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Agenda

2025 IT Innovation Summit

August 4-5, 2025

Des Moines, IA

Final details and Hotel Block TBA

Monday, August 4, 2025

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| 11:30 - 12:15 | Registration
<i>Arrival, check-in and lunch. Network with peers and speakers.</i> |
| 12:15 - 12:30 | Welcome and Opening Remarks
<i>ACS and Iowa Institute Staff</i> |
| 12:30 - 1:15 | Keynote: AI Usage, Policy and Ethics
<i>Speaker TBA</i> |
| 1:15 - 2:00 | Management Panel: Cyber Liability Insurance – Tabletop Exercises
<i>Discuss the state of cyber liability insurance and the value of tabletop security exercises by cooperatives who have executed these events.</i> |
| 2:00 - 2:15 | Break
<i>Refreshments and Informal Networking</i> |
| 2:15 - 3:00 | On-Site Vs Cloud Storage & Backup Strategies
<i>Compare pros and cons of on-site and cloud backups for cooperatives, including cost, control, and disaster recovery.</i> |
| 3:00 - 3:45 | MFA & Biometrics: Modern Authentication Approaches
<i>Best practices for deploying multi-factor authentication and biometrics for secure access.</i> |
| 3:45 - 4:15 | Managing Risk: Disaster Recovery & Emergency Response Planning
<i>Building robust disaster recovery and emergency response plans, with real-world examples and actionable steps</i> |
| 4:15 - 4:30 | Day 1 Wrap Up & Announcements
<i>Recap, Q&A, and preview of Day 2</i> |
| 6:00 - 8:00 | Networking Dinner at Big Grove
<i>Keynote Speaker: TBA</i> |

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

8:00 - 8:30 **Breakfast and Networking**
Rolls, Coffee and Juice

8:30 - 9:30 **AI Agents: Education & Practical Use Cases**
Introduction to AI agents, how they work, real-world applications, and tips for safe and effective adoption.

9:15 - 10:00 **Operational Tech Network Security: Field To HQ**
Securing OT Networks as more data flows from remote sites (feed mills, agronomy sites, bins, etc.) to headquarters. Focus on segmentation, monitoring, and zero trust.

10:00 - 10:15 **Break**

10:15 - 11:00 **ChatGPT Vs Copilot: Choosing the Right AI Tool**
Compare ChatGPT and Copilot, their core differences, integrations, and use cases for your cooperative workflows

11:00 - 11:45 **Tech Panel: Real-World Security & Recovery Experiences**
Cooperative leaders share lessons learned from implementing security, backup, and recovery strategies.

11:45 - 12:30 **Open Q & A, Closing Remarks**
Interactive discussion, final questions and wrap-up

12:30 - **Lunch and informal Networking**

Registration Form

You may submit your registration online through this [link](#) or complete the form below.

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Cost: Early Bird Registration is \$500 through July 4th; \$600 after July 4th

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