet.

Sessions are offered throughout the morning and afternoon, giving you multiple opportunities to attend topics that interest you.

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# Keynote Speaker Trooper Ben



Trooper Ben Gardner served 26 years with the Kansas Highway Patrol before retiring to pursue a new mission: helping people discover purpose, make safer choices, and help more. A U.S. Army veteran who struggled in school with IEPs and a sense of not belonging, Trooper Ben found his path through military service and a career in law enforcement.

During his tenure, he spent nearly 14 years delivering defensive driving presentations, became one of the most recognizable law enforcement voices on social media by building a 125,000-follower page, and knocked on more doors than he can count - delivering the news no family wants to hear.

Today, Trooper Ben is a national speaker, author, and public safety consultant. He speaks to schools, businesses, agencies, and community groups about leadership, social media best practices, active shooter preparedness, safe driving, and the importance of noticing, caring, listening, and acting.

He is the founder of the #HelpMore movement and the #HelpMore Foundation, launched July 1, 2026. His memoir, Awkward in a Thin Blue Line - written with Elaine McAllister - released October 1, 2026 and traces the chapters before the badge: childhood struggles, military years, the early days of the Patrol, and the quiet lessons that shaped a life of service.

Trooper Ben lives in Lindsborg, Kansas.
His message is simple: help more, judge less, keep going.

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