

KENTUCKY FARM SUCCESSION SEMINAR

BUILDING THE BRIDGE TO YOUR FARM'S FUTURE

JULY 23, 2025

OWENSBORO CONVENTION CENTER



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| 7:30 | Registration |
| 8:15 | Opening Remarks |
| 8:30 | Building the Bridge to your Farm's Future Aleta Botts |
| 9:00 | Farm Succession – Challenges & Opportunities Wesley Tucker |
| 10:30 | Break for Networking |
| 10:45 | Ten Traits of Top Managers Dr. Steve Isaacs |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 12:45 | Positives of Passing it On! Jolene Brown |
| 2:45 | Break for Networking |
| 3:00 | Panel of Key Advisors |
| 4:10 | Keepers, Appreciation, Celebrations Jolene Brown |

Farm businesses are in a constant state of change. Each year farm operators, family, and employees experience changes in age, health, equity, and opportunity costs. Other factors, including interest, taxes, births, deaths, marriage and divorce, can all affect the vitality of a farm business. The Kentucky Farm Succession Seminar looks to bring knowledge of how to handle these changes to make it easier for you and your business. Come and listen to national experts, extension specialists, and local resources discuss these topics and more!



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PRESENTER PROFILES

Jolene Brown



Jolene Brown is a walking-talking spokesperson and champion for the people of agriculture. She's a farmer in Eastern Iowa, contributor to Successful Farming magazine's popular family business column, author of two great books and an inductee in to the prestigious CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame. Her worldwide audiences appreciate her fun-filled spirit and valuable information.

Dr. Steve Isaacs



Steve Isaacs serves the UK College of Agriculture, Food & Environment as an Extension Professor in Agricultural Economics and co-director of the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program. Steve has won Extension and teaching awards at the state, regional, and national level. He has international farm management experience in Africa, Europe, New Zealand, and South America.

Aleta Botts



Aleta Botts serves as the Coordinator for the Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative, a project launched by Kentucky Farm Bureau to help keep farmland in the hands of active farmers. Aleta brings 25 years of experience in government, nonprofit, and private sectors to this role.

Wesley Tucker



Wesley Tucker is a Farm & Ranch Transition Specialist with University of Missouri Extension and cattle producer in the Ozarks. He has 24 years experience assisting agricultural producers throughout the U.S. His passion is assisting families through complicated family dynamics, so the farm can be a thriving business for future generations.

PANEL OF KEY ADVISORS

Lora Lee Robey



Lora Lee Robey, Esq. is a proud Kentuckian and graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. Robey's practice areas include probate and estate planning, real estate transactions, entity creation, business advisement, and farm succession.

Josh Searcy



Josh Searcy is the Director of Trust and Investment Services at Independence Bank, where he brings legal expertise and financial leadership to clients across the Commonwealth. With a legal career spanning over 14 years, Josh has an impressive background in representing financial institutions, governmental bodies, and individuals across a wide range of legal matters.

Suzy Martin



Suzy Martin has been a specialist with the Kentucky Farm Business Management Program for 25 years. She works with member farms to provide financial planning, economic analysis, comparative benchmarking, financial statement generation and more through personal, one-on-one consultations.



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