

# 2026 PFI Annual Conference

PFI Annual Conference & Breakout Sessions: Jan. 9-10 (pages 4-7) Preconference Short Courses: Jan. 8 (pages 8-9)







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# Highlights include:

- 70+ sessions featuring over
   Storytelling 100 speakers
- Over 90 sponsors and exhibitors
- Preconference short courses
- · PFI supper and cocktails

and more!

### Location:

Community Choice Convention Center at the Iowa Events Center 833 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Des Moines, IA



# REGISTER TODAY!

There are three ways to register for PFI's 2026 Annual Conference and Short Courses:



Visit our website to register online. bit.ly/registerac26



Registration details are on page 10 of this brochure. Fill out the registration forms, tear out the perforated page and mail it to the PFI office at this address:

Practical Farmers of Iowa 1615 Golden Aspen Drive, Suite 101 Ames, IA 50010



Questions? Need assistance with registration? We are here to help!
Call the PFI office at (515) 232-5661.

# PREREGISTRATION INFORMATION

You must preregister by Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025. After that date, registration rates increase and all registrations are walk-in only. No refunds will be given after Dec. 23. All refunds prior to that date will be charged an \$8 processing fee.

### **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 8

Short Course 9 a.m. Registration Opens

10-11:15 a.m. Short Course Session 1

Short Course Session 2 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30-2:45 p.m. Short Course Session 3

Short Course Session 4 3-4 p.m.

Short Course Session 5

Concurrent Session 3

• FRIDAY, JAN. 9

4:15-5:15 p.m.

9 a.m. Registration Opens Exhibit Hall Opens

10-11 a.m. Concurrent Session 1

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Concurrent Session 2

Lunch & Exhibit Hall 12:15-1:30 p.m.

1:30-2:30 p.m. Concurrent Session 4 3-4 p.m.

4:15-5:15 p.m. PFI Storytelling

5:15-9 p.m. Cocktails & PFI Supper

SATURDAY, JAN. 10

7:30 a.m. Breakfast (sponsored by Niman Ranch) & Exhibit Hall

8:15-9:15 a.m. PFI Business Meeting & Award Presentation

9:30-10:30 a.m. Concurrent Session 1

11 a.m.-Noon Concurrent Session 2

Noon-1:15 p.m. Lunch & Exhibit Hall

Keynote Address 1:15-2:15 p.m.

2:45-3:45 p.m. Concurrent Session 3

4-5 p.m. Concurrent Session 4







#### **About the PFI Annual Conference**

Since our founding, the annual conference has been a keystone event for farmer-to-farmer learning. Join us and over 1,000 attendees to hear creative solutions and ideas from fellow farmers; share in good conversation; make new connections; and enjoy hearty meals.

#### **About Practical Farmers of Iowa**

Practical Farmers of Iowa is a nonprofit founded in 1985 as an organization for farmers, led by farmers. Our work is firmly rooted in helping farmers connect to share their knowledge, expand their networks and do on-farm research that answers their specific farming questions. We have also expanded our focus to address issues that affect farm viability by offering multiple costshare programs, coaching for farm businesses, landowner and farm transition support and mentoring for first-generation farmers.

#### PFI's Vision

An lowa with healthy soil, healthy food, clean air, clean water, resilient farms and vibrant communities.

#### PFI's Values

- · Welcoming everyone
- Farmers leading the exchange of experience and knowledge
- Curiosity, creativity, collaboration and community
- · Resilient farms now and for future generations
- Stewardship of land and resources

# There's something for everyone at the PFI Annual Conference

Choose from over 70 concurrent breakout sessions on Friday and Saturday. Focus on your farm's enterprises, or branch out to learn something new!

# Topics include:

Conventional and organic cover crops and small grains

Soil health practices for corn and soybeans

Pasture-based livestock

**Crop-livestock systems** 

Vegetable and fruit production and marketing

Precision conservation and on-farm habitat

Landowner resources and farmland access

Pest and weed management

Farm business basics and planning and more!



Find session details and a list of speakers at bit.ly/acschedule26

Keynote Saturday, Jan. 10 | 1:15 p.m.



# Amber Lambke

Cofounder and CEO of Maine Grains, Inc.

# 10 Ways To Build a Better World With Bread and Beer

More than a century ago, central Maine was part of New England's breadbasket – and the town of Skowhegan, Maine, was one of the hubs. Over time, in the search for efficiency, grain and other industries left Skowhegan, leaving the farmers

behind. Today, Skowhegan is experiencing an agricultural renaissance, with a new generation of thought leaders, farmers and food producers leading the charge.

Many people are playing instrumental roles in this movement, including Amber Lambke. In this keynote, she'll discuss how revitalizing Maine's grain economy has provided a focus for economic development at the grassroots level – and for rebuilding community resilience and self-sufficiency. She will outline how adding local grains to our bread, beer and more presents new opportunities for Maine and for connection across the globe.

## Storytelling Friday, Jan. 9 | 4:15 p.m.

It's a tradition! To cap off Friday afternoon, all conference attendees will come together to hear true stories, performed live, from a selection of PFI farmers. If you enjoy bending your ear toward a lively, soberingly powerful or particularly well-narrated farmer tale, this storytelling event is for you.

# Grab a bag of popcorn on your way in!







Ann Franzenburg







Todd Western III Todd Western IV

## Cocktails and PFI Supper Friday, Jan. 9 | 5:15 p.m.

Keep the fun rolling! Following Storytelling, we'll roll in the bar cart and set up the supper service. Tickets (\$20) are required for the supper, which will feature locally sourced ingredients and live music.







## Conversation Coop Friday, Jan. 9 & Saturday, Jan. 10



Have a story of your own to share? Want to record a memory from your farm? Stop by the Conversation Coop! We'll be standing by to help record your story.



Register online by Dec. 23 at bit.ly/registerac26 or by calling the office at (515) 232-5661.

# Conference Breakout Sessions at-a-Glance

Friday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 10

FRIDAY, JAN. 9			
10-11 a.m.	11:15 a.m 12:15 p.m.	1:30-2:30 p.m.	3-4 p.m.
Growing and Selling Ginger and Turmeric	PANEL: Vegetable On-Farm Research With PFI's Cooperators' Program	Being a Fabulous Farm Employer	Growing Organic and Conventional Strawberries at White Pine Berry Farm
<b>PANEL:</b> A Conversation Between Farm Store Owners	Timing and Executing Vegetable Succession Planting for Key Crops	<b>PANEL:</b> Finding Your Balance With Farm Social Media	PANEL: Reducing Inputs Through Cover Crops
Meet-and-Greet at the PFI Conference	Research on Improved Management Practices for Cereal Rye Ahead of Corn	From Planting to Termination: Cover Crop Selection and Termination Timing	The "Green" Benefits of Grazing Cover Crops
Soil Health Economics	Spill the Beans! Opportunities and Challenges Growing and Marketing Edible Beans in Iowa	<b>ROUNDTABLE:</b> Brewing and Distilling Markets for Food-Grade Grain Growers	Bale Grazing and Cover Crop Finishing: A Cooperators' Program Share-Out
Economic Considerations for Diversifying Crop Rotations on Organic Farms	Haying Native Warm-Season Grasses	The Relationships and Logistics of Solar Grazing	PANEL: How Can PFI Help You Grow Your Business?
Farming for Quality of Life	Starting Up a Goat Dairy and Creamery	Land Access Navigator Consultation Live!	The Lost Tallgrass Prairie: Farming, History and Roots in Land Stewardship Today
Artificial Insemination, the Basics	ROUNDTABLE: Aspiring-To- Farm Roundtable	Affordable Tools and Equipment Solutions for Small-Scale Vegetable Farms	A Conversation About Mental Health
<b>ROUNDTABLE:</b> Spanish-Speaking Farmers Roundtable Discussion	Introduction to LLCs With Inmobiliaria Inc.	Brush Management in CRP: What Is the Best Approach After Fire?	Relay Cropping as Resilience When Waters Rise
Cleaner Water Through Conservation: Quantifying Water Quality Impacts of Edge-of-Field Practices	ROUNDTABLE: Advancing Wildlife Goals Through Strategic Habitat Management		Creating Recipe Videos and Shareable Content for Social Media

SATURDAY, JAN. 10							
9:30-10:30 a.m.	11 a.m12 p.m.	2:45-3:45 p.m.	4-5 p.m.				
Recovering Vegetable Farmers Go Nuts!: Transitioning to Agroforestry	Crop Focus: Kiwiberry Production	Organically Managing Pests and Disease in Brassicas	Using Local Food at the Iowa Event Center				
Top 10 Takeaways From Visiting Iowa Fruit and Vegetable Farms in 2025	The Versatility and Efficiency of Drones	Seed Cover Crops While You Combine	PANEL: Field to Table: Connections Across Culinary Grain Value Chains				
Tips for Success: Cereal Rye Termination and Planting Green With Corn	Storytelling Techniques To Foster Collaboration and Promote Farmland Conservation	Enhancing Farm Fertility Through Compost Production	Matchmaking: Landowners, Beekeepers and Honeybees				
Farming for the Future: Engaging the Whole Family and Raising Young Entrepreneurs	Virtual Fencing 101	Building a Meat Aggregator	ROUNDTABLE: Predator Problems Roundtable				
Grazing Diverse Native Grasslands for Livestock, Soil Health and Wildlife	All The Pieces: Completing the Soil Health Puzzle by Adding Cattle and Reducing Herbicides	Managing a Wool Enterprise Realistically	Reimagining the Family Farm With Mushrooms				
Growing and Milling Pig Feed	Seed and Scion Swap	How To Sell to a Food Hub	Entrepreneurship, Heritage and Feeding the Community				
Growing African Vegetables in Iowa	From Soil to Harvest: Easy Steps to Gardening	Duck Egg Production	Healing the Land: Creating Resilience Through Native Habitat Restoration				
Getting Organized on Your Vegetable Farm		Taking Responsibility: Interdependence on the Land	What's Ahead for PFI's Spanish Programming				
<b>PANEL:</b> Soil, Water and Habitat Stewardship on Working Lands	<b>Q&amp;A</b> With Keynote Amber Lambke	LIGHTNING TALKS ROUND 1	LIGHTNING TALKS ROUND 2				

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# Preconference Short Courses

Thursday, Jan. 8 | 10 a.m.-5:15 p.m. CAAs: 4.5 CEU credits approved

Preconference short courses are offered each year as an opportunity to dive a little deeper into topics that interest our community.



Find short course session details and speaker bios at bit.ly/shortcourses26

# Wholesale-Ready: Preparing Your Farm and Evaluating Opportunities

Purchasing programs like the Local Food Purchasing Assistance Program (LFPA) and Local Food for Schools (LFS) helped many fruit and vegetable growers get a foot in the door with wholesale buyers. Funding for both programs ended in 2025 and farmers face a new challenge: how to sustain and grow those wholesale relationships through stronger planning and infrastructure.

In this full-day short course, farmers will:

- · Explore what scale and markets are the right fit for your farm.
- Hear from wholesale buyers about their purchasing process and expectations.
- · Learn from farmers who have successfully navigated wholesale markets.
- Get practical tools to strengthen your crop planning process and align with production sales and outlets.

#### **Speakers**

Ariel Pressman Michelle Dill Stefanie Jaeger Lisa Stewart
Giselle Bruskewitz Nancy Eastman Matthew Kroul Carly Zierke

# Field Crops Research Highlights

PFI's on-farm research program is a cornerstone of the organization that provides a unique opportunity for farmers to explore pressing questions they have on their farms with scientific support from PFI's own research team. Farmers generate trial ideas, identify what results they're seeking and complete randomized, replicated trials on their own farms in both single and multiyear trials. This short course will highlight several prominent research projects from the last few years. Together, we'll take a closer look at the how, the why and the long-term outcomes of completing on-farm research.

#### **Speakers**

Alec Amundson Sam Bennett Bailey Scott Hobbs Tim Sieren

Jon Bakehouse Robert Harvey Keaton Krueger

# Poultry Pathways: The Business of Raising Birds for Meat and Eggs

Poultry is not the main business on many farms. But whether it's a side enterprise or the focus, it's worth knowing how to care for your birds. It's also important that the birds work for you. This short course is designed to cover the spectrum from egg production to meat birds. You'll learn about some universal aspects of poultry farming, like biosecurity and necropsies, as well as business management and fair pricing. Come hear from farmers and experts how they make a living in the world of birds – and how you can too.

#### **Speakers**

Ben Grimes Jason Grimm

Mohamed El-Gazzar Arlyn Kauffman

# Farm Transition: Taxes and Estate Planning

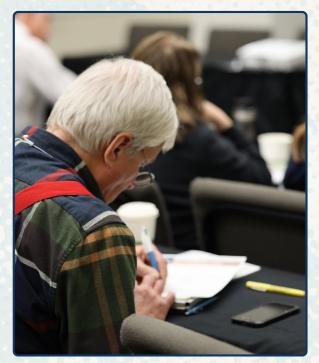
Join Kristiana Coutu in this step-by-step workshop to get you closer to your farm transition goals. She'll walk us through the tax implications of your farm transition and discuss estate planning tools and when to use them. She'll also discuss the importance of having business succession goals to set up the next generation with success. As a bonus, you'll get to hear land transition stories from two farmers invested in crafting a farm transition to benefit the next generation of farmers.

#### **Speakers**

Kristiana Coutu Beth Hoffman Martha McFarland Angela Tedesco **Terri Mork Speirs** 



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# Registration Details

PFI members save big money! Not a member? Join today!

People make the PFI Annual Conference a rich knowledge-sharing event, and we believe everyone on the farm contributes to a farm's success now, and in the future. We want our conference to be accessible to everyone, so we strive to keep our registration rates low and offer steep discounts for members. This year, all meals (besides Friday supper) are included with each day's registration!

#### Individual or Access Memberships

PFI members who have an **Individual** membership (\$50) or an **Access** membership (\$25) may register themselves for an \$80 discount for a one-day pass, and a \$180 discount for a two-day pass.

#### Farm & Household or Lifetime Memberships

Members with a Farm & Household (\$75) or Lifetime PFI membership may register themselves at the member discount, and all individuals covered under their membership can register at just \$35 per day (their household and farm employees up to nine additional people).

#### Organizational Memberships

Members with an Organizational (\$150) membership may register themselves at the member discount, and up to four additional individuals covered under their membership can register at just \$35 per day.

#### Not sure about your membership status?

Check the mailing label on any publication from PFI (including this one) to find your membership expiration date. You may also find out by calling the PFI office at (515) 232-5661.

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# Registration Details, continued

#### Not a member?

Join on the back of your registration form and register under the member rate!

#### Need financial assistance to attend?

A limited number of scholarships are available. Please visit **practicalfarmers.org/annual-conference** to apply.

#### Meals included (except Friday supper!)

All meals (except the Friday PFI supper) are included with every registration.

We strongly recommend purchasing Friday PFI supper tickets with your early registration. A limited number of Friday PFI supper tickets may be available for purchase on-site, but keep in mind that tickets sell out some years.

All meals at the PFI Annual Conference are made primarily with ingredients sourced from PFI member farms or local producers. (In accordance with venue policy, outside food may not be brought into the venue without explicit, prior permission from PFI.)

#### Preregistration closes Dec. 23

Preregistrations must be received by Tuesday, Dec. 23. After that date, registration rates increase and all registrations are walkin only. No refunds will be given after Dec. 23. All refunds will be charged an \$8 processing fee.

#### Need a place to stay in Des Moines?

Hotel blocks are available at the Hilton Downtown Des Moines and Comfort Inn & Suites. See the conference website for full information and booking links.

#### **Accessibility accommodations**

We strive to make our conference accessible to everyone. Requests for reasonable accommodations should be made by Dec. 5, 2025. PFI will make every effort to secure services, but services are subject to availability.

#### Language accessibility

A track of breakout sessions during the conference will be presented in Spanish (no English interpretation). Spanish speakers will also have free access to interpretive headsets during Storytelling, the keynote and the business meeting. Farmers who speak Nepali, Kirundi or Swahili should inquire by the early-bird preregistration deadline (Dec. 6) about opportunities for attending sessions with interpretation on Saturday, Jan. 11.

#### Disabilities

Persons with disabilities, including physical disabilities and hearing or vision impairment, who would like to request accommodations or have questions about physical access may contact Katie Aupperle at katie.aupperle@practicalfarmers.org or (515) 232-5661.

# SAVE POSTAGE AND REGISTER ONLINE!



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#### **OPEN HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM**

# Join DEL or renew your membership!

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Member Registration Total	\$	(Please make payable to "Practical Farmers of Iowa
Short Course Total	\$	Credit card
Non–Member Registration Total	\$	(Visa, MasterCard or Discover only)
Family Lounge & Caretaker Total	\$	Name on Card
PFI Membership Total	\$	
Additional Donation*	\$	Number
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# **Annual Conference Registration Form**

**Dietary Restrictions Key** 

NR = No Restrictions V = Vegetarian

**DF** = Dairy Free

**VG** = Vegan

**GF** = Gluten Free

#### ▶ PFI Member Conference Registration (Jan. 9-10)

PFI membership may register themselves at the member discount, and all individuals covered under their membership can register at just \$35 per day, with total number of registrants based on membership level (up to 10 members of a Farm/Household or Lifetime membership, five members per Organizational membership and one person per Individual or Access membership). Attendees aged 8+ should register in this table. Note: Kids 7 and under should be registered in the "Family Lounge Registration" section. A supervised, drop-in youth room with books and games will be available for kids aged 8+.

Conference registration is for: Friday, Jan. 9: 9 a.m.-5:15 p.m. + optional supper, and Saturday, Jan. 10: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

	TICKETS			MEAL TICKETS	
NAME(S)	FRIDAY ONLY	SATURDAY ONLY	2-DAY PASS	FRI. SUPPER \$20	MEAL TICKET TYPE (SEE DIETARY KEY ABOVE)
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SUBTOTAL OF COLUMNS	\$	\$	\$	\$	
MEMBER REGISTRATION TOTAL	\$				

#### ▶ Short Course Registration (Jan. 8)

Priced per person. Due to limited space, tickets are priced per person for members and non-members. Please write in the name of each person attending, choose the event each person will attend and enter the dollar amount in the appropriate column. Then add up the price of all entries in the subtotal. If you're unsure of your membership level or status, please call the office at (515) 232-5661 or check this address label.

Short Course registration is for: Thursday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m.-5:15 p.m.

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#### Non-Member Registration (Jan. 9-10)

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NAME(S)	FRIDAY ONLY \$175	SATURDAY ONLY \$175	2-DAY PASS \$350	FRI. SUPPER \$20	MEAL TICKET TYPE (SEE DIETARY KEY ON OPPOSITE PAGE)
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NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION TOTAL	\$				

#### ► Caretaker Registration (Jan. 8-10)

Due to insurance changes at the Iowa Events Center, we are no longer able to offer a staffed childcare option. We apologize for this change in our services. We welcome all families with children enrolled in the Family Lounge (see below) to bring one adult family member as a caretaker for FREE. This ticket is intended for persons whose primary role during the conference is to watch the child(ren) as a support to the parents, not attend sessions. If parents are planning to split time in sessions and in the Family Lounge, we prefer that both parents register as conference attendees.

	TICKETS			MEAL TICKETS		
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#### Family Lounge Registration (Kids 7 and under) (Jan. 8-10)

The family lounge is available for FREE for children aged 7 and younger. We strongly encourage preregistering for family lounge times so PFI is adequately prepared for kids' meals. For those eating solid foods, snacks and children's meals (Th. lunch, Fr. lunch, Sat. breakfast and lunch) will be provided in the Family Lounge.

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# **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Register by Dec. 5 to be entered to WIN TWO FREE NIGHTS AT THE HILTON **DURING THE CONFERENCE!** 

# PFI MEMBER TODAY!

In addition to reduced registration rates for PFI's Annual Conference, membership in PFI offers a host of benefits! Our inclusive organization represents a diversity of farmers, friends of farmers and farmland owners who guide PFI's priorities and lead our programming. Farmers in our network represent a range of experience levels and production practices, raising corn, soybeans, livestock, fruits and vegetables, hay, small grains and more.

We invite you to join our expanding network, and take part in an open exchange of practical information to improve our farms and communities.

Membership Level	Membership For	Annual Fee
Access	Individuals who are current students, retired or beginning farmers, and others on fixed or limited incomes	\$25
Individual	Individuals	\$50
Farm / Household	All members of farm families and any farm employees	\$75
Organization	Non-farming businesses, agencies and departments; benefits cover up to five employees	\$150
Lifetime	Individuals or families who would like to make a lifetime commitment  *terminates with the primary members; excludes businesses	\$1,200

### **Member Benefits**

- A subscription to our quarterly **magazine**, the Practical Farmer, full of inspiring stories, on-farm research results, innovative projects, member profiles and more
- Invitations to 100+ (virtual and on-farm) events annually, with steep discounts to our annual conference and other events
- Eligibility to participate in our members-only **email discussion groups** to share ideas, resources and tools with one-another Discussion groups include Announcements, Field Crops, Horticulture, Livestock and Perspectives
- Eligibility to participate in our **Cooperators' Program** and to design and conduct on-farm research projects exploring questions you want to answer for your farm
- Eligibility to participate in Labor4Learning, our program for aspiring farmers, and our Savings Incentive Program for beginning farmers
- Opportunities to serve as a farmer leader, with stipends for sharing your knowledge as an event host, speaker or mentor
- The ability for your farm to be listed in our public **Local Foods Directory**, or your organization to be listed in our **Business Directory**, which can help you find new customers and markets for your products
- The chance to become part of a network of people who share our vision for healthy soil, healthy food, clean air, clean water, resilient farms and vibrant communities and to help guide the focus of our farmer-led organization



To become a member, complete the membership form on the conference registration insert, scan the QR code here, visit **bit.ly/pfimembership** or call (515) 232-5661.



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