



On-Boarding Information for New Agricultural Professionals

Agenda

*Wednesday, February 11th
Paragon Casino Resort, Chiqui Ballroom*

8.25 AM **Introduction, Purpose, and Agenda** - B. R. Leonard

Agricultural Organizations / Agencies - State

8.30 AM **Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association** – Richard Griffing (Incoming President, 2026)

8.45 AM **LSU Agricultural Center** – Dr. Daniel Stephenson (Director Central Region)

9.00 AM **Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry** – Ansel Rankins, Jr. (Assistant Director)

9.15 AM **Louisiana Farm Bureau / State Crop Commodity Groups** – Andy Brown (Director of Commodities and Public Policy)

Agricultural Organizations / Agencies National / Federal

9.30 AM **NRCS** – Sarah Trichel (State Conservationist)

9.45 AM **FSA** – Craig McCain (State Executive Director)

10.00 AM **NAICC** – Denise Wright (Former Board Member)

10.15 AM **Agricultural Industries** – Kyle Fontenot, Bayer (LACA Allied Industry Committee Chair)

10.30 AM **Break**

10.45 AM **LACA Member Forum**

Client / Employee Management - Hank Jones (RHJ Ag Services, LLC)

Business Management - Ashley Peters (Peters Crop Consulting)

Professional Development – Harold Lambert (Lambert Agricultural Consulting)

Information Technology / Sources - Blaine Viator (Calvin Viator, PhD & Assoc., LLC)

11.45 AM **Future of Decision Support Systems in Agriculture (One Example)** – Colin Raby (CEO and CFO, FarmMind)

