

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Optional Farm Experience: Fair Oaks Farms

Location: Fair Oaks Farm

Times Listed in Eastern Time for Consistency (Fair Oaks Farms is in Central Time)

Join us for an optional add-on farm learning lab opportunity before the official agenda kicks off. We will spend the day at Fair Oaks Farms, a local agritourism operation. Attendees will tour the Dairy Adventure, which includes a birthing barn and robotic milking, and the Pig Adventure, which includes the modern farming practices of a working pig farm.

This location provides a unique opportunity to see the inner workings of these operations in a clean, biosecure observation area - no showers or complicated entry procedures required. This activity will include instruction from Fair Oaks staff, along with loss control specific information provided by committee members. Registration for this activity includes transportation to and from Fair Oaks Farms, breakfast, and lunch.

The cost for this optional workshop is \$450 for NAMIC Members and \$550 for Nonmembers.

2:00 - 5:30 PM

Registration and Event Information Desk

Location: Purdue Union Hotel

The Registration and Event Information Desk is the main hub for event information and badge pick-up. NAMIC staff will be on hand to welcome you and answer any questions you have during the event.

2:30 - 5:30 PM

Optional Workshop: Advanced Loss Control

Location: Purdue Union Hotel

This workshop qualifies for those holding the Mutual Insurance Professional designation to earn the MIP-Loss Control certification endorsement, but it is open for all to attend.

This advanced workshop will be focused on the basics of exposure for each line of coverage: Property, General Liability, Workers' Compensation, Commercial Auto, and Unique Farm Exposures.

As a loss control professional, it is crucial to understand the wide variety of exposures you may encounter during a loss control survey. This program provides a foundation for understanding and evaluating the four primary lines of commercial policies: property, automobile, general liability, and workers' compensation. During this session, we will review common exposures and the appropriate controls that should be in place to mitigate losses. Additionally, we will examine various industry standards, such as those established by the National Fire Protection Association and Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which set minimum criteria for protecting operations.

Learning Objectives

- Identify common exposures for property, liability, automobile, and worker's compensation.
- Determine appropriate controls to mitigate future losses.
- Understand various industry standards.

The cost for this optional workshop is \$250.

Lisa Mundt

Risk Control Unit Manager
Westfield

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Welcome Reception

Location: Purdue Union Hotel

Join us for a welcome reception to re-connect with colleagues and meet new connections prior to the official event kickoff.

6:30 - 7:30 AM

Registration and Event Information Desk

Location: Purdue Union Hotel

If you aren't able to pick up your badge on Tuesday afternoon, please plan to pick up your name badge in the front lobby of the hotel before loading the buses. NAMIC staff will be on hand to welcome you and answer any questions you have during the event.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

7:30 AM	Transportation Departs Purdue Union to ACRE Farm <i>Location: Purdue Union Hotel</i> Please plan to arrive to the front lobby of the hotel by 7:15 AM. Buses will leave promptly at 7:30 AM. If you don't arrive in time, you will need to provide your own transportation.
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Attendee Breakfast and Farm Learning Lab Preview <i>Location: Beck Conference Center</i> Join fellow attendees for a hot breakfast and cup of coffee to charge up while getting the run down of what to expect for the Farm Learning Lab.
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Farm Learning Lab: ACRE Farm at Purdue University <i>Location: ACRE Farm</i> The Farm Learning Lab is a popular and unique learning experience during the Agricultural Risk Conference. Attendees go through a peer-led, hands-on mock inspection of an area agricultural operation, allowing in-the-field experience with the same experts teaching the educational sessions. This year, the on-farm experience will be held at the ACRE Farm at Purdue University. For the Farm Learning Lab, attendees should wear closed-toed shoes that are free of dirt/manure from other farms. Comfortable clothing is also recommended, as the Farm Learning Lab will take place mostly outside. Shorts are appropriate.
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	NAMIC Welcome and Opening Session: Insuring Farm and Agribusiness Risks: What Makes This So Different? While some typical underwriting and risk control concepts are used in agricultural risks, individuals who evaluate and insure farm and agribusiness operations must have a firm understanding of what makes these environments unique. This session will look at common agricultural operations and review why they often present more challenging insurance exposures, both from an underwriting and risk control perspective, than more general risks. Topics of conversation will include family involvement, age of workers, age and condition of facilities and equipment, extended work hours, and challenging work environments, as well as special coverage considerations and insurance mechanics relating to agribusiness. Ben Peetz Risk Control Consultant Westfield Ashley LaFratte Underwriting Supervisor Loudoun Mutual Insurance Company
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Attendee Lunch <i>Location: Beck Conference Center</i> Grab some food and mingle with fellow attendees over the lunch break.
1:00 - 1:50 PM	General Session: A Real-World Ag Liability Case Study <i>Location: Beck Conference Center</i> Each year, millions of dollars change hands due to litigation that seeks to determine fault related to agricultural fatalities, injuries and property losses. This presentation will cover the litigation process through the eyes of an experienced expert witness. In some cases, truth is, in fact, stranger than fiction. William Field Professor Purdue University
1:50 - 2:05 PM	Networking Break <i>Location: Beck Conference Center</i> Join us in the Entrance Foyer to chat with fellow attendees, grab a bite to eat, and stretch your legs.

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2:05 - 2:55 PM

A. Overview of Food Safety Risks and Regulatory Compliance for Produce Farms

This presentation provides a practical overview of food safety risks and regulatory requirements affecting produce farms. Participants will gain foundational insight into food safety principles and the significance of foodborne illness. The session will highlight common on-farm food safety risk areas that can lead to foodborne illness outbreaks. An overview of the Food Safety Modernization Act and related regulations will clarify which farms are subject to the Produce Safety Rule and associated compliance obligations. The presentation will also compare third-party audits and FSMA inspections and discuss key food safety considerations for farms versus processors.

Amanda Deering

Associate Professor
Purdue University

2:05 - 2:55 PM

B. Anhydrous Ammonia Safety

This session will demonstrate how to inspect an anhydrous nurse tank wagon and bulk anhydrous plant. It will also encompass Department of Transportation regulations, industry regulations and safe handling practices.

Julie Lamberson

Director, Safety & Risk
Keystone Cooperative, Inc

2:05 - 2:55 PM

C. Biodigestors

Biodigesters are part of a gas recovery system turning animal waste into a usable form of fuel – mainly methane gas. With biodigester popularity on the rise, mainly for their ability for farms to add another revenue stream while providing green energy, these systems come with inherent risks. Fires, explosions, and equipment breakdowns are all potential exposures from these systems. Proper understanding of the process, the equipment involved, and the associated hazards are critical for any farm risk program.

James Wible

Senior Engineering Exposure Analyst
FM Boiler Re

2:55 - 3:10 PM

Networking Break

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3:10 - 4:00 PM

A. Combustible Dust

Combustible dust presents significant property risks in the agricultural industry. This session covers the fundamentals of combustible dust hazards and explores the various types of controls used to mitigate the hazards. Participants will explore various types of dust collection systems and identify key fire and explosion protection features for buildings and equipment. This session will also look at methods of ignition controls for agricultural equipment. By improving understanding of exposures and mitigation strategies, this training supports informed decisions to reduce loss potential and enhance safety outcomes.

Joe Durham

Senior Engineering Exposure Analyst
FM Boiler Re

3:10 - 4:00 PM

B. How to Be An Effective Expert Witness

The role of an expert is incredibly important in litigation involving agricultural operations. In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court has provided guidance on who can provide expert testimony. The role of an expert witness will be explained, along with strategies to avoiding pitfalls and staying within your lane when providing testimony.

William Field

Professor
Purdue University

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3:10 - 4:00 PM

C. Scouting and Crop Applications with UAV's

Explore the operational and regulatory requirements for using drones both above and below the 55-pound threshold. This session will cover how drones are used for spraying and seeding, along with what's needed to legally implement these applications. We'll also review aerial application labeling requirements and highlight the importance of testing deposition swaths to ensure effective and accurate full-field coverage.

Adam Shanks

Digital Ag Curriculum Lead
Purdue University Extension

7:30 AM

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8:45 - 9:35 AM

A. Winds of Change: Weather Events Reshaping Ag Insurance

Nominal insured losses from severe convective storm and winter storm events have increased by over 9% per year since 2000. This session will explore recent events impact to the agriculture sector and discuss how changes in climate and socioeconomics will continue to affect the industry.

Adam Dawson

Managing Director
Aon

8:45 - 9:35 AM

B. Trends in Agribusiness Valuation: A Closer Look at New Replacement Cost Trends

This presentation is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the valuation process as it pertains to agribusiness properties. Attendees will learn how we value agribusiness properties and gain insights on the value trends we have observed in the marketplace. With particular focus on agricultural insurance professionals, the presentation will offer insights on new trends in replacement cost especially post-Covid, considerations/good practices when estimating replacement cost, and practical cost estimating guides/sources to use.

Megan Sheeley

Partner, Appraiser
Crown Appraisals, Inc.

8:45 - 9:35 AM

C. Egg Production Systems

This session provides an overview of the egg industry, beginning with the fundamentals of raising chicks and following the production process through egg laying, collection, and processing. It will also examine the production systems utilized by MPS, including both conventional and cage-free operations. The session concludes with a discussion of the unique property insurance considerations associated with these facilities, including key coverages and the loss prevention strategies MPS employs to mitigate risks such as fire, wind damage, and manure combustion.

David Flora

Chief Financial Officer
MPS Egg Farms

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9:35 - 9:50 AM

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9:50 - 10:40 AM

A. Safe Towing - Connecting a Trailer to a Truck

Towing a trailer safely requires more than simply connecting it to a vehicle—it requires understanding equipment ratings, proper hitch selection, and safe towing practices. In this session, attendees will learn how mismatched or overloaded towing equipment can contribute to serious accidents and how following manufacturer ratings for the truck, hitch, and trailer can help prevent them. Through real-world examples and practical guidance, participants will gain the knowledge needed to tow with confidence, reduce risk, and improve safety for themselves and others on the road.

Fred Whitford

Director, Purdue Pesticide Programs
Purdue University

9:50 - 10:40 AM

B. Electrical Safety

Your electrical distribution equipment is the single most critical system within your facility. Whether it is a church, a school, or an administrative building, all require electricity to function. Lights, heating and cooling, office equipment, computers, telephones, all depend upon a reliable electrical supply. Proper maintenance and protection of your electrical system and equipment is essential in order to ensure that routine daily operations are not interrupted.

Milton Simmons

Senior Loss Control Director
HSB

9:50 - 10:40 AM

C. Reducing Risk in Agritainment

This session provides an overview of agritourism and the key risk exposures associated with farms that invite the public onto their premises. Attendees will learn why agritourism has grown, including the role of supplemental farm income, consumer demand for experiences, and social media visibility. The session will highlight common exposures associated with various agritourism experiences and attendees will leave with practical insight into identifying hazards and evaluating best practices for life safety, liability, electrical, cooking, animal, transportation, and emergency preparedness controls.

Lisa Mundt

Risk Control Unit Manager
Westfield

10:40 - 10:55 AM

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A. From Prevention to Rescue: Navigating Risks in Grain Systems

This session will cover the risks involved in grain management and the best practices used to mitigate them. We will dissect each stage of grain movement and the potential failure points. The goal of this session is to teach you what questions to ask and offer you some helpful resources for continued learning on this topic.

Anne Cook

Safety Director
Custom Agri Systems, Inc.

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9:50 - 10:40 AM

B. Agritourism – ‘You’re Doing What On the Farm?’

With the current status of the farm economy, farms are looking for ways to increase their income. Whether this is an existing operation looking to diversify or a young farmer looking to find a niche, agritourism has grown in popularity and continues to do so. Adding agritourism activities and events adds risks to the farm, and in many cases, our farmers are aware of or understand the additional risks they are taking on. During the session, we will look at several common and unique agritourism activities found on farms. We will discuss the liability laws governing agritourism, as well as risk management for these additional farm risks.

John Nagle

Farm Training Specialist
Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance

9:50 - 10:40 AM

C. Animal Safety and Handling

Agriculture work is dangerous, especially those working with livestock. Nearly 1/3 of injuries on livestock operations are due to direct animal contact. It is key that employees understand animal behavior, have appropriate handling equipment, and are trained to work with animals. This session will identify some common injuries related to working with livestock, review recommendations for safety working around animals, and provide some training resources.

Jeff Bender

Professor & Director
Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety & Health Center, University of Minnesota

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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Closing Session: Interactive Farm Learning Lab Debrief

Location: ACRE Farm

This session provides a valuable platform for attendees to reflect and discuss insights gathered from the conference activities. Take this opportunity to delve deeper into the key learnings, memorable moments, and practical takeaways from the Farm Learning Lab.

Shawn Ehlers

Professor
Purdue University

Ben Peetz

Risk Control Consultant
Westfield

Carl Gruber

Loss Prevention Specialist
SFM Mutual Insurance Company

Ashley LaFratte

Underwriting Supervisor
Loudoun Mutual Insurance Company

4:15 - 4:45 PM

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