

2024 Annual Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 17th

2:00 – Sand Castle I & II – Board of Directors Meeting

3:00-4:30 – Lobby – Registration

5:00-6:00 – Beach Deck – Welcome Reception with Live Music (*In case of rain, Sand Castle I & II*)

Tuesday, June 18th

7:15-8:00 – Voyagers – Breakfast Available

8:00 – Sandcastle I & II – AAC Business Meeting and General Session 1

- **8:00-8:15 – Housekeeping**
 - Grace Ellis; Executive Director, Alabama Agribusiness Council
- **8:15-8:30 – AAC Business Meeting**
 - Brad Smith; President, AAC Board of Directors
- **8:15-8:45 – Conference Welcome**
 - Patrick Moody; Deputy Commissioner, AL Department of Ag and Industries
- **8:45-9:15 – Economic Contribution of Alabama’s Agriculture and Forestry Industries to the State’s Economy**
 - Dr. Adam Rabinowitz; Associate Professor, AU Ag Economics and Rural Sociology
 - Dennis Brothers Associate Extension Professor, AU Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology

9:15-9:30 – Break

9:30 – Sandcastle I & II – General Session 2

- **9:30-9:45 – Member Lightning Round**
- **9:45 – 10:45 – Alabama’s Statewide Strategic Plan and Introduction of Aimpoint / Identifying Gaps and Opportunities in Alabama Agricultural Supply Chains**
 - Greg Barker; President, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama
 - Chimdi Chekwa; Senior Intelligence Analyst, Aimpoint Research
 - Matthew Moshier; Account Executive, Aimpoint Research
 - Payton Woods; Account Executive, Aimpoint Research
- **10:45-11:00 – Greetings from the Campaign Trail**
 - Caroleene Dobson; Candidate for US House of Representatives, District 2

11:15 – Adjourn

1:00 – Scholarship Golf Outing & Fishing Excursion

6:00 – Salon Ballrooms – Cocktail Hour

6:30 – Salon Ballrooms – Luau Banquet and Live Auction

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Wednesday, June 19th

7:45-8:30 – Voyagers – Breakfast Available

8:00 – Sandcastle I & II – General Session 3

- **8:00 – 8:30 – Skills-Based Solutions for Hiring**
 - Julie Kornegay; Director of Engagement, Alabama Talent Triad
- **8:30-9:00 – Alabama Farm Poll: Insights from Production Agriculture**
 - Dr. Kelli Russell; Assistant Extension Professor, AU Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology
 - Dr. Mykel Taylor; Professor and ALFA Eminent Scholar, AU Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology
- **9:00-9:30 – Precision Ag=Decision Ag**
 - Russ Worsley; Integrated Solutions Manager, SunSouth /Owner, FireTower Farms LLC
- **9:30-9:45 – Member Lightning Round**

9:45-10:00 – Break

10:00 – Sandcastle I & II – General Session 4

- **10:00-10:30 – Farm Bill and Washington Update**
 - Emma Johnston; Agriculture Legislative Assistant, Senator Tommy Tuberville
- **11:00-11:30 – Legislative Outlook Discussion Panel**
 - Erin Beasley; Executive Vice President, Alabama Cattlemen's Association
 - Brian Hardin; Alabama Farmers Federation, Director of External Affairs
 - Patrick Moody; Deputy Commissioner, Alabama Department of Ag and Industries
 - Mitt Walker; Alabama Farmers Federation, Director of Governmental & Agricultural Programs

11:30 Adjourn

SAVE THE DATE

**2025 Annual Meeting
June 16 - 18, 2025
Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, Alabama**