



SESSION #1 – THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND KEY INDUSTRY ISSUES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

9:15 AM – 4:00 PM

INDIANA STATEHOUSE – INDIANAPOLIS – Room 125

- 9:15 a.m. Class arrives at Statehouse – Proceed to Room 125
Welcome and Introductions
Overview of the Emerging Professionals Leadership Program
(ACI Leadership – Board Chairs, Committee Chairs)
- 10:00 a.m. Observation of Indiana General Assembly Session – Statehouse Chambers
- 10:45 a.m. BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. The ACI Legislative Agenda – What Do We Care About?
(ACI Lobbyists Mark Shublak and Lesa Dietrick, Ice Miller LLP and Policy Committee Chairs)
- 11:40 a.m. A Conversation with Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann
- 12:10 p.m. Lunch Discussion with State Legislators
- Representative Bill Friend (House 23) – Republican Floor Leader and Member House Agriculture Committee
 - Representative Don Lehe (House 25) – Chair, House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee and Member Environmental Affairs Committee
 - Senator Jean Leising (Senate 42) – Chair, Senate Agriculture Committee - **INVITED**
- 1:00 p.m. The Political Process – Lobbying and Advocacy – How Do You Engage?
(ACI Lobbyists)
- 1:45 p.m. BREAK
- 2:00 p.m. Advocating for Agriculture – Panel Discussion with Association Executives
- Amy Cornell, Policy Advisor and Counsel, Indiana Farm Bureau
 - Patrick Pfingsten, Public Affairs Manager, Indiana Soybean Alliance/IN Corn Marketing Council/Indiana Corn Growers Association
 - David Bausman, Director Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Indiana State Department of Agriculture
 - Elisha Kemp, Manager, State Government and Public Affairs, Dow AgroSciences
- 3:15 p.m. Closing Observations and Class Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. ADJOURN
- 4:30 p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION AT THE BOURBON STREET DISTILLERY (361 Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46204)

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**SESSION #2 – THE MARKET AND BUSINESS CONNECTIONS BETWEEN
PRODUCERS AND AGRIBUSINESS**

April 12, 2016 - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Walton, Clymers, Logansport

- 9:00 a.m. Arrive at The Andersons, Inc. Walton Facility
8086 East Co Road 900 South, Galveston, IN 46932
- 9:10 a.m. Introductions and Meeting Overview
Beth Bechdol, President of Agribusiness Council of Indiana
- 9:15 a.m. The Outlook for the Agriculture Economy and Key Commodity Markets
Dr. Chris Hurt, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University
- 9:45 a.m. An Overview of The Andersons, Inc.
Mike Anderson, Chairman of The Andersons, Inc.
- 10:15 a.m. Tour of Walton Facility (provided by Adam Lovelace, Farm Center Manager)
- 11:00 a.m. Class members travel to The Andersons Clymers Ethanol Facility
3389 West County Road 300 South, Logansport, IN 46947
- 11:20 a.m. Arrive at The Andersons Clymers Ethanol Facility
Boxed Lunches Served – Thanks to The Andersons for Sponsoring!
- 11:30 a.m. Today's Ethanol Industry – Market and Policy Dynamics
Dr. Wally Tyner, James and Lois Ackerman Professor Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University
- 12:00 p.m. An Overview of The Andersons Ethanol Group
Casey McMurtrie, Mgr. of Quality Assurance & Laboratory, The Andersons
- 12:15 p.m. Break
- 12:30 p.m. Tour of The Andersons Clymers Ethanol Facility
- 1:30 p.m. Class members travel to Tyson Foods, Inc. Logansport
2125 S. County Road 125 W, Logansport, IN 46947
- 1:45 p.m. Arrive at Tyson Foods, Inc.
- 2:00 p.m. An Overview of Tyson Foods, Inc.
Michael Bryant, Complex Manager

- 2:45 p.m. Key Issues Facing the Indiana Livestock Industry and its Producers
Andy Tauer, Livestock Director at the Indiana Soybean Alliance/Indiana Corn Marketing Council
- 3:00 p.m. Tour of Tyson Foods, Inc.
- 4:00 p.m. Closing Observations of Class Members
ADJOURN
- 4:30 p.m. Class Networking Reception – PLEASE JOIN US!
Old Style Inn, 219 S 6th St, Logansport, IN 46947

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**SESSION #3 – WATER QUALITY AND NUTRIENT STEWARDSHIP – LESSONS LEARNED
FROM TOLEDO AND THE WESTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN**

August 16-17, 2016

MAUMEE BAY LODGE- OREGON, OHIO

Tuesday, August 16th *Attire for the day is nice casual*

- On your own Arrive at Maumee Bay Lodge for Check-In
Hotel address: 1750 Park Road 2, Oregon, OH
Hotel phone: (800) 282-7275
- 5:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception - See Lodge marquee for room
- 5:45 p.m. Buffet Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions - Beth Bechdol, ACI President
- 6:45 p.m. Agricultural Issues Facing Ohio
(Comments by guests from Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Soybean, and Ohio
Corn)
- 8:00 p.m. S'More Night Around the Fire Pit – Grounds of Lodge

Wednesday, August 17th *Attire for the day is nice casual*

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Buffet breakfast available outside meeting room
- 8:30 a.m.. Welcome and Introductions – Beth Bechdol, ACI
- 8:45 a.m. *An Overview of Phosphorous Loading and Related Algae Bloom Impacts on
the Western Basin of Lake Erie* - Steve Davis – Watershed Specialist, USDA
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- 9:25 a.m. *Toledo's Water Treatment* – Chuck Campbell, City of Toledo (INVITED)
- 9:45 a.m. *The 4Rs and Nutrient Conservation Issues* – Carrie Vollmer-Sanders –
Nutrient Strategy Manager, North America Agriculture Program, The Nature
Conservancy
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK

- 10:50 a.m. *The Launch of the 4R Nutrient Certification Program*, Jim Lake - 4R Program Outreach Coordinator, 4R Nutrient Certification Program
- 11:30 a.m. *What Does This Mean for Indiana? What Are We Doing to Protect our Water Resources?* Jennifer Thum – District Support Specialist, Division of Soil Conservation, IN State Department of Agriculture
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 12:45 a.m. *Why Does This Matter to my Agribusiness?* Doug Busdeker, former General Manager with The Andersons and former Ohio Agribusiness Association Board member
- 1:30 p.m. Load Boats for Lake Erie Outing
- 3:30 p.m. Return to Lodge and Adjourn

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**SESSION #4 – AGRIBUSINESS IN NORTHWESTERN INDIANA – CROPS
AND LIVESTOCK INNOVATION**

November 2, 2016 – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MONSANTO – REMINGTON – *EASTERN TIME ZONE*

FAIR OAKS FARMS AND BELSTRA MILLING – *CENTRAL TIME ZONE*

Wednesday, November 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. (EDT) Arrive at Monsanto Seed Production Facility
Address: 15849 S US Hwy 231, Remington, IN 47977
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- Beth Bechdol, ACI President
 - Michelle Vigna, ACI Board Member and Area Business Manager—
Northern Indiana, Asgrow/DEKALB
- 9:30 a.m. *An Overview of Monsanto's Remington Facility and Indiana Presence*
- Michelle Vigna
 - Terry Quadhamer, Production Lead for Seed Corn Production Facility
- 10:00 a.m. Remington Seed Production Facility Tour
- 11:30 a.m. (EDT) Tour concludes – Group departs for Fair Oaks
Address: 856 N 600 E, Fair Oaks, IN 47943

**ARRIVE AT FAIR OAKS – 11:00 A.M. (CENTRAL TIME ZONE) – PROCEED TO FARMHOUSE
RESTAURANT**

- 11:15 a.m. (CST) *"Throwing Open the Barn Door" – An Inside Look at Belstra Milling and its
Connection to Fair Oaks.* Nick DeKryger, Director of Finance and Business
Development, Belstra Milling
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH at Fair Oaks Farmhouse Restaurant - Jasper Room
- Operational Discussion of the Pig and Dairy Facilities*
- Nick DeKryger, Belstra Milling
 - Phil Leman, Dairy Service Manager, Belstra Milling
- 1:30 p.m. Guided Tour of the Pig Adventure at Fair Oaks

- 2:30 p.m. BREAK
- 2:45 p.m. Guided Tour of the Dairy Adventure at Fair Oaks
- 3:45 p.m. Closing Observations and Fair Oaks Cheese/Ice Cream/Souvenir Shopping
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn
- 4:30 p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION – Fair Oaks Farm House Restaurant Boardroom

**** NOTE: REMINGTON IS IN THE EASTERN TIME ZONE AND FAIR OAKS IS LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL TIME ZONE. PLEASE PLAN TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL TIME ACCORDINGLY.**

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