

BREAKOUT SESSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NGFA is looking to select three fresh, current, and imaginative 45 to 60-minute breakout sessions featuring interactive presentations, panels, or engaging workshops.



Why speak at CEC? Speaking at CEC is a great way to share your ideas and experiences with others, position yourself as a thought leader in the grain and feed industry, and play a role in advancing the industry at large. Speaking enables you to expand your professional network and bring awareness to your business.

Who attends CEC? Over 450 grain merchants, elevator owners and operators, feed manufacturers, processors, grain industry suppliers, small business owners, executives/senior level employees.

Requested Topics

- Ag labor challenges/solutions: immigration, H2A visas, etc.
- Emerging markets
- Focus on Feed
- Grain grading technology updates/modernization
- Merchandising hot takes
- Sustainable grain
- Transportation
- Your topic of choice

Submission Instructions

- Please submit your proposal by filling out the [online form](#).
- Only proposals from current NGFA member companies will be considered.
- Speakers who did not present at CEC 2024 will be prioritized.

Non-commercial nature of CEC programming

Presenters are advised not to use their session as a platform for promotion of their products and services. Presenters found to be in violation of this request will not be selected in subsequent years.

Honoraria and Travel Expenses

NGFA does not pay an honorarium for CEC breakout sessions. The speaker is responsible for all travel-related expenses. NGFA will provide selected speakers with one complimentary night at the CEC host hotel. Limit three presenters; additional presenters at their own expense.

Important Dates

- Proposals are due by **Friday Aug. 22, 2025**.
- Selected speakers will be notified by **Friday Sept. 5, 2025**.

Review and Selection Process

Proposals will be reviewed by NGFA professional staff and the Business, Merchandising and Operations Committee (BMOC). The BMOC consists of members from all avenues of the grain industry with many years of industry experience. Each year the committee helps review, plan and evaluate NGFA's education programming for CEC.

The selection process involves a review of every complete presentation application submitted prior to the deadline. All presentations are selected based on the information submitted. Submissions are expected to follow all instructions carefully and provide all requested information. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Speaker Commitment

If you are selected as a CEC speaker, you will be asked to submit materials and information in a timely manner. Conference speakers should understand the importance of meeting these deadlines. By submitting a presentation proposal, you are committing to your role in executing a successful conference. NGFA staff will review presentations to confirm they are meeting described session objectives and are appropriate for the designated learning levels. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the content, NGFA reserves the right to require that changes be made.

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