

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crop Insurance Conference**  
**January 12, 2026**  
**Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND**  
**Agenda**

**PART 1 – ETHICS (2.0 hours c.e. credits)**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8:00 AM	Current Issues in Business Ethics Dr. David Schultz – Distinguished Professor, Hamline University
9:45 AM	BREAK

**PART 2 –CROP-HAIL/GENERAL (6.0 hours c.e. credits)**

10:00 AM	Weather Outlook for 2026 Daryl Ritchison – Director, North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network, NDSU
11:00 AM	Crop Insurance Industry Update Ashley Smith – Director of Government Affairs, Torrey Advisory Group
12:00 PM	LUNCH
12:45 PM	Crop Market Update Dr. Grant Gardner – Assistant Extension Professor, University of Kentucky
1:45 PM	Farm Financial Conditions and The Role of Crop Insurance Steve Maulberger – Divisional Assistant Vice President, Strategic Group, Great American Insurance Group Dr. Bryon Parman – Agricultural Finance Specialist, NDSU Extension
2:45 PM	BREAK
3:00 PM	Farm Bill and Crop Insurance Update Dr. Joe Outlaw – Regents Fellow, Professor and Extension Economist, Texas A&M University
4:00 PM	Evaluation and Closing Remarks Frayne Olson
4:10 PM	Adjourn