

Agenda

2026 Policy and Advocacy Summit



Monday, January 26 – Day 1

Embassy Suites
101 E Locust St, Des Moines

10:00 a.m.	Registration
11:00 a.m.	Property Taxes in Iowa: Challenges, Changes, and Opportunities Mike Ralston , Former Director of Iowa Department of Revenue
12:00 p.m.	Lunch, 2026 Legislative Session Update Megan Carlson , Director of Government Affairs, Iowa Institute for Cooperatives
12:45 p.m.	Be the Voice: How Co-op Members Drive Legislative Change Duane Simpson , President, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
1:45 p.m.	Appeal to Win: Navigating Iowa’s Property Tax Challenges Sean Moore , Member, BrownWinick Law
2:45 p.m.	Panel Discussion: The Role of Lobbyists in the Legislative Process Madison Grady , Iowa Credit Union League Haley Moon , Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives Lauren Sturgeon Bailey , CoBank Moderated by: Megan Carlson
3:45 p.m.	Threats to Crop Protection Tools Elizabeth Burns-Thompson , Executive Director, Modern Ag Alliance
4:45 p.m.	From Conversation to Impact: Effective Outreach to Legislators Representative Shannon Latham Senator Annette Sweeney Representative Derek Wulf Moderated by: Tracy Gathman
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Ken’s Speakeasy at Iowa Taproom <i>215 E 3rd St #100, Des Moines</i>

Tuesday, January 27 – Day 2

Iowa Capitol Building
1007 E Grand Ave, Des Moines

7:00 a.m.	Legislative Breakfast <i>Legislative Dining Room (Room G15), Iowa State Capitol</i>
10:00 a.m.	Tour of Iowa Capitol Building