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Keynote Speaker
JOLENE BROWN

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"If We Huff and Puff, Will We Blow Your House Down?"

In "The Three Little Pigs"... the third one got it right! He built a solid foundation, one brick at a time to withstand the test of time. He made sure there was mortar holding it together. We need the same in a family business — a right and experienced leader, specific and realistic management tools, and a solid foundation, including legal documents, to assure peace of mind. Only then can we withstand the challenges and surprises that test or bring down a family business. Only then can we celebrate creating a profitable and productive business, worthy of transitioning to the next generation.

Come and learn with Jolene Brown, grain farmer, author, family business consultant, and an internationally recognized professional speaker.

Fresh and Natural Photography on the Farm

Christy Lee, Owner
Cee Lee Communications and Photography

Yes! You can capture the fun, natural and meaningful moments of your family around the farm. Christy will provide tips and techniques that will enable you to share meaningful moments on social media and websites — and most importantly — to preserve for generations to come.

Consumer Engagement- What is it? Why does it Matter?

Janice Person, Online Engagement Director
Monsanto

We hear time and time again that we should be telling our story and that consumers want to hear directly from the source. But what does that look like? For a farmer who has a lot of work to do, what is it consumers are looking for? What can a farmer do to meet those needs? We will talk about the differences in perspective, backgrounds and experiences that consumers and farmers have. Hear from food & lifestyle bloggers, consumers and some of the people in agriculture who are focused on consumer outreach in order to get a good handle on the ways your story can be told in a way that grabs the attention of the consumers you are looking to reach. Come ready to listen AND engage in the dialogue!

Playing Offense—Agriculture in the Trump Administration

Adam Nielsen, Director of National Legislation & Policy Development
Illinois Farm Bureau

On election night, only filmmaker Michael Moore got it right. He lost the popular vote, but Donald Trump won "bigly" and the prospect of agriculture being forced to play another four years of playing defense quickly evaporated into the ether. The stars are aligned for agriculture to make big strides in the coming months, if everything goes to plan.

"The Balancing Act: 10 Ideas to Relieve Stress and Bring Renewal to Our Farm and Family Life"

We balance soil fertility, feed rations, tires and our checkbooks. We overwork, overwhelm and overload ourselves. Something’s wrong with this picture! It’s time we learn 10 realistic and applicable ideas to help bring a breath of fresh air, renewal and balance to our work and family life. With valuable content, real life examples and a whole lot of fun, you, your family and the farm will be glad you did!