NORTHERN PLAINS SUSTAINABLE

FOOD & FARMING CONFERENCE

January 21-23, 2026 • JOIN US IN Aberdeen, SD

Event Schedule

Time	Description	Room
Wednesday Pre-Conference – January 21		
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Registration & Check-in	Main Conference Hall
10:00 am – 10:00 pm	Vendor Set-up	Exhibit Hall
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Dakota Organic Academy Road Show (OARS) – Free to transitioning organic farmers	Dakota Room E
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	**KEYNOTE: Dr. Angela K Jackson & Randy Stratton – Smarter Farming with AI: Planning, Risk & Profit**	Theatre
4:30 pm	Farm Breeder Network	Dakota Room E
5:30 pm	OARS Community Information Night with Vendors	Dakota Room E
Thursday – January 22		
8:00 am – 9:15 am	Breakfast – Exhibits Open	Convention Hall
9:30 am	Welcome Message by Martin Goter, NPSAS Board President	Convention Hall
9:35 am – 10:30 am	**KEYNOTE: Daniel Salatin - Diversity Leads to Legacy**	Convention Hall
10:45 am – 11:35 am	**Workshop/Breakouts***	
	Crops: Biology that Benefits Crop Production – Larry Sax	Dakota A/B
	Livestock: Pastured Poultry – Daniel Salatin	Convention Hall
	Homesteading/Health: Save Your Farm – Tiffany Hoeft	Dakota E
	Business: Risk Management for Organic Operations – Megan Vaith	Dakota D
	Business/Land - Being a Land Entrepreneur: Building Cashflow, Not Just Soil – Taylor Henry	Theatre
	Kids Ag Workshop – Master Gardeners of Brown County	Indoor Courtyard
11:45 am-1:00 pm	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch	Convention Hall
12:45 pm – 1:15 pm	Annual Meeting	Convention Hall
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	**KEYNOTE: Taylor Henry – Standing on the Shoulders of Soil Giants**	Convention Hall

Tentative Schedule

Time	Description	Room
2:35 pm – 3:30 pm	**General Session: Ag Marketing – Making Your Farm Work**	Convention Hall
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall
4:00 pm – 4:50 pm	**Workshop/Breakouts***	
	Crops: Using Data to Make Farm Decisions – Blake Burggraff	Dakota A/B
	Livestock: Grass-Fed Beef & Diverse Grazing – Scott Kronberg - SARE Farmers Forum	Dakota D
	Homesteading/Health: Rabbits – The Forgotten Protein – Daniel Salatin	Theatre
	Business: Holistic Management – Matt Stone	Dakota E
	Kids Ag Workshop – Master Gardeners of Brown County	Indoor Courtyard
5:00 pm	Taste of Ag – Happy Hour Social & Cash Bar	Conference Center
6:00 pm	Dinner & Auction	Convention Hall
Friday – January 23		
7:00 am	Breakfast – Exhibitors Open & Networking	Exhibit Hall
8:30 am – 9:30 am	**Workshop/Breakouts***	
	Crops: Managing Pesticide Drift: Preventative, Detection and Response by Dr. Angela K. Jackson	Dakota A/B
	Livestock: Comparing compost tea and compost extract by Mike Seifert a SARE Farmers Forum	Dakota D
	Homesteading/Health: The next generation of your farm/ranch – who will it be? by Carmen Fernholz & Charlie Johnson	Dakota E
	Business: Understanding the Efficacy, Economics and ROI of Robotics and Autonomous Technology by Randy Stratton	Theatre
	Kids Ag Workshop – By Master Gardeners of Brown County	Indoor Courtyard
9:30 am – 10:30 am	General Session: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly – Farmer Panel	Convention Hall
10:40 am – 11:30 am	Roundtable discussions - Pick a Table and Chat with facilitators and other attendees about: Financing - Marketing - Biology - Livestock - AI - Pest/Weed Management - Cover Crops - Govt. Programs or Organic Certification/Transition	Convention Hall
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch & Exhibitors Open	Convention Hall
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	**KEYNOTE: Angela Jackson - Managing Pesticide Drift: Preventative, Detection and Response**	Convention Hall

Please check For Final Schedule here or in your conference book for any changes upon Conference Check-in.