

# Trade Policy Academy Agenda

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*Location: University of Minnesota Hormel Institute,  
Seminar Room  
801 16th Ave NE, Austin, MN 55912*

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome to trade school and introductions, Ellen S. Zimmerman, USGBC
- 10:15 a.m. Working with Global Partners, Ellen S. Zimmerman, USGBC, Michael Granche, NCGA
- 10:45 a.m. The history of trade policy and what it means for U.S. grains, Andrew Brandt, USGBC
- 11:15 a.m. Tariffs and today's trade agreements, Andrew Brandt, USGBC
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch and Reflection
- 1:30 p.m. Understanding How Grain Moves, Michael Granche, NCGA
- 2:15 p.m. Trade Economic Update, Gretchen Kuck, NCGA
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. USCMA and the importance of Mexico & Canada
- 3:45 p.m. Farmer Panel: how does trade impact your operation, Ellen S. Zimmerman, USGBC
- 4:15 p.m. Action planning, Ellen S. Zimmerman, USGBC
- 4:45 p.m. Final questions/answers and closing
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn