


2:30-3:30 **Breakout Sessions**

Option A - Ag Opportunities in Feed & Fertilizer Panel (Galway C)

Moderator: Alan Doering, Senior Scientist of Coproducts, AURI
Panelists: James Curren, CEO and Founder, JavaCycle
Craig Holden, President & Chairman, Sustane Natural Fertilizer, Inc.
Brent Ratliff, Managing Partner, Ani-Tek, LLC
James Crook, General Manager, Union Creek Organics

Option B – Resources to Support the MN Food Ecosystem Panel (Donegal)

Moderator: Jen Wagner-Lahr, Senior Director of Innovation and Commercialization, AURI
Panelists: Brian Erickson, Marketing Program Manager, MN Dept. of Agriculture
Esra Kucukciftci, Pricing Innovations LLC
Dave Miller, Food Business Practice Lead, Clutch Performance Inc
Elena Byrne, Renewing the Countryside
Emily Paul, Director of Programs, The Good Acre
Lolly Occhino, Scientist of Food & Nutrition, AURI

Option C – Renewable Energy and Bioindustrial Innovation (Galway AB) **Sponsored by** 

Moderator: Brad Finstad, State Director of MN, USDA
Panelists: David Kolsrud, Co-Founder, The Funding Farm
Manuel Santana, Co-Founder & CEO, Sanos Nutrition
Dean Bartels, Co-Owner, VP of Marketing and Sales, NewStarch Solutions
Dennis Egan, Owner & CEO, Epitome Energy LLC

Option D – Incubators and Key Milestones for Entrepreneurs (Waterford)

Moderator: Russ Straate, Associate Director Venture Center, Office of Technology and Commercialization, University of MN
Panelists: Jan Bouten, Partner, Innova
Dr. Larry Page, Principal, Lewis and Clark Ventures
Brett Brohl, Managing Director, Techstars Farm to Fork Accelerator
Pete Nelson, President and Executive Director, AgLaunch
Amy Campbell, Consultant

3:30-4:00 **Networking Break and Visit Exhibits** (Hall)

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4:00-5:45 **Open Innovation Reverse Pitch Session** (Waterford)

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Featuring: AURI, Cargill, Ecolab, Compeer Financial, General Mills, Grow North, Hormel Foods, Land O'Lakes Inc., Schwan's Company, Syngenta representatives, Techstars Farm to Fork Accelerator, University of Minnesota.

5:45-7:30 **Reception (Cash Bar)** (Galway, Hall & Waterford)

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Featuring: Food entrepreneurs providing tasting samples
Opportunity to speak to open innovation pitch participants in further detail
Visit other exhibitors & general networking

DAY 2 - Thursday, March 28th

- 7:30-8:30 **Continental Breakfast and Networking** *(Hall & Waterford)*
- 8:30-9:35 **Local and Regional Resources for Development and Growth** *(Waterford)*
- Moderator: Pete Speranza, Business Development Principle, 301 INC
Panelists: Judy Lundy, Commercialization/Innovation Coordinator, Austin Community Growth Ventures
 Thad Simons, JD, Managing Director, The Yield Lab
 Pete Nelson, President and Executive Director, AgLaunch
 Justin Erickson, Principal, Essex Capital LLC, Community Venture Network
 Rob Fuglie, General Manager, Food Building
- 9:35-9:50 **Commodity Challenge Showcase** *(Waterford)*
- Host: Shannon Schlecht, Executive Director, AURI
Speakers: Tom Slunecka, Chief Executive Officer, MN Soybean Council
 Representative from Midwest Dairy Association
- 9:50-9:55 **AURI Ag Innovation Partnership** *(Waterford)*
- 9:55-10:05 **Special Announcement by Rohit Shukla, CEO, Larta Institute** *(Waterford)*
- 10:05-10:35 **Networking Break and Visit Exhibits** *(Hall)*
- 10:35-11:20 **Introduction by Matt Mckenna, Georgetown's Rural Opportunity Initiative** *(Waterford)*
- Keynote Address: Tom Vilsack, Past USDA Secretary of Agriculture and CEO of US Dairy Export Council**
- 11:20-11:30 **Closing Comments and Transition to Breakouts** *(Waterford)*
- 11:30-12:30 **Breakout Sessions**
- Option A – Novel, Perennial and Other Cover Crop Opportunities Panel *(Donegal)*
- Moderator: Gary Wertish, President, MN Farmers Union
 Panelists: Dr. Gabe Gusmini, R & D Director, Crop Improvement/Agro Discovery, PepsiCo
 Dr. Laura Hansen, Sr. Principal Scientist, General Mills R&D
 Dr. Jacob Jungers, Research Asst. Prof., Forever Green Initiative, Univ. of MN
 Dan Foor, CEO, La Crosse Seed
- Option B – Dairy Innovation Opportunities Panel *(Galway AB)*
- Moderator: Nancy Huls, VP of Research & Innovation, Midwest Dairy Association
 Panelists: Dr. Matthew Pikosky, VP-Nutrition Research, Dairy Management Inc.
 Dr. Suvash Kafley, Senior Director of Process & Product Innovation, Milk Specialties Global
 Sara Doherty and Britt Jungerberg, Founders, Darling Pickle Dips

Option C – Hemp Now and on the Horizon Panel (Waterford)

Moderator: Harold Stanislawski, Project Development Director, AURI
Panelists: Dr. Trey Riddle, Sunstrand LLC
Garth Carlson, CEO, Midwest Hemp Inc.
Margaret Wiatrowski, Industrial Hemp Program Coordinator,
Plant Protection Division, MN Department of Agriculture
Todd Mathewson, Consultant, JustBioFiber
Tim Anderson, Assistant General Counsel, Compeer Financial

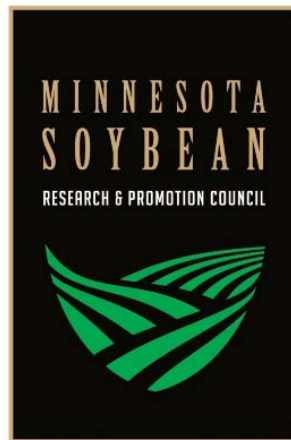
12:30 **Adjourn**

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