

Agenda

2026 Women's Leadership Conference

Wednesday, August 19

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. ***Registration***

Thursday, August 20

8:30 a.m. Presiding/Welcome: Emily Crawford, Cobb-Vantress
Orientation: Barbara Jenkins, U.S. Poultry & Egg Association

The Importance of Women in Ag
Kim Rice, Rose Acre Farms

9:15 a.m. **Leading High-Performance Teams to Help Avoid Burnout / Setting Boundaries**
Lisa Burdick, Pilgrim's

10:00 a.m. ***Break, Sponsored by Ceva***

10:15 a.m. **Panel: Building Personal Brand and Reputation**
Moderator: Caroline Phillips, Perdue Farms
Panelists: Leigh Woods, Fieldale Farms
Tracy Beech, Cooper Farms
Undine Taldo, Cobb-Vantress

11:15 a.m. **Be An AI Champion**
Stacey Wilkinson, Mississippi State University

12:00 p.m. ***Lunch***

1:00 p.m. Presiding: Lisa Noffsinger, Mississippi State University

Panel: Successes, Setbacks, and Comebacks
Moderator: Kenyell Carson, Pilgrim's
Panelists: Kelly Davis, Aviagen
Jaimee Handsborough, Soules Foods
Gracie Heinen, Fieldale Farms

2:00 p.m. **Smart Risks and Successful Negotiations**
Stephanie Jefferson, Soules Foods

2:45 p.m. ***Adjourn***

Friday, August 21

8:30 a.m. Presiding: Jaimee Handsborough, Soules Foods

Powered by Happy: Balancing Your Life While Boosting Your Career
Beth Thomas, Information Services Group (ISG)

10:00 a.m. ***Break, Sponsored by Ceva***

10:15 a.m. **Powered by Happy: Balancing Your Life While Boosting Your Career (Continued)**
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11:30 a.m. ***Conclude***