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# 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference

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JANUARY 13 & 14, 2025

# Annual Meeting Sponsors



# MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

## 3:30 p.m. Opening Reception - Ellerbe Room

*Enjoy beverages, light hors d'oeuvres, and networking prior to the Monday evening banquet dinner.*

## 6:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner - Banquet Hall East

## 7:00 p.m. Speaker Session



### **Election Recap & State Legislative Policy Discussion**

**Blois Olson**, *Fluence Media*

Dubbed “Mr. Minnesota” for his ability to read the mood of the State’s residents and the political dynamics and economic trends, Blois Olson from Fluence Media, will share an election recap and discuss what we can expect to see out of the upcoming Minnesota Legislative session,

especially with the current upheaval in Minnesota’s political realm.



### **Feed Industry Federal Update**

**Paul Davis, Ph.D.**, *American Feed Industry Association Director of Quality, Animal Food Safety & Education*

A board-certified animal nutritionist, Dr. Davis leads AFIA’s Safe Feed/Safe Food programs as part of the organization’s legislative and regulatory team. He also serves as the staff liaison for the quality/animal food

safety, nutrition and liquid feed committees within AFIA, and the staff liaison for the research committee in the Institute for Feed Education and Research (IFEEDER).

# TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

## 8:00 a.m. Breakfast - Banquet Hall West

## 8:30 a.m. MGFA Annual Meeting

*Review of annual financial statement and officer elections*

## 9:15 a.m. Market Update



**Lynn Ketelsen**, *Linder Farm Network*

A farm boy from eastern Iowa, Lynn Ketelsen began his broadcasting career at the college radio station at Iowa State University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism and mass communications. He would go on to spend two years as the Farm Editor at KMA Radio in Shenandoah, IA before being hired to create an

agriculture-based network in Minnesota for stations owned by the Linder family.

The Linder Farm Network was the first in Minnesota to report futures prices, feature a market analyst daily, feature top leaders and report live from events across the country and cover hundreds to state events on a regular basis. The Linder Farm Network’s audience has continued to grow and is now the top-rated agriculture radio source in Minnesota and one of the highest-rated in the nation. Lynn served as President of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB), has been honored as NAFB Farm Broadcaster of the Year and was inducted into the NAFB Hall of Fame.



**Al Kluis**, *Kluis Commodity Publishing*

Al has been a commodity advisor and ag consultant since 1975. He writes and publishes daily and weekly comments about the grain markets. Al is the Senior Marketing Editor with Successful Farming magazine where he writes the Your Profit column. He is a featured speaker at commodity conferences nationwide and has spoken at conferences in six countries.

## 10:15 a.m. Closing Session Keynote Speaker



### **Current Grain Industry Issues & The Incoming Trump Administration.**

**Michael Seyfert**, *President & CEO, National Grain & Feed Association.*

Prior to joining NGFA as the President and CEO in 2021, Mike worked from 1997-2013 on the staff of former Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS). He was the Senator’s legislative director from 2005-2011 and served from 2011-2013 as staff director of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee. Seyfert also has worked in several leadership roles with a host of agricultural producer, commodity and agribusiness associations, including serving as chair and past vice chair of CropLife America’s Federal Affairs Committee, co-chair of CropLife America’s Trade Working Group, past co-chair of the National Corn Growers Association’s Agri-Industry Council; and as a member of the Farm Foundation’s Roundtable Steering Committee. Mike holds a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Kansas State University & he earned his Master of Public Administration degree from George Washington University.