

# Annual Meeting Agenda

## TUESDAY, JULY 29

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

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	<b>Invitation Only:</b> <i>Introducing the Council Breakfast</i>	<i>Emerald</i>
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	<b>Invitation Only:</b> <i>Checkoff/USGC Staff Breakfast</i>	<i>Pantlind</i>
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Spouse/Guest Breakfast</b>	<i>Ford</i>
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Continuous Coffee</b> 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>
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>General Session</b>	<i>Ambassador Ballroom</i>
	<b>Welcome to Grand Rapids</b> <i>Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development</i>	
	<b>Opening Markets, Driving Growth: An Update on U.S. Ag Trade</b> <i>Daniel Whitley, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture</i>	
	<b>Past USGC Chair Panel</b> <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>	

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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.	<b>Legacy Lounge</b>	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch and Past Chair Roundtable</b> Sponsored by: Syngenta	<i>Pantlind Ballroom &amp; Center Concourse</i>
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Continuous Coffee</b> 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.	<b>Advisory Team Meetings:</b> <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 &amp; Pearl</i> <i>Vandenberg B</i> <i>Emerald</i> <i>Atrium</i> <i>Vandenberg A</i>
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Legacy Lounge</b>	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	<b>Welcome Reception</b> Sponsored by: Corteva	<i>Crown Foyer &amp; Center Concourse</i>

## **THURSDAY, JULY 31**

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
7:00 – 8:15 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>	<i>Pantlind Ballroom</i>
7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<b>Legacy Lounge</b>	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
7:30 – 10:00 a.m	<b>Barley Sector Meeting</b>	<i>Pearl</i>
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Sector Meetings:</b> <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.	<b>Continuous Coffee</b> 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.	<b>Legacy Lounge</b>	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Optional Event: Lavendar Life Farm Tour</b>	<i>Offsite</i>
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>General Session</b>  <b>The Importance of American Agriculture in an Ever-Changing World</b> <i>Former U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow</i>  <b>China 301 Transportation Outlook</b> <i>Jay O’Neil, HJ O’Neil Commodity Consulting</i>	<i>Ambassador Ballroom</i>
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	<i>Pantlind and Imperial Ballrooms</i>
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Continuous Coffee</b> 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.	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>  <b>Mexico Trade Policy</b> <i>Kenneth Smith Ramos, AGON</i>  <b>India Trade Policy</b> <i>Mark Linscott, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum</i>  <b>SEA Trade Policy</b> <i>Chris Markey, USGC Deputy Regional Director SEA &amp; Oceania</i>	<i>Governors</i>  <i>Vandenberg A</i>  <i>Vandenberg B</i>
6:00 – 9:30 p.m.	<b>Social Event</b> Sponsored by: Bayer	<i>Wildwood Family Farms</i>

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 – 8:15 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>	<i>Pantlind Ballroom</i>
7:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<b>Legacy Lounge</b>	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	<i>Crown Foyer</i>
7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Continuous Coffee</b> 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.	<b>Board of Delegates Meeting</b>	<i>Ambassador Ballroom</i>
1:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Board of Directors &amp; A-Team Leaders Meeting</b>	<i>Ford</i>
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Optional Tour: Taste of GR Foodie Tour</b>	<i>Offsite</i>