

EMI FALL PROTEIN CONFERENCE
September 29 - October 1, 2026
Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center
Grapevine, TX



Tentative
AGENDA

Tuesday, September 29

- 12:30 - 6:00 PM Golf Outing - Dallas Cowboys Golf Club
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Welcome Reception
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Wednesday, September 30

- 7:30 - 8:30 AM *Breakfast*
- 8:30 - 8:35 AM **Opening Remarks** Rob Hontz, EMI
- 8:35 - 9:20 AM **Macroeconomic Outlook** Dr. Bob Dieli, RDLB
- 9:20 - 10:00 AM **Feed Ingredient Outlook** Brock Snouffer, EMI
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM **Navigating the World of Protein Trends** Adam Friedman, Datassential
- 10:30 - 10:45 AM *Break*
- 10:45 - 11:30 AM **Key Drivers of Broiler Production** Todd Wilson, Agri Stats - EMI
- 11:30 - 12:00 PM **Food Service Perspective** James Butler, Brinker
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM *Lunch*
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM **Breeder 101** Chris Renzleman, Aviagen
- 1:45 - 2:30 PM **Adding Value from Fresh through Prepared Foods** Jay Russell, Marel
- 2:30 - 3:15 PM **Pressing Issues in US Agriculture—Farm Bill Update** Faith Parum - American Farm Bureau
- 3:15 - 3:45 PM **Cold Storage Perspective** Kevin Lage, Vertical Cold
- 3:45 - 4:00 PM **Health & Regulatory Update** Ashley Peterson, National Chicken Council
- 4:00 - 4:45 PM **Poultry Outlook** Amanda Martin, EMI
- 6:00 - 9:00 PM **Reception—EMI 25 Year Celebration** Dusk Cocktail Bar - Gaylord Texan
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Thursday, October 1

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM *Breakfast*
- 9:00 - 9:30 AM **Safeguarding the Menu: Understanding the Activist Landscape** Hannah Thomason-Wheeler, Animal Ag Alliance
- 9:30 - 10:15 AM **Retail & Food Service Landscape** Jerry Grove, Agri Stats - EMI
- 10:15 - 10:30 AM **Pet Food - Protein Ingredient Review** Brock Snouffer, EMI
- 10:30—11:15 AM **Pork & Beef Outlook** Ty Neff, EMI