

Annual Meeting Agenda

TUESDAY, JULY 29

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Crown Foyer
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Optional Tour: <i>Downtown Grand Rapids Museum Walking Tour</i>	Offsite
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Ford
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	A-Team and Board Liaison Meeting	Atrium
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Invitation Only: Past Chairs Reception	Governors

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Crown Foyer
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Invitation Only: <i>Introducing the Council Breakfast</i>	Emerald
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Invitation Only: <i>Checkoff/USGC Staff Breakfast</i>	Pantlind
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Spouse/Guest Breakfast	Ford
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Continuous Coffee Sponsored by: Scoular, Arkansas Farm Bureau, Illinois Farm Bureau, Indiana Farm Bureau, Iowa Farm Bureau, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau	Crown Foyer and West Concourse
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	General Session Welcome to Grand Rapids <i>Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development</i> Opening Markets, Driving Growth: An Update on U.S. Ag Trade <i>Daniel Whitley, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture</i> Past USGC Chair Panel <i>Moderated by: Cary Sifferath, USGC Vice President</i> <i>Terry Wolf, 2004 USGC Chairman</i> <i>Chip Councell, 2017 USGC Chairman</i> <i>Donald Fast, 2013 USGC Chairman</i> <i>Josh Miller, 2023 USGC Chairman</i> <i>Victor Miller, 2007 USGC Chairman</i>	Ambassador Ballroom

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Celebrating Success with USGC Program Highlights

Cary Sifferath, USGC Vice President

Alicia Koch, USGC Director of Global Ethanol Export Development

Kurt Shultz, USGC Senior Director of Global Strategies

CEO Comments

Ryan LeGrand, USGC President and CEO

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Legacy Lounge	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch and Past Chair Roundtable Sponsored by: Syngenta	<i>Pantlind Ballroom & Center Concourse</i>
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Continuous Coffee Sponsored by: Scoular, Arkansas Farm Bureau, Illinois Farm Bureau, Indiana Farm Bureau, Iowa Farm Bureau, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau	<i>Crown Foyer and West Concourse</i>
1:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Advisory Team Meetings: <i>Asia</i> <i>Ethanol</i> <i>Innovation and Sustainability</i> <i>Middle East/Africa/South Asia</i> <i>Trade Policy</i> <i>Value-Added</i> <i>Western Hemisphere</i>	<i>Ford</i> <i>Governors</i> <i>Emerald & Pearl</i> <i>Vandenberg B</i> <i>Emerald</i> <i>Atrium</i> <i>Vandenberg A</i>
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Legacy Lounge	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception Sponsored by: Corteva	<i>Crown Foyer & Center Concourse</i>

THURSDAY, JULY 31

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
7:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	<i>Pantlind Ballroom</i>
7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Legacy Lounge	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
7:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Barley Sector Meeting	<i>Pearl</i>
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Sector Meetings: <i>Agribusiness/Ethanol</i> <i>Corn</i> <i>General Farm Organizations</i> <i>Sorghum</i>	<i>Emerald A</i> <i>Ambassador Ballroom</i> <i>Ruby</i> <i>Emerald B</i>

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8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Continuous Coffee Sponsored by: Scoular, Arkansas Farm Bureau, Illinois Farm Bureau, Indiana Farm Bureau, Iowa Farm Bureau, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau	<i>Crown Foyer and West Concourse</i>
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Legacy Lounge	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Optional Event: Lavendar Life Farm Tour	<i>Offsite</i>
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	General Session The Importance of American Agriculture in an Ever-Changing World <i>Former U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow</i> China 301 Transportation Outlook <i>Jay O'Neil, HJ O'Neil Commodity Consulting</i>	<i>Ambassador Ballroom</i>
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch	<i>Pantlind and Imperial Ballrooms</i>
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Continuous Coffee Sponsored by: Scoular, Arkansas Farm Bureau, Illinois Farm Bureau, Indiana Farm Bureau, Iowa Farm Bureau, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau	<i>Crown Foyer and West Concourse</i>
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Mexico Trade Policy <i>Kenneth Smith Ramos, AGON</i> India Trade Policy <i>Mark Linscott, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum</i> SEA Trade Policy <i>Chris Markey, USGC Deputy Regional Director SEA & Oceania</i>	<i>Governors</i> <i>Vandenberg A</i> <i>Vandenberg B</i>
6:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Social Event Sponsored by: Bayer	<i>Wildwood Family Farms</i>

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	<i>Pantlind Ballroom</i>
7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Legacy Lounge	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Registration	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Continuous Coffee Sponsored by: Scoular, Arkansas Farm Bureau, Illinois Farm Bureau, Indiana Farm Bureau, Iowa Farm Bureau, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau	<i>Crown Foyer and West Concourse</i>

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8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Board of Delegates Meeting	<i>Ambassador Ballroom</i>
1:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Board of Directors & A-Team Leaders Meeting	<i>Ford</i>
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Optional Tour: Taste of GR Foodie Tour	<i>Offsite</i>