

Educational Sessions – 2026 Greater Peoria Farm Show

Sessions are one hour long and are eligible for Continuing Education Units for Certified Crop Advisors.

Tuesday, December 1

10 a.m. | Disease Challenges in Illinois Corn and Soybean: Key Observations from the 2026 Growing Season

[Boris Camiletti](#), University of Illinois Assistant Professor, [Crop Science Research and Education Center](#)

Examine the major disease challenges observed in Illinois corn and soybean during the 2026 growing season, with emphasis on field observations, diagnostic trends, and emerging issues. Examples from university and commercial fields will illustrate the occurrence and impact of diseases such as red crown rot in soybean and foliar diseases in corn, along with practical considerations for scouting, diagnosis, and disease management. *(Eligible for 1 CCA CEU, Integrated Pest Management)*

11 a.m. | Fertilizer Decisions with Unfavorable Price Conditions

[John Jones](#), University of Illinois Assistant Professor of Agronomy and Soil Fertility Extension Specialist

Learn about recent data from statewide research evaluating agronomic and economic responses to fertilizer use and annual updates to Illinois fertilizer recommendations. *(Eligible for 1 CCA CEU, Nutrient Management)*

1 p.m. | The World is Falling Apart – Now Let's Market Some Corn and Soybeans

[Kevin Brooks](#), Illinois Extension Farm Business Management and Marketing Educator

Wars, inflation, trade disputes, and market volatility dominate the news. We'll separate the headlines from the market fundamentals and discuss practical strategies for marketing corn and soybeans in uncertain times. *(Eligible for 1 CCA CEU, Professional Development)*

Wednesday, December 2

10 a.m. | Managing Your Farm for Wind and Water in Illinois

[Trent Ford](#), Illinois State Climatologist, University of Illinois Assistant Research Scientist, Climatology

The weather and climate in Illinois bring frequent challenges—none more pressing than wind and water. We'll discuss the wind and its role in evaporation, soil loss and dust storms, and on-farm damage; and we'll talk about managing too much water, too little water, and quick flips between the two. *(Eligible for 1 CCA CEU, Crop Management)*

11 a.m. | A Look Forward: The Politics, Programs, and Possibilities in 2027

Evan Hultine, Vice President, [Illinois Farm Bureau](#)

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Thursday, December 3

10 a.m. | Nurturing Your Woodlands: Small Forest Management and Native Trees

[Karen Weigelt](#), Illinois Extension Agriculture and Natural Resource Program Coordinator

Small woodland areas are precious natural assets that thrive with careful stewardship. Extension Program Coordinator and forest landowner Karen Weigelt will share responsible land-use strategies to help foster a healthier, more diverse ecosystem and highlight native tree species ideal for your land. *(Eligible for 1 CCA CEU, Professional Development)*

11 a.m. | Talk Dirt Before They Throw It at Each Other: Farm Estate Planning and Family Communication

[Kevin Brooks](#), Illinois Extension Farm Business Management and Marketing Educator

Estate planning paperwork is easy compared to a family meeting. This session focuses on communication techniques that can help keep both the farm and the family together. *(Eligible for 1 CCA CEU, Professional Development)*