Iowa Smart Agriculture Forum: Circles of Life
Afternoon Filed Day and Forum Program
Des Moines, Iowa
June 6 and 7, 2023

Objectives:
- share and celebrate the IASA vision!
- forge consensus on the priority building blocks needed to achieve the IASA vision.
- further advance the IASA efforts to challenge, promote, educate and equip our agricultural community in the 21st Century.
- Recruit new partners and champions.

**June 6th Afternoon field day and dinner**

12:30 p.m. Field Day Check in @ [Marriott Des Moines downtown](#)

1:15 p.m. Leave hotel for afternoon field tour

1:30 p.m. Stop One- Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Warehouse

2:30 p.m. Depart for Stop Two

3:30 p.m. Stop Two- Clayton Farms- Ames

4:45 p.m. Depart for Stop Three- VERBIO Biorefinery- Nevada

5:45 p.m. Stop Four- Couser’s Feedlot and Pasture- Nevada

- Social followed by Dinner
- Innovation at Work- Lane Arthur, Vice President of Embedded Software & Solutions, John Deere
- View research plots

7:30 p.m. Board bus to return to hotel

**June 7th IASA Forum**

World Food Prize Foundation Hall of Laureates, 100 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA

8:00 a.m. Registration and coffee

8:45 a.m. Opening session (Ray Gaesser, Co-Chair IASA- moderator)

Welcome- Ambassador Terry Branstad, President WFPF

Objectives- Dan Robison, Dean, Iowa State University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
9:10 a.m. Opening Message- A Vision for Circular System Innovations
  o Shashi Menon, CEO of EcoEngineers

9:25 a.m. Keynote Message- Circular Systems in Agriculture-
  o Bruno Basso, Michigan State University/ASABE (virtual)

9:45 a.m. Iowa Smart Agriculture: Circles of Life- *An introduction to Iowa Smart Agriculture*
  o Bryan Sievers, Co-Chair IASA- (moderator)
  o Lydia English, Practical Farmers of Iowa
  o Jason Russell, Livestock and Grain Farmer
  o Dean Sponheim, Sponheim Sales and Services

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Partners in Agriculture Reactor Panel (Dan Robison- moderator)
  o Matt Herman, Iowa Soybean Association
  o Matt Unger, Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Warehouse
  o Jeff Plagge, Iowa Division of Banking
  o Mike Naig, Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship
  o Matt Russell, State Executive Director, USDA Farm Services Agency

11:45 a.m. Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy – the Defining Decade
  o Sean McMahon, Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance

12:00 p.m. Kevin Reynolds, Conservationist

12:15 p.m. Group Lunch

1:00 p.m. Afternoon sessions- Pathways Forward (Kellie Blair, Co-Chair, IASA- moderator)

  Breakout conversations to identify priority building blocks for the future of Iowa agriculture:
  o Topic 1 Risk Management
  o Topic 2 Innovation
  o Topic 3 Diversification
  o Topic 4 Payment for Ecosystems Services

1:45 p.m. Reports from breakout group sessions- What we heard! Recorders

2:30 p.m. Rapporteur Synopsis- Lisa Schulte Moore, Iowa State University

2:45 p.m. Paths Forward (Phase Three overview) IASA Co-Chairs

3:00 p.m. Post forum guided tour of Hall of Laureates
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