

Agenda



Registration

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Registration opens at 8:00 am. There will be light breakfast and beverages available during this time.

AgTech Connect Kickoff & Sponsor Recognition

9:00 AM

Phil Erdman, Event Emcee, and Josh DeMers, Program Manager of The Combine, will welcome you to the conference and quickly recognize those who made this day possible – the sponsors of the event.

AgTech Insights: Exploring Current Trends

9:10 AM

Start the day off by hearing from three experts about the current AgTech landscape in the Midwest, the United States, and internationally. Matt Foley of FMC Ventures, Ben Williamson of Invest Nebraska, and Michael Jung of Grit Road Partners will be leading this conversation.

Start Up Demonstrations

10:00 AM

Two AgTech Robotic Startups will be demonstrating their technology.



Get ready to meet ALAN... the ALA Navigator by ALA Engineering! ALAN is the brains of feedlot operations that utilizes complex software, sensors, and computing power needed to feed cattle autonomously. ALAN is paired with the custom feed truck chassis and powertrain to make the truck more efficient and increase its lifespan. ALA Engineering is based in Nebraska and is a resident at The Combine AgTech Incubator.



Barn Owl Precision Agriculture (BOPA) was founded in 2017 out of La Junta, Colorado. Using experience gained from education and industry, the founding team returned home to try to reduce some of the stress facing small and midsize farm operations. Today, BOPA deploys the Autonomous Nano Tractor (ANT) as a service to reduce costs and inputs associated with precision weeding and planting. This system creates additional value through the use of aerial imagery which growers can use for other farm management and analytics benefits.

Ag Producer Panel

11:15 AM

This panel of Midwest ag producers and service providers will give a true insight into what they look for in the technology they adapt to their operations.

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Expert-Led Conversations

12:30 PM

Choose three topics and rotate to engage in short, fast-paced discussions led by experts in the field. Previously called 'Roundtable Discussions,' this agenda item was a favorite from the 2023 conference. Check out pages 9 & 10 for table topics!

Startup Panel

1:30 PM

Hear from three startup founders who have taken their AgTech companies from 1-100.



Jackson Stansell is the Founder & CEO of Sentinel Fertigation. During his time at UNL, he led the development of an image-based fertigation scheduling software system called N-Time which is now Sentinel's flagship solution. Since founding Sentinel in September of 2021, Jackson continues to build Sentinel, growing the team and serving customers in the Heartland and throughout the U.S.



Chafik Barbar is the founder and CEO of Marble Technologies. Working where humans and technology intersect, Chafik and the Marble team combine the latest advancements in artificial intelligence, computer vision, and robotics to develop and deploy AI-powered automation systems that solve the biggest challenges facing meat processors.



Alain Goubau is the CEO of Combyne Ag. Combyne Ag's grain marketing management software is purposefully built to help farmers and their trusted advisors manage their grain inventory, pricing, contracts, deliveries and settlements, and all associated recordkeeping. In 2023, Combyne Ag was acquired by Bayer CropScience's Digital Farming Solutions where it continues to operate as an independent business unit.

Keynote: AGCO Ventures

2:15 PM

Mark Theuerkauf and Alex Russomagno from AGCO Ventures will close the day with a high-energy keynote speech.

Awards Ceremony & Closing Remarks

3:00 PM

Honor the startups that have graduated from The Combine Incubator in the past year and discuss key reflections from the day's agenda.

Happy Hour & Networking

3:30 - 5:00 PM

The conference will wrap up with a Happy Hour & Networking portion of the event.

