

## 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule

### Wednesday, February 4, 2026

- 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm **Emerging Leaders Program Alumni Welcome Reception**
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Welcome Reception & Registration Pickup**

### Thursday, February 5, 2026

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast**
- 8:30 am **Spouse/Guest Event**
- 8:30 am – 12:00 pm **General Session**
- 8:30 am – 8:40 am Welcome from CIRB’s Chair, Lindsey Rinkenberger
- 8:40 am – 8:55 am Meeting Overview from CIRB’s Executive Vice President, Michael Torrey
- 8:55 am – 9:55 am **Session 1: Farm Economy Update**  
Dr. John Newton, VP Public Policy & Economics | American Farm Bureau Federation (Invited)
- 9:55 am – 10:25 am **Session 2: Legal Update**  
Kurt Henke | CIRB Counsel | Henke-Bufkin
- 10:25 am – 10:50 am Break
- 10:50 am – 11:50 am **Session 3: AI in Agriculture**
- 11:50 am – 11:55 am Closing Remarks
- 12:00 pm Meeting Adjourns
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **CIRB Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Emerging Leaders Program Networking Reception**

### Friday, February 6, 2026

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast**
- 8:30 am – 12:00 pm **General Session**
- 8:30 am – 8:35 am Welcome from CIRB Chair, Lindsey Rinkenberger
- 8:35 am – 9:35 am **Session 4: Navigating Weather Extremes & The Growing Season Ahead**  
Matthew Reardon, Atmospheric Scientist | Conduit Ag
- 9:35 am – 10:25 am **Session 5: RMA Update**

10:30 am – 10:45 am Break

10:45 am – 11:45 am **Session 6: Political Update**

Jim Wiesemeyer | Pro Farmer (Invited)

11:30 am – 11:45 am CIRB Awards Presentation

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11:45 am – 12:00 pm Closing Remarks

12:00 pm Meeting Adjourns

12:45 pm – 5:30 pm Golf Tournament (Shotgun start)

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Closing Reception