



2017 Annual Meeting and Conference Agenda
Wednesday, November 8 - Thursday, November 9th, 2017
 Minneapolis Convention Center

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Pre-conference Reception at Brit’s Pub
 1110 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
 (free for registered attendees, must RSVP in advance)

Thursday, November 9, 2017

All Thursday events at Minneapolis Convention Center, 1301 2nd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55403

7:30 a.m. Registration open / Breakfast

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8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. AgriGrowth Business meeting (members only)



9:05 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Morning Panel Session:
**Agriculture and Trade: Current Issues and
 What’s at Stake for U.S. Agriculture**
 Opening remarks: **Devry Boughner Vorwerk**,
 Global Corporate Affairs, Cargill
 Panel Members:

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Lesly McNitt, Director of Public Policy,
 National Corn Growers Association
Jeff Nawn, Global Grain Trade and Biotech Affairs Lead,
 DuPont Pioneer
Randy Spronk, Pork Producer, Past President,
 National Pork Producers Council

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Morning Keynote Address:
 Peter Zeihan, Geopolitical Strategist,
 Founder, Zeihan on Geopolitics
 Author of the *Absent Super Power*
 and *The Accidental Super Power*

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11:30 a.m. Break & Exhibit Fair & Book Signing by Peter Zeihan

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon Program
Keynote Speaker:
USDA Deputy Secretary Steve Censky
Distinguished Service Award
AgriGrowth 50 Year Anniversary



1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Break & Exhibit Fair

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Session:
U.S. Economic Outlook in Agriculture
Dr. Michael Swanson, Senior VP and
Chief Economist, Wells Fargo

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3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Panel: 2018 Governor Candidate Forum
Moderator: Blois Olsen
Candidates:
State Representative. **Matt Dean**
Former State Representative **Keith Downey**
Hennepin County Commissioner **Jeff Johnson**
State Representative **Erin Murphy**
State Senator **Dave Osmek**
State Auditor **Rebecca Otto**
Representative **Paul Thissen**

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4:30 p.m. Post-conference reception

5:30 p.m. Conference concludes