

2025 Directory

The purpose of this directory is to provide a listing of the people, companies and organizations that provide the important leadership to America's food and fiber industry.

Directory Highlights

- Officers
- Member listing by individual's name
- Member listing by company, organization, agency
- Tour sites
- Past meeting presentations
- Agribusiness achievement and member awards
- Sponsors and sponsorship levels
- Past officers
- History and highlights
- Importance of agriculture to St. Louis

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Ag Club Luncheon and Meeting Presentations

- Aug. 24, 2005 "Agriculture's Future Is Now" - Tour of the National Center for Agricultural Utilization
(with The Chicago Farmers)
- Sept. 12, 2005 Kerry Preete, Monsanto Company
"Innovative Agriculture Creating Incredible Things"
- Oct. 18, 2005 Dr. Roger Beachy, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
"St. Louis at the Heart of the BioBelt"
- Nov. 15, 2005 Chris Standlee, Abengoa Bioenergy Corporation
John Kleiboeker, Missouri Soybean Association
David Sparks, CoBank
"Renewable Fuels Panel Discussion - It's Here ... Now What Does it Mean For Us?"
Sponsored by National Biodiesel Board and Ethanol Promotion & Information Council (EPIC)
- Jan. 10, 2006 Timothy Ganschow, AgriStar Global Networks
"How the Internet is Changing How the Agricultural Industry Does Business"
- Feb. 14, 2006 Deborah Perkins, Rabo AgriFinance
"Global Agriculture – Current Issues & Future Trends"
Sponsored by Rabo AgriFinance
- Mar. 17, 2006 Dwight Little, National PAS (Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization) Officer Team
"Will the St. Louis Area and the United States Have a Shortage of Future Leaders and
Agricultural Employees?"
- April 11, 2006 Richard Vogen, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, University
of Illinois
"University/Business Partnerships in Brining New Technologies and Products to Market"
Sponsored by CoBank
- May 9, 2006 Jane Eckert, Eckert Agri-Marketing
"The New Small Farmer"
Sponsored by Chris Eckert of Eckert Orchards
- Sept. 15, 2006 Mike Johanns, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
"Outlook of U.S. Agriculture – 25th Anniversary Celebration"
*Sponsored by Bunge, CoBank, Doane Advisory Services, Missouri Dairy Association,
Monsanto, Seneca Transportation*
- Oct. 10, 2006 Scott McClure, Brighton
Bill Shelton, Left Field Creative
Joe Osborn, Osborn & Barr Communications
Scott Kington, WoodruffSweitzer
"The Changing Voice of Advertising: An Agency Panel Discussion"
Sponsored by Osborn & Barr Communications
- Nov. 21, 2006 Steve Drake, Drake & Company
"Connecting the Unconnected: AgriBusiness Case Studies in Cause-Related Marketing"
Sponsored by Drake & Company

Ag Club Luncheon and Meeting Presentations

- Dec. 12, 2006 Mary Ann Fink, Missouri Botanical Garden
Tom Keeven, Emerald View Turf Farm
"Exploring Specialty Markets: The Current "Landscape" of the Horticultural and Turfgrass Industries"
Sponsored by Gateway NAMA
- Jan. 9, 2007 "Implications for Agribusiness with an Updated Outlook of the U.S. Economy"
Terry Barr, National Council for Farmer Cooperatives
Sponsored by Bunge North America and Doane Advisory Services
- Feb. 20, 2007 Doug Hensley, The Loranda Group, Inc.
"Midwestern Land Values in 2007 . . . A Market in Transition?"
Sponsored by Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
- Mar. 13, 2007 Jonathan McIntyre, The Solae Company
"An Overview of the Solae Company in St. Louis"
- Apr. 10, 2007 Paul Rohde, Waterways Council, Inc.
"Midwest Waterway Issues, Transportation, and Future Outlook"
Sponsored by Carpenters' District Council of Greater St. Louis
- May 8, 2007 Richard Glass, NCGA
Wendell Knehans, ASA
"Outlook of the Agricultural Industry through the Eyes of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) & the American Soybean Association (ASA)"
Sponsored by Novus International
- Sept. 11, 2007 Geoff Cooper, National Corn Growers Association
Tessa Sappington, Sappington's International Farmer's Market
"The Relationship Between Corn and Retail Food Prices"
Sponsored by Congressional Reception Sponsors
- Oct. 9, 2007 John Becherer, United Soybean Board
"Soy2020"
Sponsored by United Soybean Board
- Nov. 13, 2007 Glenn Stith, Seminis Monsanto and National FFA Foundation Sponsor Board
"Increasing Urban Agriculture and Horticulture Education"
Sponsored by Monsanto
- Dec. 11, 2007 Gwenne Hayes-Stewart, Gateway Greening
Bill Ruppert, Horticulture Co-op of Metro St. Louis and National Nursery Products
"Green Industry Program"
Sponsored by Gateway NAMA
- Jan. 7, 2008 Matt Blunt, Missouri Governor
"Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture"
- Feb. 12, 2008 Raymond Cesca, World Agricultural Forum
"The World Agricultural Forum: Empowering Agriculture to Drive Economic Growth"
Sponsored by Cargill AgHorizons
- Mar. 18, 2008 Katie Smith, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
Tom Jennings, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture
"Updates on Each State Department of Agriculture"
Sponsored by the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center

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- April 15, 2008 Steve Malin, Vice President, Anheuser-Busch Raw Materials
"Quality Products Start with Quality Ingredients"
Sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
- May 13, 2008 Dr. James Little, Professor of Business, Washington University in St. Louis
"They Might Be a Giant: China's Coming Economic Challenges"
Sponsored by Bunge North America
- Sept. 18, 2008 Dr. Stephanie Hulina, President and Senior Scientist, Geospatial Data Analysis
"Forecasting & Monitoring Crop Conditions & Yields Using the Most Technologically Advanced Satellite Data"
Sponsored by Dow Agrosciences
- Oct. 9, 2008 Ed Schafer, US Secretary of Agriculture
"USDA Update"
Sponsored by Monsanto, Bunge North America, CoBank, Missouri Dairy Association
- Nov. 11, 2008 Fred Weil, Image Group of Georgia
"Going Green and Going Agri-Green"
Sponsored by CREATRAC
- Dec. 9, 2008 Michael Doane, Monsanto
"Sustainability of Agriculture Systems"
Sponsored by Monsanto
- Jan. 13, 2009 Thomas Erickson, Bunge North America
"Policy Outlook for Agriculture as the Political Dynamics Begin to Change"
Sponsored by Rock Hill Mechanical Corporation
- Feb. 10, 2009 Michael Whitehead, Rabo AgriFinance
"Is Agriculture Recession Proof" - Trends and concerns confronting U.S. agriculture in the near future.
Sponsored by Rabo AgriFinance
- Mar. 10, 2009 Mike Stegmann, Lange-Stegmann Co. & Agrotain International
"The Fertilizer Industry. . .Past, Present, and Future"
Sponsored by National Corn Growers Association
- Apr. 14, 2009 Frank Bowman, Horsemen's Council of Illinois
"The Billion Dollar Facts' – The Horse Industry in Missouri, Illinois, and the Nation is a Little-Recognized Giant!"
Sponsored by Purina Mills
- May 14, 2009 Bob Herleth, Missouri Botanical Garden
"The Horticulture Industry in St. Louis"
Sponsored by Hummert's International, Agrotain/Uflexx, Missouri Botanical Garden, Osborn & Barr, St. Louis Community College Center for Plant and Life Sciences
- Sept. 9, 2009 Mark Gebhards, Illinois Farm Bureau and Garrett Hawkins, Missouri Farm Bureau
"111th Congress: An Update from IL and MO Farm Bureaus"
Sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau and Missouri Farm Bureau
- Oct. 13, 2009 Mike Adams, AgriTalk and Loren Wassell, Standing Partnership
"Diet of Facts - Effectively Telling Agriculture's Story"
Sponsored by Monsanto

Ag Club Luncheon and Meeting Presentations

- Nov. 10, 2009 Roger Olson, National 4-H Council
"America Needs a New Generation of AgriScience Leaders. . .One Look at the Statistics Tells You We Must Begin Now"
Sponsored by St. Louis Community College
- Dec. 10, 2009 Terry Barr, CoBank
"The Economic Climate: A Global Transition that will Challenge Agriculture"
Sponsored by CoBank
- Jan. 8, 2010 Damian Mason, Humor for the Heart of Agriculture
"Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture"
- Feb. 9, 2010 Charlie Arnot, CMA Consulting
"Free Groceries for a Year Campaign...Online Sweepstakes Campaign to Educate Consumers about Agriculture"
Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of Illinois, FCS Financial, Rabo AgriFinance, Randolph County Farm Bureau, and St. Louis County Farm Bureau
- Mar. 9, 2010 Jared Nobbe and Brad Nobbe, Wm. Nobbe & Co.
"Agricultural Equipment: What is Your Color Choice?"
Sponsored by PNC Bank
- Apr. 13, 2010 Pat Kellett, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562
"Infrastructure of Agriculture – How the Plumbers & Pipefitters Fit In"
Sponsored by Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 562
- May 11, 2010 Schlafly Bottleworks
"The Beer Making Industry"
Sponsored by AdFarm, Drake & Company, Gateway NAMA Chapter, Rabo AgriFinance, Romer Labs
- Sept. 13, 2010 David Martosko, Center for Consumer Freedom, and Chris Chinn, Chinn Farms
"Dealing With the New Wave of Consumer Activism"
Sponsored by Osborn & Barr
- Oct. 12, 2010 Kevin Murphy, Food-Chain Communications
"The Food Morality Movement"
Sponsored by Novus International
- Nov. 9, 2010 Dr. Marty Strauss
"Ag Sustainability...Observations from the Food Chain"
Sponsored by Monsanto
- Dec. 7, 2010 Steven S. Johnson, St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association
"Partnership with China to Boost Economic Development in Life Sciences, Biotechnology, and Agriscience in the St. Louis Region"
Sponsored by Meds for Food and Kids
- Jan. 6, 2011 Rick Tolman, National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and John Becherer, United Soybean Board (USB)
"Enhancing Consumer Trust in Today's U.S. Food Production System "
Sponsored by Drake and Company
- Feb. 8, 2011 Sarah Stokes Alexander, The Keystone Center
"Field to Market: Connecting the Farmgate with Supply Chain Sustainability"
Sponsored by Monsanto

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- Mar. 28, 2011 Tom Vilsack, United States Department of Agriculture
"USDA Update"
Sponsored by Bunge North America, Monsanto, Novus International
- Apr. 14, 2011 Paul Rohde, Waterways Council, Inc.
"Challenges Facing Our Inland Waterways"
Sponsored by Seneca Transportation
- May 19, 2011 Trent Hurley, Hurley & Associates
"River Flooding Update"
Sponsored by Stealth Creative, Gateway NAMA Chapter
- Sept. 23, 2011 Kasey Bergh & Wade Neumann, Nestle Purina Petcare Company
"The Pet Products Industry...What is its impact on the agricultural industry?"
Sponsored by Bell & Associates, Inc., United Soybean Board, Monsanto, St. Louis Community College, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, St. Louis Science Center, Held in conjunction with the AgriScience College & Career Fair
- Oct. 11, 2011 Thad Simons, Novus International, Inc.
"Novus International, Inc."
Sponsored by Novus International, Inc.
- Nov. 8, 2011 Steven Cline, Missouri Botanical Garden (Retired)
"Plastic Pot Recycling Program...From Pots to Planks"
Sponsored by St. Louis Community College
- Dec. 13, 2011 Patrick Westoff, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI)
"Agricultural Markets and Policy in Turbulent Times"
Sponsored by Monsanto
- Jan. 24, 2012 Charlie Brennan, KMOX-AM Radio
"Ways to Bridge the Rural, Suburban and Urban Gap"
Sponsored by National Association of Farm Broadcasting
Held in conjunction with the National Association of Farm Broadcasting Meeting
- Feb. 14, 2012 Becky Frankenbach, Missouri Corn Growers Association and
Hugh Whaley, U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance
Special Appearance by RedBird of the St. Louis Cardinals
"Communicating a Unified Message to Consumers to Enhance Public Trust in Today's
Agriculture"
Sponsored by FCS Financial and Farm Credit Services of Illinois
- Mar. 13, 2012 Ken Colombini, National Corn Growers Association, Mark Green, Osborn & Barr, and Tom
Sanders, CharlestonOrwig
"Agricultural Social Media: Transformative or Passing Trend?"
Sponsored by CharlestonOrwig and Gateway NAMA
- Apr. 10, 2012 Roy Blunt, United States Senator - Missouri
"Congressional Update on Agriculture"
Sponsored by Master Your Card-Missouri, Novus International, National Corn Growers Association, Missouri Dairy Association, Missouri Cattelmens Association, Missouri Pork Association
- May 10, 2012 Lary Eckert, Eckert Orchards, Inc.
"The Eckert Family Business and AgriTourism" No Sponsor

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- Sept. 11, 2012 Marty Matlock, University of Arkansas
Bill Dorsey, FBI – St. Louis Division
“Framework for Metrics for Sustainable Agriculture”
Sponsored by *Novus International, Inc.*
- Oct. 18, 2012 Sam Fiorello, The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
“The Danforth Center: Envisioning St. Louis as a World Center for Plant Science”
Sponsored by *St. Louis Community College*
- Nov. 16, 2012 David Drennan, Executive Director, Missouri Dairy Association
Rodney Weinzierl, Executive Director, Illinois Corn Association
Dale R. Ludwig, Executive Director/CEO, Missouri Soybean Association
Don Nikodim, Executive Vice President, Missouri Pork Producers Association
“Ag Commodity Associations - Priorities and Challenges”
Sponsored by *National Corn Growers Association and Sheraton Hotel & Suites*
- Dec 11, 2012 Paul Rohde, Waterways Council, Inc.
Marty Hettel, AEP Barge Shipper Association
Leonard Hopkins, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
“Possible River Shutdown”
Sponsored by *FCS Financial Missouri*
- Jan. 08, 2013 Onsite at Baisch & Skinner Wholesale Floral Distributor
Glenn Sprich and Margaret Herget, Sales and Marketing Associates
“The Big Business of Flowers in St. Louis”
Sponsored by *EarthCo*
- Feb. 12, 2013 Jon Hagler, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
Robert Flider, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture
“Ag Update from our State Directors”
Sponsored by *The Producer Members of the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club and Monsanto*
- Mar 12, 2013 Michele Payn-Knoper, CauseMatters Corporation
“Ag Social Media”
Sponsored by *AdFarm*
- April 09, 2013 Michael Sorth, Gateway Greening
“Gateway Greening's Next Step - "FarmWorks"”
Sponsored by *Romer Labs*
- May 15, 2013 Onsite at the St. Louis Science Center
Bert Vescolani, President/CEO of the St. Louis Science Center
“Unveiling of the New AgSci and Food Exhibit”
No Sponsor
- Sept 10, 2013 Drew Lerner, Owner, World Weather, Inc.
“Wacky Weather in St. Louis...A Future Outlook”
Sponsored by All of the AgriBusinesses Involved with the AgMazing 500
- Oct 8, 2013 Bill Bodine, Associate Director of State Legislation, Illinois Farm Bureau
Garrett Hawkins, Director of National Legislative Programs, Missouri Farm Bureau
“State Legislative Outlook for Agriculture...”
Sponsored by Illinois and Missouri Farm Bureaus

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- Nov 12, 2013 Bill Coen, VP Plant Foods & Transportation, MFE Incorporated
Carl Tebbe, General Manager, Gateway FS
"The Past, Present and Future in the Farm Supply Business...providing all of the inputs for producers!"
Sponsored by Osborn + Barr debuting Project Grow
- Dec 3, 2013 Jann Carl, Small Town Big Deal
Rodney Miller, Small Town Big Deal
"What Is Small Town...Big Deal?"
Sponsored by Romer Labs
- Jan 14, 2014 Paul Ayers and Dan Sprague, The Maschhoffs, Inc.
"Systems Based Approach to Animal Care"
Sponsored by Missouri Pork Association
- Feb 11, 2014 David Vogt, Syndenstricker Implement(John Deere) Company
Chad Bilby, Monsanto
"SMART Farming"
Sponsored by Eagle Bank & Trust, Farm Credit Illinois, FCS Financial Missouri
- Mar 11, 2014 Kevin Murphy, Food Chain Communications
"Effectively Communicating Today's Modern Food System...What You Need to Know"
Sponsored by Missouri Farm Bureau and Ahrenholz Farms
- Apr 8, 2014 Thomas Payne, College of AFNR, University of Missouri
Robert Hauser, College of ACES, University of Illinois
"Impacts, Innovations, and Collaborations"
Sponsored by National Corn Growers Association, Novus International, Osborn + Barr, Randolph County Farm Bureau, CoBank
- May 22, 2014 St. Louis History and Prohibition Exhibits at the Missouri History Museum
No Sponsor
- Sept 9, 2014 Richard Fordyce, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
Robert Flider, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture
"Ag Update from our State Directors"
Sponsored by ADM and FOSS
- Oct 21, 2014 Jeanne Bernick, Editor, Top Producer – Farm Journal Media
"Top of Mind for Top Producers"
Sponsored by Missouri Soybean Association
Joint Meeting with the American Society of Agricultural Consultants
- Nov 13, 2014 Tom Draper, Deputy Director, Missouri Department of Conservation
"Natural Resources, Conservation, Wildlife Are Important to the Agricultural Industry"
Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture
- Dec 9, 2014 Farmland Film – The 44 minute version
"Delivering the Correct and Positive Message of Farming to All Audiences"
Sponsored by Center for Plant and Life Sciences – St. Louis Community College
- Jan 13, 2015 Molly Rockamann, Founding Director, Earth Dance Farm
Will Witherspoon, Owner, Shire Gate Farm
"St. Louis Locally Grown Food"
Sponsored by College of Agricultural Sciences – Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

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- Feb 10, 2015 Paul Bertels, Vice President, Production and Utilization, National Corn Growers Association
Steve Censky, CEO, American Soybean Association
"National Ag Commodity Updates"
"St. Louis Science Center Ag Exhibit Display Update"
Sponsored by Bunge North America, Eagle Bank & Trust, and FCS Financial
- Mar 10, 2015 Eric Spell, President, AgCareers.com
"Current Agribusiness Job Outlook Across the US and in the St. Louis Region"
Sponsored by NGP Global Agribusiness Partners & Vivayic
- April 7, 2015 Peter Hofherr, Chief Executive Officer, St. James Winery
"The Business of Wine in Missouri and the Midwest"
Sponsored by Missouri Pork Association and Farm Credit Illinois
- May 12, 2015 Dan Manternach, Ag Services Director, Doane Advisory Services
"Global Ag Outlook: Was Great Bull Market of 2008/09 A Bubble or Launch of New Era?"
Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University
- Sept 15, 2015 Larry Taylor, Owner, Aziotics, LLC
"2015 Agricultural Impact to the St. Louis Region Study"
Sponsored by 2015-16 Annual Sponsors
- Oct 13, 2015 Blake Hurst, President, Missouri Farm Bureau
Richard Guebert, President, Illinois Farm Bureau
"100th Anniversary of the Missouri and Illinois Farm Bureaus"
Sponsored by The Yield Lab
- Nov 10, 2015 Tom & Pat Range, Braeutigam Orchards
Rick Dungey, National Christmas Tree Association
"Pumpkins and Christmas Trees...What is the economic impact to the agricultural industry?"
Sponsored by Cargill
- Dec 8, 2015 Connie Haden, The Law Firm of Haden & Haden
"The Basics of Estate Planning for Farmers and Business Owners"
Sponsored by Roach Ag Marketing, Ltd.
- Jan 12, 2016 Adam Jones, Jones Cuivre Farms and CoBank
Steve Bridge, WFMB Radio
Chuck Etwert, Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council
"Recent Flooding and Weather's Effect on our Food Supply"
Sponsored by PNC Bank
- Feb 9, 2016 Jim Layton, Laymac, Inc. and Past Presidents Video
"35th Anniversary Celebration of the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club"
Sponsored by CoBank and Farm Credit Illinois
- March 8, 2016 Ashley McCarty, Executive Director, Missouri Farmers Care
Fred Bird, St. Louis Cardinals
"Making the St. Louis Region Agri-Ready"
Sponsored by Missouri Department of Conservation
- April 12, 2016 Richard Fordyce, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
Warren Goetsch, Deputy Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture
"Successes, Issues, & Challenges Facing the Missouri and Illinois Departments of Agriculture"
Sponsored by SCOPE and Biosorb, Inc.

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- May 10, 2016 Joe Dykes, VP of Industry Relations, Equipment Dealers Association
"Trends and Issues Impacting the Ag and Farm Equipment Industry"
Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University Agriculture Department and
Center for Plant and Life Sciences – St. Louis Community College
- June 23, 2016 New Member Social at the Warren Stemme Farm
Sponsored by Pat Kelly Equipment Company, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Soybean
Association
- Sept 13, 2016 Christian Greer, Chief Officer Science-Education-Experience, St. Louis Science Center
(95) Darryl Chatman, Of Counsel, Armstrong Teasdale
"Grow Agriculture Exhibit and Missouri Agricultural Foundation Update"
Sponsored by Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Oct 26, 2016 Derek Bartlam, Head of Research USA, KWS
(105) Sharon Berberich, CEO of US Operations, Kaiima Bio Agritech
Vijay Chauhan, CEO of Multiple Companies in Life Sciences, BioSTL
Kimberly Allen, Lead, Microbiology & Lab Manager, New Leaf Symbiotics
Karla Roeber, VP of Public & Governmental Affairs, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
Moderated by Ben Johnson, VP Programs, BioSTL
"Lessons Learned: Leveraging Regional Assets to Build a Robust Agtech Innovation Cluster"
Sponsored by BioSTL and the Center for Plant and Life Sciences – St. Louis Community
College
- Nov 15, 2016 Cody Lyon, Director of Advocacy and Political Affairs, American Farm Bureau Federation
(67) Estil Fretwell, Director of Public Affairs, Missouri Farm Bureau
Mark Gephards, Executive Director of Government Affairs, Illinois Farm Bureau
"Aftermath of the Elections...What Is in Store for Agriculture?"
Sponsored by FieldWatch
- Dec 13, 2016 Peter Hofherr, Chairman & CEO, St. James Winery
(64) Karen Hand, Winemaker, Blue Sky Vineyard
"The Business of Wine in Missouri and Illinois with Wine Tasting"
Sponsored by Missouri Pork Association
- Jan 10, 2017 Vance Crowe, Director of Millennial Engagement, Monsanto
(59) "Growing Your Tribe...Stepping Out of Our Usual Social Circles"
Sponsored by PNC Bank and FCS Financial
- Feb 14, 2017 Janet Wilding, VP of Major Projects, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership
(108) "Future of AgTech – 39N"
Sponsored by Bryan Cave and The Yield Lab
- Mar 14, 2017 Greg Guenther, Grain Farmer, Belleville, IL
(75) Barry Frazier, President, Center Ethanol Company LLC
Kelly Davis, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Renewable Fuels Association
Matt Schrimpf, President, HWRT Oil Company, LLC
"Biofuels Importance to the Region" in conjunction with the National PAS Conference
Sponsored by NCERC-Biofuels Research Center
- Apr 11, 2017 Joe Prusacki, Director, USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service(NASS) – St. Louis
(85) Brad Summa, Director, USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service(NASS) – St. Louis
"What Data Does USDA-NASS Prepare and How Is the Data Used"
including tours of the USDA-NASS Facility in St. Louis
Sponsored by World Trade Center-St. Louis

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- May 9, 2017 Bryan Garton, Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs, College of Agriculture,
(91) Food and Natural Resources University of Missouri
Kimberlee Kidwell, Dean, College of ACES, University of Illinois
Mickey Latour, Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, Southern Illinois University
Chris McGowan, Dean, College of Science, Technology and Agriculture, Southeast Missouri
State University
"The Agriculture Talent Pipeline"
Sponsored by Agribusiness Fair
- Jun 15, 2017 New Member Social with ALOT Class at the Warren Stemme Farm
(72) Sponsored by Agribusiness Fair
- Sept 12, 2017 Rob Dongoski, Partner, Global Agribusiness Industry Leader, Ernst & Young LLP
(52) "Digital and Big Data...Agribusiness and Farm Impacts"
Sponsored by Annual Sponsors
- Oct 10, 2017 Mary Lamie, Executive Director, St. Louis Regional Freightway
(43) "St. Louis Regional Freightway and the Ag Connection"
Sponsored by PNC Bank
- Nov 14, 2017 Eric McAfee, Entrepreneur, Venture Capitalist, & Philanthropist
(67) "Agribusiness Summit with the St. Louis Business Journal"
Sponsored by Monsanto and STL Partnership
- Dec 12, 2017 Connie Haden, Attorney, Haden and Haden, LLC
(60) "Estate Planning"
Sponsored by Renaissance Financial
- Jan 9, 2018 Sam Funk, Sr. Grains and Oilseeds Analyst, Rabo AgriFinance
(84) "The Grain & Oilseed World Is Changing Rapidly: Are You Crushing It or Being Crushed?"
Sponsored by Rabo AgriFinance at their Headquarters
- Feb 13, 2018 Jack Scott, Head of Contract Manufacturing and Sustainability, Nestle Purina PetCare
(80) "Sustainability at Nestle Purina PetCare"
Sponsored by Nestle Purina PetCare at their Headquarters
- Mar 27, 2018 Mike Bost, Congressman, Illinois – 12th District
(65) "Congress Initiatives Relating to Agriculture"
Sponsored by NCERC – Advancing Biofuels Research
- Apr 10, 2018 Chris Chinn, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
(83) Warren Goestch, Deputy Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture
"Missouri and Illinois Department of Agriculture Updates"
Sponsored by Perfect Fit Presentations, Dan and Peggy Manternach
- May 8, 2018 Bryan Rogers, Manager of Advancement, Gateway Greening
(51) Matt Schindler, Executive Director, Gateway Greening
"Our Food Supply and Producing Food in Urban Areas"
Sponsored by The Greenhouse Venture...Improving Science & Childhood Nutrition
- Jun 14, 2018 Member Social at the Warren Stemme Farm
(78) Sponsored by Agribusiness Fair
- Sept 11, 2018 Patrick Westhoff, Director, Food & Ag Policy Research Institute, University of Missouri
(100) "Farm Commodity Markets, Trade Disputes and the Farm Bill"
Sponsored and Hosted by Bunge North America

Ag Club Luncheon and Meeting Presentations

- Oct 9, 2018 Stacy Markovich, Regional Business Director, Bayer Crop Sciences
(67) "Continuing Innovation in Modern Agriculture"
Sponsored by National Corn Growers Association and Paradowski
- Nov 13, 2018 Steve Kozel, Insights Director, Osborn + Barr
(95) "Farmers of Tomorrow"
Sponsored and Hosted by Osborn + Barr
- Dec 11, 2018 Richard Fordyce, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture
(66) "Programs and Services of the USDA Farm Service Agency"
Sponsored by Ag Resource Management(ARM)
- Jan 8, 2019 Sara Koziatek, St. Louis Composting
(54) Shannon O'Connor, St. Louis Area Foodbank
Moderated by Chip Lerwick of Aon Food System, Food System, Agribusiness Beverage Industry
"Food Waste Challenge"
Sponsored by Greg Martinelli and Hosted by St. Louis Food Bank
- Feb 12, 2019 Kelly Gillespie, President & CEO, Missouri Biotechnology Association
(87) Stephen Kahn, Co-Founder and CFO, NewLeaf Symbiotics
Janet Wilding, VP of Major Projects and 39N, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership
Dean Campbell, Farmer and President, AgriTech Acres, Inc.
Moderated by Sam Fiorello, Chief Operating Officer, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
"AgTech is St. Louis and the overarching industry of agriculture technology and its
intersection with plant science"
Sponsored and Hosted by St. Louis Community College
- Mar 20, 2019 Michael Parson, Governor, State of Missouri
(112) "State of Missouri Update"
Sponsored and Hosted by Bayer Crop Science
- Apr 9, 2019 Julie Ritchey, Region 3 Director, University of Illinois Extension
(56) Marshall Stewart, Vice Chancellor Extension and Engagement, University of Missouri Extension
"Illinois and Missouri Extension Updates"
Sponsored by Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- May 14, 2019 Garrett Fleming, Chief - Operations Technical Policy, US Army Corps of Engineers
(70) "River Issues Affecting the Agricultural Industry"
Sponsored by FCS Financial of Missouri
- Jun 13, 2019 Member Social with ALOT at the Warren Stemme Farm (125)
- Sept 10, 2019 A panel of professionals discuss the challenging year for producers and how the
(96) agribusiness community can provide assistance. Matt Hardecke, Enterprise Bank, Michael
Ulrich CPA, Scheffel Boyle, Beth Nordwald, FCS Financial Crop Insurance Agent, Ian Bowles,
Farm Risk Management, Bunge (84)
Sponsored by Enterprise Bank & Trust and Scheffel Boyle
- Oct 8, 2019 Sara Wyant, President, Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc
(37) "Washington Update"
- Nov 4, 2019 Pork Taste of Elegance and Livestock Export Markets, a panel discussion featuring:
(38) Scott Shearer, Bockorny Group, Inc., Washington D.C., Don Nikodim, Missouri Pork
Association, Dan Sprague, Maschhoffs
Sponsored by Missouri Pork Association

Ag Club Luncheon and Meeting Presentations

- Dec 12, 2019 Mary Lamie, Executive VP of Multimodal Enterprises for Bi-State Development
(73) Janet Wilding, Vice President of 39N and Major Projects at the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership
"Ag Coast of America Ecosystem in St. Louis - Goal: To Feed the World
What does it mean for farmers, agribusinesses, and related industries?"
Sponsored by Greenville University
- Jan 14, 2020 Dave Drennan, Board Member, Missouri Hemp Association
(85) Dale Ludwig, CEO, AgriNext
Danielle Houdashelt, CEO & Co-Owner, Hemp Cannabidiol Superstore
Tyler Morgan, President & Founder, Sky Trace Farms
"Agricultural Hemp in a New World"
Sponsored by FieldWatch
- Feb 18, 2020 Brad Summa, Director of the Heartland Regional Field Office, USDA - National Agricultural
(30) Statistics Service
"The 2019 Crop Year - The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly...an overview of the crop estimates"
- Mar, Apr, May, 2020 – Meetings canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
- *Virtual Meeting
- *Sept 15, 2020 Alan Spell, Assistant Extension Professor, University of Missouri Extension,
(45) "2020 Agriculture Economic Study for the St. Louis Region", No Sponsor
- *Oct 13, 2020 Chris Chinn, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
(40) Jerry Costello, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture
"Updates from Illinois and Missouri Directors of Ag",
Sponsored by FCS Financial
- *Nov 10, 2020 Taxes: Michael Ulrich, Scheffel Boyle
(38) Ag Lending: Matt Hardecke, Enterprise Bank and Trust
Ag Production Financial Planning: Adam Jones, CoBank
"End of Year Financial Planning"
Sponsored by EXP Realty
- *Dec 8, 2020 Vijay Chauhan, GlobalSTL Lead, BioSTL
(78) Matt Crisp, Chief Executive Officer, Benson Hill
"Enhancing the ag and food supply chain for growers, processors, retailers, and consumers"
Sponsored by Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
- *Jan 14, 2021 Garrett Hawkins, President, Missouri Farm Bureau
(65) Richard Guebert, President, Illinois Farm Bureau
"Advancing the Agricultural Industry in 2021"
Sponsored by Benson Hill
- *Feb 9, 2021 Roy Blunt, Senator(Missouri), United States Senate
(55) "Update on Agriculture from Washington, DC"
Sponsored by Enterprise Bank and Trust
- *Mar 9, 2021 Bryon Wiegand, Associate Professor – Meat Science, University of Missouri CAFNR
(37) "Navigating the Alternative Protein Marketplace: Laboratory Grown Meat and Meat
Analog"
Sponsored by American Society of Agricultural Consultants (ASAC)

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- *Apr 14, 2021 Steve Censky, CEO, American Soybean Association (ASA) and
(67) Jon Doggett, CEO, National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) for the informative updates
Sponsored by Missouri Farmers Care
- *May 11, 2021 Rebecca Hunter, Sr. Manager, Governmental Affairs, SpaceX
(58) "Rural and Urban Broadband"
Sponsored by S2Tech
- Jun 17, 2021 Member Social at the Warren Stemme Farm
(115)
- Sept 9, 2021 Dan Shaul, State Director, Missouri Grocers Association, COVID-19 Requirements
(42) and guidelines to ensure food safety in the grocery, retail, food sales, distribution
Derek May, Director of Development, St. Louis Area Foodbank, responds to the Pandemic
and the impact on the community and people facing hunger
Matt Schindler, Executive Director, Gateway Greening, challenges of the Pandemic on
urban gardening
"A panel of Experts - Food & the Pandemic in the St. Louis Region" at Bell Garden
Sponsored by Renaissance Financial
- *Oct 7, 2021 "View of Infrastructure from the Ag Coast of America" Congressional Webinar
(85) Moderated by Stephen Censky, CEO, American Soybean Association
Mary Lamie, Executive Vice President, St. Louis Regional Freightway
Jason Gertken, Director of Global and North America Corn, Bunge
Ben Johnson, Vice President, BioSTL
Adam Jones, Lincoln & St. Charles Family Farmer - Missouri
Dean Campbell, 5th Generation Farmer, Randolph County - Illinois
- Oct 12, 2021 Chris Eckert, Owner, Eckert Farms
(30) "Eckert's Country Farm Successes & Challenges During A Pandemic" at Belleville Farm
No Sponsor
- *Nov 17, 2021 Dr. Seth Meyer, Chief Economist, USDA
(29) "Data and Trends - Analysis of what might be on the horizon for the ag economy"
Sponsored by Midland States Bank
- Dec 14, 2021 Polly Ruhland, CEO, United Soybean Board
(35) "Overview of the Soybean Checkoff Program"
Sponsored by Philip Bradshaw Farm – Your Food My Adventure Book Signing
- Jan 11, 2022 Vijay Chauhan, Global ISTL Lead, BioSTL
(46) "Attracting Cutting Edge, Innovative Companies to St. Louis' Dynamic Ag, Food, and
Healthcare Industries" at the COLLAB space, Cortex District, 4220 Building
Sponsored by Benson Hill
- Feb 8, 2022 Sharon Berberich, Business Development Lead, Aker Technologies Inc.
(58) Jeffrey Staub, Founder/Chief Scientist, Plastomics
Mike DeCamp, CEO, CoverCress, Inc
Moderated by Matt Plummer, Sr. Associate, Lewis & Clark - AgriFood
"AgTech Showcase Panel of startups in the 39^o NORTH Master Plan" at Hummert International
Sponsored by The Context Network

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- March 8, 2022 Cathleen Flournoy, Vice President, Business Recruitment, Missouri Partnership
(29) "Agribusiness Economic Development with the Missouri Partnership"
Sponsored by FieldRise
- April 12, 2022 Christopher R. Daubert, Dean, CAFNR, University of Missouri
(44) Anna Ball, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of ACES, University of Illinois
Eric Brevik, Dean, College of Agricultural, Life, and Physical Sciences,
Southern Illinois University
Feleccia Moore-Davis, President, St. Louis Community College Meramec Campus
"University and College Updates" at St. Louis Community College Meramec Campus
Sponsored by Kincannon & Reed
- May 10, 2022 Anthony Kingsley, Sr. Director, ESG & Stakeholder Engagement, Benson Hill
(51) Ratna Mukerjea, Sr. Director, Food Innovation, Benson Hill
Sheila Voss, Vice President of Communications, Good Food Institute
Moderated by Jennifer Marston, Reporter, AgFunder News
"Consumer Insights: Setting the Pace for Ingredient Innovation Panel" at Benson Hill
Sponsored by 39 North
- Jun 17, 2022 Member Social with ALOT at the Warren Stemme Farm
(126)
- Sept 13, 2022 The Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) Conference, Soil Carbon
(35) Technology, Remote Sensing & Data Science, and Advanced Nutrient Technology
at the Danforth Center
- Oct 24, 2022 Annual Taste of Elegance & Chef Competition
(45) Sponsored by the Missouri Pork Association and the St. Louis Area Foodbank
- Nov 9, 2022 Jack Scott, VP of Sustainability & Responsible Sourcing, Nestle Purina PetCare
(58) "Pet Care Industry and Purina Leading the Industry in Sustainability Practices"
Sponsored by and Hosted at Nestle Purina PetCare
- Dec 13, 2022 Matt Hardecke, Banker, Enterprise Bank and Trust
(51) Andrew Mitchell, Attorney, Kirkland Woods & Martinsen LLP
Michael Ulrich, Principal, Scheffel Boyle
Shannon Weber, Financial Advisor, Renaissance Financial
"Ag Legacy Planning Update"
Sponsored and Hosted by Osborn Barr Paramore
- Jan 10, 2023 Nora Faris, Russ Carnahan, Matthew Jessee, Attorneys, BCLP
(45) Eric Bohl, 1st VP, St. Louis AgriBusiness Club
"Federal Agriculture and Food Legislative Priorities, the Farm Bill, Infrastructure"
Sponsored and Hosted by Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (BCLP)
- Feb 7, 2023 Networking and Happy Hour at Helen Fitzgerald's Irish Pub and Grill, St. Louis
(34)
- March 14, 2023 Gabe Angeiri, Executive Director, Arch Grants
(52) "Economic Development Through Entrepreneurship – Arch Grants"
Sponsored and Hosted by Greater St. Louis, Inc.
- April 11, 2023 Chris Chinn, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
(41) Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, USDA
Sponsored by the Danforth Center (Chartered bus)
Hosted by Missouri Soy Innovation Center, Jefferson City

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- May 11, 2023 Justin Raymundo, Director of Workforce Strategy, BioSTL
(51) Chris Aulbach, Vice President of Agronomy, CoverCress Inc.
Tim McDermott, Assistant Principal, Waterloo High School
Moderated by Ben Herrold, Reporter, Missouri Farmer Today
"Panel - Workforce Demands for Quality Talent"
Sponsored and Hosted by the Saint Louis Science Center
- Jun 2, 2023 Member Social and Networking at the Warren Stemme Farm
(92)
- Sept 26, 2023 Roland Fumasi, Stephen Nicholson, Lance Zimmerman, Lucas Fuess,
(57) RaboResearch Food & Agribusiness Group
Moderated by: Carah Hart, Anchor/Reporter - Brownfield Ag News
"RaboResearch Food and Agribusiness team in North America as they discuss the
Grains, Oilseeds, Dairy and Cattle markets"
Sponsored and Hosted at Rabo AgriFinance
- Oct 21, 2023 Jennifer Luchte, Anthony Armitage, Jason Frank - Green Field Solutions
(41) Moderated by Stephanie Regagnon, The Danforth Center
"Repurpose for a Purpose"
Sponsored and Hosted by International Companies – Green Field Solutions
- Nov 15, 2023 Rachel Warren, Greg Lumsden, Andrew Paluska – Cargill
(58) Jose Lopez – US Army Corp of Engineers
"River Transportation and Grain Movement"
Sponsored by and Hosted at Cargill at the Draft Kings Hotel
- Dec 12, 2023 Richard Fordyce, Julie Voss Catron, Baylee Cummins – OBP Agency
(50) Moderated by: Rita Frazer, RFD Radio
"Art of Effective Communication in Ag"
Sponsored and Hosted by Osborn Barr Paramore at T-REX Building
- Jan 22, 2024 UMSL Host and Supply Chain Logistics Program – Canceled due to weather conditions.
- Feb 5, 2024 Annual Taste of Elegance & Chef Competition
(45) Sponsored by the Missouri Pork Association and the St. Louis Area Foodbank
- Feb 22, 2024 Alexis Camara, Junior College Student, West Texas A&M University
(45) Gwyn Schramm, Human Resources and Talent, Bayer Crop Science
Nick Tarleton, Supply Chain Professional, McDonald's Corporation
Moderated by: Mark Stewart, Executive Director, AFA
"Human Capital Issues Facing our Industry with Agriculture Future of America (AFA)"
Sponsored and Hosted by Bayer Crop Science
- Mar 26, 2024 John Frederick, Director, State & Local Government Operations, Boeing Company
(57) Pratima Gangopadhyay, Senior Strategist, Boeing Global Enterprise
"Boeing in the Region and Sustainable Aviation Fuel"
Sponsored and Hosted by the Boeing Company
- Apr 9, 2024 Chad Kimmelshue, Seed Treatment Scientist, Pivot Bio
(67) Michael Frodyma, Vice President of Manufacturing Operations, NewLeaf Symbiotics
Moderated by: Dan Schulz, Business Development, BioSTL
"The Future of Farming - Evaluating & Adopting Biological Innovation in Agriculture"
Sponsored and Hosted by Pivot Bio

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May 21, 2024 Purina Land O'Lakes Animal Nutrition Tour at Gray Summit
(58) Sponsored and Hosted by Purina Land O' Lakes

Jun 14, 2024 Member Social with ALOT at the Warren Stemme Farm
(127) Sponsored by the St. Louis County Farm Bureau

Sept 12, 2024 Dr. Haitao Li – UMSL
(66) Abhishek Solomon - Bunge
Supply Chain Analytics and Its Applications in Food and Agriculture
Hosted at the University of Missouri – St. Louis campus

Oct 9, 2024 Danny Blalock - Vayda Farms
(41) Jonathan Fuller – Bank of America
Dan Mondt - Mondt Farms & Bayer Crop Science
David Woodburn - Edison Agrosiences
Capital in Ag, Availability of Capital for Innovation and Regenerative Practices.
Sponsored and Moderated by Dan Schulz - BioSTL
Hosted at the Bank of America, Clayton

Nov 7, 2024 Garrett Hawkins – Missouri Farm Bureau
(70) Brian Duncan – Illinois Farm Bureau
Moderated by Stephanie Regagnon, Danforth Plant Science Center
Sponsored by Prairie Farms Dairy and Heepke Horseradish Farm
Hosted at the Madison County Farm Bureau, Edwardsville, IL

Dec 11, 2024 Brqd Nobbe – Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners
(40) Andy Robinson - Ranken Technical College
Equipment is High Tech. What are the new industry equipment products? What are the
technical systems management workforce needs and current job vacancies?
Sponsored and Hosted by Sydenstricker Nobbe John Deere, Wentzville

Jan 16, 2025 Volunteering at Operation Food Search/Networking at 39North (40)

Feb 28, 2025 Jason Minton - Taranis
(74) Demystifying Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Agriculture Today and in the Future!

Mar 26, 2025 Roland Fumasi – Rabo Research Food & Agribusiness - North America
(59) Scott Gerlt - American Soybean Association
Moderated by Mindy Ward, Farm Progress
There's much to consider- From 2025 markets, acreage and beyond, a new administration,
infrastructure and investment locally and a global perspective impacting our region.
Hosted at Rabo AgriFinance, Chesterfield

Apr 24, 2025 Gary Schnitkey – ACES College, University of Illinois
(43) Navigating the Future of Ag Profitability: Income Under a New Paradigm
Sponsored by Asset Preservation, Greg Schowe
Hosted at St. Louis Association of Realtors

May 16, 2025 Bonnie Johnson – AgCareers.com
(40) Seeds of Success: Agribusiness Hiring Trends Shaping 2025 & Beyond
Sponsored by AgCareers.com
Hosted at Helix Center

Jun 12, 2025 Member Social with National FFA Supporters & Alumni at the Warren Stemme Farm
(140) Sponsored by the St. Louis County Farm Bureau

AgriBusiness Leaders of the Year *deceased

1981 *Ken Bader, CEO, American Soybean Association
1982 *R. Hal Dean, CEO, Ralston Purina Company
1983 *Glenn Heitz, CEO, Farm Credit Banks
1984 Nicholas Redding, Monsanto Agricultural Company
1985 *Jeffrey W. Gain, CEO, National Corn Growers Association
1986 *John Campbell, Dean, University of Illinois, College of Agriculture
1987 *Peter Meyers, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, USDA
1988 *John Pellet and *Earl Stolte, St. Louis County Farmers
1989 Charles Kruse, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
1990 *James Keast, Former General Counsel, USDA
1991 *Jim Russell, MO-AG Industries
1992 Richard Stegmann, CEO, Lange-Stegmann Company
1993 *Jerry Neff, Monsanto Agricultural Company
1994 *Bill, *John and *Louis Keller, Retired horseradish growers, Collinsville, IL
1995 *Richard McWard, Bunge Corporation
1996 Dale Ludwig, Executive Director, Missouri Soybean Association
1997 Christopher "Kit" Bond, U.S. Senator from Missouri
1998 Morris Larson, Agricultural Consultant
1999 David Schumacher, 550 KTRS Radio
2000 Warren Stemme, St. Louis County Farmer
2001 *Ron Scherer, Ron Scherer & Company
2002 Christopher Brescia, MARC 2000
2003 Kenny Hulshof, U.S. Congressman, Missouri
2004 Dr. Roger Beachy, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
2005 Jim Talent, U.S. Senator from Missouri
2006 *Steve Drake, President, Drake & Company
2007 Greg Guenther, Owner, Guenther Farms
2008 John Becherer, CEO, United Soybean Board
2009 Molly Cline, Sr. Director, Industry Affairs, Monsanto
2010 Rick Tolman, Chief Executive Officer, National Corn Growers Association
2011 John Shimkus, US Congressman, Illinois-15th District
2012 Dave Drennan, Executive Director, Missouri Dairy Association
2013 Stephen Censky, Chief Executive Officer, American Soybean Association
2014 No Award Given – Fiscal year change
2015 Dean Dittmar, Program Advisor, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
2016 Bert Vescolani, President and CEO, St. Louis Science Center
2017 *Dr. William H. Danforth, Founding Board Chairman, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
2018 Thad Simons, Managing Director, The Yield Lab, President & CEO, Novus International, Inc.
2019 Brett Begemann, Chief Operating Officer, Bayer Crop Science
2020 No Award Given – Pandemic
2021 Matt Crisp, CEO, Benson Hill
2022 Chris Chinn, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
2023 Don Nikodim, Executive Director, Missouri Pork Association

Outstanding Member

2016 Steve Launius, Grain Farmer, Board Member, Washington County(IL) Farm Bureau
2017 Denny Mertz, Grain Farmer, Board Member, St. Louis County Farm Bureau
2018 Warren Stemme, Grain Farmer, Board Member, St. Louis County Farm Bureau
2019 Richard Norris, Director, St. Louis Community College Center for Plant and Life Sciences
2020 No Award Given – Pandemic
2021 Matt Amick, Director of Biofuels & New Uses, Missouri Soybean Association
2022 Dean Campbell, Owner, Agritech Acres, Inc.
2023 Karla Roeber, VP of Public/Government Affairs, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center

In Memoriam - Members who have gone before us for their contributions to the club.

Glenn E. Heitz 1924-1994	Jerry Carmen 1950-1996	Earl Stolte 1924-2003	Norman Coats 1925-2011	Ron Scherer 1944-2019	Jeffrey Gain 1940-2022
James D. Keast 1930-1995	John Pellet 1929-2001	John Keller 1919-2004	Jim Robertson 1921-2014	Wendell Knehans 1963-2019	Richard McWard 1938-2022
Larry L. Russ 1941-1995	Bill Keller 1924-2002	Jerry Neff 1945-2011	James A. Layton 1934-2018	Steve Drake 1944-2021	Ken Obrecht 1945-2024

Ken Bader

1934-2024

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- One free meal ticket to any special event

St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Past Officers

Year	President	1st Vice President	2nd Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Director	Director
1981-1982	Jeffrey Gain, American Soybean Association	Glenn Heitz, Federal Land Bank of St. Louis	Earl Spurrier, Monsanto	Jay Vroom, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	Jay Vroom, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	Jim Keast, Attorney-at-Law	Jerry Bumgardner, Ralston Purina
1982-1983	*Glenn Heitz, Federal Land Bank of St. Louis	Earl Spurrier, Monsanto	Jerry Bumgardner, Ralston Purina	Jay Vroom, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	Jay Vroom, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	Max Lennon, University of Missouri	Jim Keast, Attorney-at-Law
1983-1984	Jay Vroom, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	Jim Keast, Attorney-at-Law	Paul Staadecker	Wade Nelson, St. Clair County Farm Bureau	Wade Nelson, St. Clair County Farm Bureau	Jeffrey Gain, American Soybean Association	Robert Harness, Monsanto
1984-1985	*Jim Keast, Attorney-at-Law	James Layton, Laymac, Inc.	Wade Nelson, St. Clair County Farm Bureau	Kelly Kincannon, Kincannon & Reed	Kelly Kincannon, Kincannon & Reed	Lary Eckert, Eckert Orchards	William Sims, Ralston Purina Thomas Slocum, Monsanto
1985-1986	James Layton, Laymac, Inc.	Kelly Kincannon, Kincannon & Reed	Lary Eckert, Eckert Orchards	Morris Larson, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	Morris Larson, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	Richard McWard, Bunge	John Crabtree, AgriCapital Corporation
1986-1987	Morris Larson, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	Lary Eckert, Eckert Orchards	Jerry Neff, Monsanto	Hugh Whaley, American Soybean Association	Hugh Whaley, American Soybean Association	Jeffrey Gain, National Corn Growers Association	John Crabtree, AgriCapital Corporation
1987-1988	Lary Eckert, Eckert Orchards	Jerry Neff, Monsanto	Hugh Whaley, American Soybean Association	Scott Shearer, National Corn Growers Association	Scott Shearer, National Corn Growers Association	Richard Stegmann, Lange-Stegmann Co.	Jim Allwood, Ralston Purina
1988-1989	*Jerry Neff, Monsanto	Hugh Whaley, American Soybean Association	Scott Shearer, National Corn Growers Association	Richard Stegmann, Lange-Stegmann Co.	Richard Stegmann, Lange-Stegmann Co.	Jim Robertson, BTB Communications	Morris Larson, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis
1989-1990	Hugh Whaley, American Soybean Association	Scott Shearer, National Corn Growers Association	Richard Stegmann, Lange-Stegmann Co.	Jim Robertson, BTB Communications	Jim Robertson, BTB Communications	Morris Larson, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	Bill Keller, Horseradish Farmer
1990-1991	Scott Shearer, National Corn Growers Association (moved before term ended) Richard Stegmann, Lange-Stegmann Co. (finished)	Richard Stegmann, Lange-Stegmann Co.	Jim Robertson, BTB Communications	James Boillot, National Fertilizer Solutions Association	James Boillot, National Fertilizer Solutions Association	Morris Larson, Merchants Exchange of St. Louis	***
1991-1992	Richard Stegmann, Lange-Stegmann Co.	Jim Robertson, BTB Communications	James Boillot, National Fertilizer Solutions Association	MaryPat Corbett, Doane Marketing Research	MaryPat Corbett, Doane Marketing Research	Dale Ludwig, Missouri Soybean Association	Earlwayne Stumpf, Essinc Communications
1992-1993	*Jim Robertson, Osborn & Barr Communications	James Boillot, National Fertilizer Solutions Association	MaryPat Corbett, Doane Marketing Research	Dale Ludwig, Missouri Soybean Association	Earlwayne Stumpf, Essinc Communications	Gerry Ingenthron, Monsanto	Richard Stegmann, Lange-Stegmann Co.
1993-1994	James Boillot, National Fertilizer Solutions Association (moved before term ended) MaryPat Corbett, Doane Marketing	Dale Ludwig, Missouri Soybean Association	Gerry Ingenthron, Monsanto	Earlwayne Stumpf, Essinc Communications	Richard McWard, Bunge	Jim Robertson, BTB Communications	Lynn Henderson, Doane Advisory Services
1994-1995	Dale Ludwig, Missouri Soybean Association	Earlwayne Stumpf, Essinc Communications	Richard McWard, Bunge	Ron Scherer, Ron Scherer & Company	J. Powell Carmen, Bryan Cave LLP	Robert Harness, Monsanto	Warren Stemme, W. Stemme Farm
1995-1996	Earlwayne Stumpf, Essinc Communications	Richard McWard, Bunge	Ron Scherer, Ron Scherer & Company	J. Powell Carmen, Bryan Cave LLP	Warren Stemme, W. Stemme Farm	Paul Kindinger, Agricultural Retailers Association	Jerry Carman, Mark Twain Bank
1996-1997	Richard McWard, Bunge	Ron Scherer, Ron Scherer & Company	J. Powell Carmen, Bryan Cave LLP	Warren Stemme, W. Stemme Farm	James Maher, Edward Jones	Paul Kindinger, Agricultural Retailers Association	***
1997-1998	Ron Scherer, Ron Scherer & Company	J. Powell Carmen, Bryan Cave LLP	James Maher, Edward Jones	Chris Brescia, Midwest Area River Coalition 2000	Carol Keiser, C-Bar Cattle Co, Inc. and C-ARC Enterprises, Inc.	***	***
1998-1999	J. Powell Carmen, Bryan Cave LLP	James Maher, Edward Jones	Chris Brescia, Midwest Area River Coalition 2000	Lynn Muench, American Waterways Operators	Rick Meyer, Monsanto	Warren Stemme, W. Stemme Farm	Jerry Glover, Monsanto
1999-2000	James Maher, Edward Jones	Chris Brescia, Midwest Area River Coalition 2000	Lynn Muench, American Waterways Operators	Ken Obrecht, Doane Agriculture Services	Ron Walberg, North American Equipment Dealers Association	Ken Mares, University of Missouri-St. Louis	Dave Schumacher, 550 KTRS Radio
2000-2001	Chris Brescia, Midwest Area River Coalition 2000	Lynn Muench, Midwest Area River Coalition 2000	Ken Obrecht, Edward Jones	Ron Walberg, North American Equipment Dealers Association	Michael Phillips, U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc.	Chris Eckert, Eckert Orchards	George Obernagel, Union Planters Trust
Year	President	1st Vice President	2nd Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Director	Director
2001-2002	Lynn Muench, American Waterways Operators	Ken Obrecht, Edward Jones	Ron Walberg, Business Consultant	Dave Schumacher, 550 KTRS Radio	Michael Phillips, U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc.	George Obernagel, Union Planters Trust	T. Jan Wiseman, American Soybean Association

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2002-2003	Ken Obrecht, Edward Jones	Ron Walberg, Midwest Greenhouse	Dave Schumacher, 550 KTRS Radio	Kiersten McCarty, Osborn & Barr Communications	Dean Dittmar, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education	George Obernagel, West Point Bank	Laurie Hiler, Seneca Transportation
2003-2004	Ron Walberg, Midwest Greenhouse	Kiersten McCarty, Osborn & Barr Communications	David Drennan, Missouri Dairy Association	Neil Caskey, American Soybean Association	Bret Cude, Farmers National Company	Tom Nobbe, Wm. Nobbe and Company	Laurie Hiler, Seneca Transportation
2004-2005	David Drennan, Missouri Dairy Association	Kiersten McCarty, Osborn & Barr Communications	Neil Caskey, American Soybean Association	Bret Cude, Farmers National Company	Sam McCorkle, Morton-McCorkle & Associates	Tom Nobbe, Wm. Nobbe and Company	Laurie Hiler, Seneca Transportation
2005-2006	Dean Dittmar, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education	Bret Cude, Farmers National Company	Sam McCorkle, Morton-McCorkle & Associates	Laurie Hiler, Seneca Transportation	Rita Duncan, St. Louis District Dairy Council	Tom Nobbe, Wm. Nobbe and Company	Molly Cline, Monsanto
2006-2007	Bret Cude, Farmers National Company	Laurie Hiler, Seneca Transportation	Rita Duncan, St. Louis District Dairy Council	Cindy Myer, Myer Farms	Dan Malan, CoBank	Molly Cline, Monsanto	Tom Nobbe, Wm. Nobbe and Company
2007-2008	Laurie Hiler, Seneca Transportation LLC	Dan Malan, CoBank	Cindy Myer, Myer Farms	Stephanie Regagnon, National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center	Molly Cline, Monsanto	Brent Hustedde, Rabo AgriFinance	Mike Adams, Agritalk
2008-2009	Dan Malan, CoBank	Cindy Myer, Myer Farms	Stephanie Regagnon, National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center	Amy Kolweier, Bunge North America	Molly Cline, Monsanto	Brent Hustedde, Rabo AgriFinance	Mike Adams, Agritalk
2009-2010	Cindy Myer, Myer Farms	Stephanie Regagnon, National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center	Brent Hustedde, Rabo AgriFinance	Amy Kolweier, Bunge Milling	Molly Cline, Monsanto	Mike Adams, Agritalk	Christopher Smith, Fleishman-Hillard
2010-2011	Stephanie Regagnon, Solutia, Inc.	Molly Cline, Agricultural Advocate	Amy Kolweier, Bunge Milling	Jennifer Sowash, St. Louis Community College	Wendell Knehans, Novus International, Inc.	Mike Adams, Agritalk	Christopher Smith, Fleishman-Hillard
2011-2012	Molly Cline, Agricultural Advocate	Wendell Knehans, Prince AgriProducts Inc.	Amy Kolweier, Bunge Milling	Jennifer Hill, St. Louis Community College	Matt Hardecke, FCS Financial	Mike Adams, Agritalk	Richard Norris, St. Louis Community College
2012-2013	Wendell Knehans, Prince AgriProducts Inc.	Matt Hardecke, FCS Financial	***	Tracy Barfield, Novus International, Inc.	Ken Ohlemeyer, AdFarm	Richard Norris, St. Louis Community College	Nick Weber, Monsanto
2013-2014	Matt Hardecke, Eagle Bank and Trust	Ken Ohlemeyer, Brighton Agency	***	Tracy Barfield, Novus International, Inc.	Nick Weber, Monsanto	Richard Norris, St. Louis Community College	Adam Jones, CoBank
2014-2015	Tracy Barfield, Novus International, Inc.	Ken Ohlemeyer, Brighton Agency	Nick Weber, Monsanto	Richard Norris, St. Louis Community College	Adam Jones, CoBank	Shane Jones, CDG Engineers	Don Nikodim, Missouri Pork Association
2015-2016	Nick Weber, Monsanto	Richard Norris, St. Louis Community College	Shane Jones, CDG Engineers	Shannon Weber, Renaissance Financial	Adam Jones, CoBank	Matt Amick, Missouri Corn Growers Association Madeline Thomas, Ipsos Ag & Animal Health	Don Nikodim, Missouri Pork Association
2016-2017	Richard Norris, St. Louis Community College	Shane Jones, CDG Engineers	Shannon Weber, Renaissance Financial	Madeline Thomas, Ipsos Ag & Animal Health	Adam Jones, CoBank	Darryl Chatman, Armstrong Teasdale Matt Amick, Missouri Corn Growers Association	Don Nikodim, Missouri Pork Association
2017-2018	Shane Jones, CDG Engineers	Shannon Weber, Renaissance Financial	Madeline Thomas, Kynetec	Matt Amick, Missouri Corn Growers Association	Adam Jones, CoBank	Dean Campbell, AgriTech Acres Kayla Thessing Archer Daniels Midland Company	Don Nikodim, Missouri Pork Association
2018-2019	Adam Jones, CoBank	Shannon Weber, Renaissance Financial	Madeline Thomas, Kynetec	Matt Amick, Missouri Corn Growers Association	Dean Campbell, AgriTech Acres	Eric Bohl, Missouri Farm Bureau Kayla Thessing - ADM	Don Nikodim, Missouri Pork Association
2019-2020	Madeline Thomas, Kynetec	Shannon Weber, Renaissance Financial	Matt Amick, Missouri Soybean Association	Kayla Thessing Archer Daniels Midland Company	Dean Campbell, AgriTech Acres	Eric Bohl, Missouri Farm Bureau	Jonathan Fuller - CoBank Greg Martinelli - Ag Sales Training, Coaching, Speaking
2020-2021	Matt Amick, Missouri Soybean Association	Shannon Weber, Renaissance Financial	Eric Bohl, Missouri Farm Bureau	Greg Martinelli - Ag Sales Training, Coaching, Speaking	Jonathan Fuller, CoBank	Dean Campbell, AgriTech Acres	Joy Straney, Renaissance Financial Melanie Bernds - Benson Hill
2021-2022	Shannon Weber, Renaissance Financial	Eric Bohl, Missouri Farm Bureau	Dean Campbell, AgriTech Acres	Melanie Bernds, Benson Hill	Jonathan Fuller, CoBank	Joy Straney, Renaissance Financial	Brad Summa, USDA NASS
2022-2023	Melanie Bernds, Rabo AgriFinance	Eric Bohl, Missouri Farm Bureau	Janet Wilding, Greater St. Loujs, Inc.		Jonathan Fuller, Bank of America	Joy Straney, Renaissance Financial	
2023-2024	Eric Bohl, Bockorny Group	Joy Straney -Strom, Renaissance Financial	Janet Wilding, University of Missouri St. Louis	Nora Faris, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP	Jonathan Fuller, Bank of America	Erin Loesing, Pivot Bio	Catie Burke Jarboe, St. Louis County Farm Bureau

*** officer unknown



December 5, 1980

First "meeting" – A group of influentials in agriculture gathered and decided that St. Louis needed a group to further the welfare of agriculture in the area.

February 9, 1981

First "official" meeting at which the group approved a constitution and by-laws for the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club.

April 1981

First club officers are elected and John Block, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, was the honored speaker. Block was the first of many Secretaries to address the group.

June 1981

Forty-nine members on record.

July 14, 1984

First Ag Night at the ballpark was held at Busch Stadium. More than 2,000 people attended.

1985

Monthly meetings moved from Stan Musial & Biggies Restaurant to the Holiday Inn Westport.



"My favorite memories during the year of my presidency are a successful SLABC night with the Cardinals and the dedication of the SLABC memorial which includes my mentor, Jim Keast. I also remember that I successfully persuaded Dick McWard to keep the Club's books for another year!"

J. Powell Carman
President 1998-1999

1991

Beginning of Congressional Workshops where congressional staffers and USDA personnel are able to get grassroots training from the farm to the consumer.

1997

Following the untimely death of Larry Rus, who had been with the National Corn Growers Association, St. Louis AgriBusiness Club presented Larry's family with a plaque commemorating his contributions to the club.

Creation of the SLABC "In Memoriam" Plaque during the fall of 1997, which still appears at monthly meetings, recognizing several deceased club members who had made outstanding contributions to the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club.

1997-1998

Began a committee for the purpose of heading up the agricultural literacy effort.

2001

Created new logo and tagline: "Where agriculture comes together."

2004-2005

Brought the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club and Gateway National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) together for joint meetings for the first time.

Hosted U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman for one of the monthly luncheons attended by a record crowd—more than 175 people.

The first ever Analysis of the economic impact of Agriculture on the St. Louis Region was completed and distributed. This report provides readers, especially the consuming public, with a clearer view of the broad diversity of agriculture and its importance to the local economy and their daily lives.

2005-2006

Membership grows to 220 individuals, a 30 percent increase over past five years. Joint membership directory for the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club and NAMA came to fruition.



"We began putting more emphasis on the club's role in promoting agricultural literacy in the St. Louis metropolitan area. It was frustrating for many of us to see how little the people of St. Louis seemed to know about or appreciate the impact of agriculture and the Mississippi River on the area's economy."

Ron Scherer
President 1997-1998

Former Ag Club presidents share thoughts on...

St. Louis AgriBusiness Club's impact on St. Louis

"We incorporated many diverse individuals with the common bond of caring about not only our region's agriculture, but our nation's production and future role in the world."

"We often debated sensitive political issues, but the club never took a public stand on partisan matters but served as a resource for information and expert contacts in almost any field. Our country is always growing and changing. Agriculture is a vital part of that and all the resources in St. Louis should be organized and function as a focal point of vision and expertise to guide us all forward and insure our natural gifts and productivity."

Morris L. Larson, president 1986-1987

"From farmers to executives of major agribusiness companies, the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club is an organization that brings people together that all have common interest in agriculture and goal making it viable for the future."

"Among many other achievements, the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club has played a role in the education and growth of biotech knowledge in agriculture."

Richard McWard, president 1996-1997

"The club plays a vital role as a gathering place for St. Louis area agricultural leaders. It has always attempted to bring in high-caliber speakers who make members aware of the challenges facing agriculture and the efforts being put forth to address those challenges. Since its beginning, the club has enjoyed a national reputation for its contributions to the betterment of agriculture."

Ron Scherer, president 1997-1998

"The main impact has been the ongoing education of the St. Louis community concerning the importance of agriculture to our economy."

J. Powell Carman, president 1998-1999

"The St. Louis AgriBusiness Club has provided a dynamic forum for individuals in the Missouri and Illinois area to network, gain enhanced perspectives and collaborate to solve the ever increasing challenges faced by their companies and the agriculture industry, locally, regionally and on the federal level. The club continues to have a positive impact in educating state and federal legislators on issues important to agriculture."

Ron Walberg, president 2003-2004

"Jumpstarted new enthusiasm... Current challenges to the U.S. agriculture industry are being addressed at the monthly luncheons with top-flight speakers with well-known reputations."

Dave Drennan, president 2004-2005

"We finally have some credible data to reinforce the importance of this industry in the St. Louis region. Our membership directory—with more than 220 influential individuals—is a testament to the importance of agribusiness."

Dean Dittmar, president 2005-2006

Looking ahead – Vision for the next 25 years

"My hope is that the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club continues to evolve, that its members support modern agriculture and that it remains a living, breathing organization that changes as necessary. Those of us that were involved in the beginning hoped that it would last this long and now I hope for continued growth and active members."

Jeff Gain, president 1981-1982

"As we look to the future and with an ever growing urban and suburban population, it will be important for the club to remind the public and government officials of the importance of agriculture to the economic well-being of the St. Louis metropolitan area."

Scott Shearer, president 1990-1991

"Nick Reding, retired president of Monsanto Agriculture Company, once said 'In a very real way, St. Louis is to agriculture what Wall Street is to the financial community—the focal point of the industry. Geographically, St. Louis is in the heart of the world's most productive agricultural region. That means that agricultural manufacturing, marketing, finance, transportation and food processing are all significant businesses for St. Louis.' While this was said in the mid-1980s it remains true in 2006 and for the next 25 years. The food and feed marketing chain is complex and with ever-changing new technology, the need to bring people together that are engaged in agriculture will be more important and critical."

Richard McWard, president 1996-1997

"In a time that fewer Americans will have direct roots to the farm, I hope the club will expand its role in promoting agricultural literacy. The residents of St. Louis—and especially the media—have little understanding of the positive contributions that agriculture makes to the St. Louis economy. Agriculture is poised to play an increasingly important role in solving many of America's challenges—especially in energy, the environment, pharmaceutical development, etc.—and those of us in agriculture need to trumpet our successes. Being the best agricultural city in America has a more important ring to it than being the best sports city in America!"

Ron Scherer, president 1997-1998

"My vision is to continue the effort to educate the St. Louis community about the importance of agriculture and to continue to grow to provide the opportunity for agricultural leaders to get together and share our experience. I would like to see those efforts extended to our corresponding clubs in Chicago and Kansas City."

J. Powell Carman, president 1998-1999

"Continue growth in membership and new projects. Update the economic data every five years. Foster expanded relationship with Regional Commerce and Growth Association (RCGA) and engage new leadership and new ideas to expand public awareness and image of the club."

Dave Drennan, president 2004-2005

"Maintaining membership will be a key for our continued success. Our club must reach out to all of the segments of the agricultural industry—especially in the areas of horticulture, food systems and natural resources. Partnering with agribusinesses, organizations and agencies in producing and implementing a marketing and education plan should be a high priority."

Dean Dittmar, president 2005-2006



St. Louis AgriBusiness Economic Contribution

\$43 Billion

in St. Louis Metro total sales from **AgriBusiness** and indirect sales

12.8 Percent

of St. Louis Metro total sales are from **AgriBusiness** and indirect sales

166,633 Jobs

in St. Louis Metro from **AgriBusiness** and indirect firms

9.3 Percent

of St. Louis Metro jobs are from **AgriBusiness** and indirect firms

Direct Impact

Description	Jobs	Labor Income	GDP	Gross Sales
Direct AgriBusiness	84,103	\$5.5B	\$10.2B	\$28.5B
Production Agriculture	13,530	\$231M	\$499M	\$1.6B
Processing Manufacturers	21,388	\$1.6B	\$3.8B	\$12.9B
Inputs & Services	49,185	\$3.6B	\$5.8B	\$14.1B

Indirect Impact

Description	Jobs	Labor Income	GDP	Gross Sales
Supplier Spending	35,798	\$2.5B	\$4.1B	\$7.5B
Household Spending	46,732	\$2.3B	\$4.2B	\$7.1B

Total Impact

Description	Jobs	Labor Income	GDP	Gross Sales
AgriBusiness Contribution	166,633	\$10.3B	\$18.4B	\$43.1B
Percent of St. Louis Metro	9.3%	9.2%	10.3%	12.8%

Notes: In 2020 Dollars. M for millions, B for billions. GDP is Gross Domestic Product. St. Louis Metro is the 15 County/City Metropolitan Statistical Area. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. www.StLouisAgClub.org

Total Tax Contributions	\$3.46B
State & Local Taxes	\$1.33B
Federal Taxes	\$2.13B



St. Louis AgriBusiness Jobs Supported

166,633 Jobs

in St. Louis Metro

9.3 Percent

of St. Louis Metro jobs



84,103 Direct Jobs from AgriBusiness

Production Agriculture

Animal Production
Crop Production
Forestry
Fishing
Agriculture Support

16%

13,530 jobs

Food and Bev. Manufacturing

Beverages
Bakeries
Dairies
Other Food

18%

14,869 jobs

Fiber and Forest Product Manufacturing

8%

6,518 jobs

AgriBusiness Inputs and Services

Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing
Farm Machinery Manufacturing
Food Machinery Manufacturing
Landscape Services
Pharmaceutical Manufacturing
Research and Development
Transportation
Warehousing
Wholesalers

58%

49,185 jobs

82,530 Indirect Jobs from Supplier and Household Spending

Health Care and Social Services

18%

14,931 jobs

Finance Insurance Real Estate Rentals

14%

11,924 jobs

Retail Services

11%

9.1K jobs

Admin. & Support Services

10%

8.5K jobs

Food Services

9%

7.6K jobs

All Other Industries

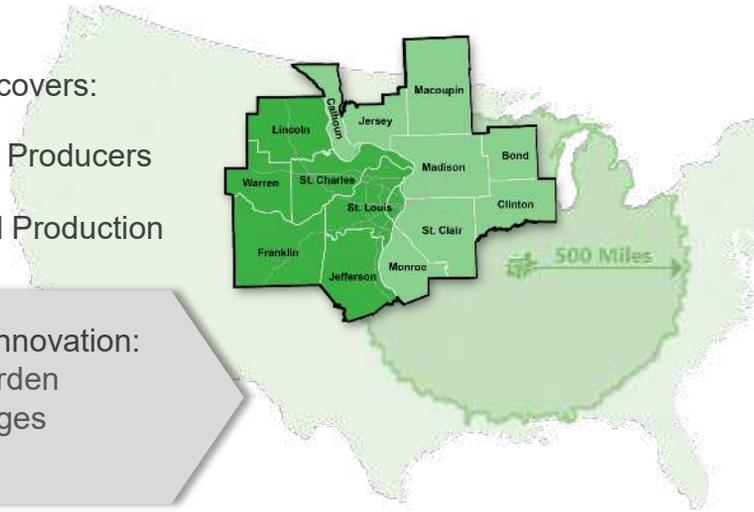
37%

30,503 jobs



St. Louis AgriBusiness Production Central

500 Miles of St. Louis Metro covers:
58 Percent of U.S. Farms and Producers
51 Percent of U.S. Agricultural Production



St. Louis Nonprofits & Institutions foster innovation:
 Danforth Center
 Universities
 Farm Associations
 MO Botanical Garden
 Community Colleges
 39 North District

Some Large St. Louis Metro AgriBusiness Employers



St. Louis Metro AgriBusiness Employment Specializations

2.8X more specialized in employment for **Animal Food Manufacturing**
2.0X more specialized in employment for **Basic Chemical Manufacturing**
1.9X more specialized in employment for **Beverage Manufacturing**
1.6X more specialized in employment for **Paper Product Manufacturing**
1.5X more specialized in employment for **Pharmacy/Medicine Manufacturing**



Mission: *To promote the positive impact of the agricultural industry in the Greater St. Louis region through educational, networking and professional development opportunities.*

The **St. Louis AgriBusiness Club** was founded in 1981 by a group of forward-thinking executives who headed St. Louis-based corporations and associations. They believed that an organization was needed to provide a forum for interaction and discussion of important agricultural issues.

Since its founding, the club has not only provided that forum, but has also been the impetus behind attracting agricultural companies and associations to the St. Louis area and has played an important role in educating government leaders and the general public about the importance of agriculture to the region and our nation.

Our monthly meetings are valued by a cross section of individuals from food, fiber and fuel companies, organizations, and agencies. Our membership includes every sector from field to fork which creates valuable networking and career opportunities. Monthly professional development luncheon meetings provide a variety of timely topics that address the opportunities and challenges of the agricultural industry.

According to the 2020 Agriculture Economic Study, the agricultural industry contributed greatly to the St. Louis region.

- **\$43 billion in Total Economic Contribution** or 12.8% of the direct and indirect Gross Domestic Product of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area (14 county area of MO & IL).
- **166,633 Total Jobs supported** or 9.3% of the direct, indirect, and induced jobs of the Metropolitan Statistical Area.

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