

2026 SOUTHERN FEED & GRAIN CONVENTION

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

5:30-7:30 pm "Welcome to the Beach" Reception & Silent Auction

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

MORNING SESSION

6:30-8:00 am Breakfast

8:00-8:45 am Title TBD
Wes Wilson, Ag Provisions LLC

8:45-9:30 am Pet Food Insights and Trends
Dr. Eric Altom, Balchem

9:30-9:45 am Break

9:45-10:30 am Ingredient Supply Challenges in a Global Market
Mike Osborne, Alltech

10:30-11:15 am Safeguarding the Future of Animal Ag: Navigating Pressures on Protein
Hannah Thompson-Weeman, Animal Ag Alliance

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AFTERNOON SESSION

FEED MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE QUALITY & EFFICIENCY

1:15-2:00 pm Maximizing Ingredient Quality: Practical Approaches to Receiving, Sampling, and Risk Management
Larry Hooper, Aviagen

2:00-2:40 pm Batching and Mixing Excellence: Producing Uniform Feed from the Ground Up
Mark Daniel, Evonik

2:40-2:50 pm Break

2:50-3:30 pm Pelleting for Profit: Optimizing Conditioning, Pellet Quality, and Throughput
Dr. Wilmer Pacheco, Auburn University

3:30-4:15 pm Inventory Intelligence: Reducing Shrink and Improving Traceability
Ben Allen, BinSentry

4:15-5:00 pm Feed Mill Biosecurity and Feed Safety: Protecting the Supply Chain
Richard Obermeyer, Aviagen

5:00-5:30 pm Panel Discussion
"What Keeps Feed Mill Managers Awake at Night?"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 6:30-8:00 am Breakfast
- 7:00-8:00 am Alabama Feed & Grain Assoc. Board Meeting
- 8:00-8:40 am Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture: From Data to Decisions
Dr. Jessica Drewry, Mississippi State University
- 8:40-9:20 am AFIA Regulatory Update
Gary Huddleston, AFIA
- 9:20-9:40 am *Break*
- 9:40-10:20 am Continuous Improvement
Dr. Joel Cline, Wayne/Sanderson Farms
- 10:20-11:00 am Transportation & Trucking Update
Troy Trantham, Trantham Services Inc.
- 11:00-11:30 am AFGA Membership Meeting
- 11:30-noon 2027 SFGC Planning Committee Meeting

Followed by Golf or Deep Sea Fishing
- 6:30-7:00 pm Banquet Reception
- 7:00 pm Awards Banquet & Outcry Scholarship Auction