



2021 AFA Policy Institute Agenda

Sunday, September 12 - Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Washington D.C.

*Schedule is subject to change

Sunday, September 12

- 3:00 p.m. **Mix and Mingle Registration**
- 4:00 p.m. **Welcome and Orientation** with 2021 AFA Student Advisory Team
- 5:00 p.m. **Kickoff Speaker: State of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resource Policy**
- Hear the “30,000 foot view” on current trends, challenges, and opportunities that are influencing agriculture, food and natural resource policy.
- 5:30 p.m. **What’s Your Perspective: Panel Discussion**
- Gather insight from top policy experts, government officials and industry representatives to understand their perspective on today’s most pressing agriculture, food, and natural resource policy issues. Understand more about today’s most pressing issues and what policy proposals are being crafted to solve them.
- 6:45 p.m. **Industry Networking**
- Network with professionals and peers in an informal setting
- 7:15 p.m. **Dinner with Industry Guests and D.C. Area Alumni**
- 8:30 p.m. **Reflection** with 2021 AFA Student Advisory Team
- 9:00 p.m. **Student Networking Activity**

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Monday, September 13

8:00 a.m. Partner Breakfast

Hear from AFA Partner Companies regarding career opportunities and innovative solutions they are bringing to the industry.

9:00 a.m. Break

9:15 a.m. Industry Innovation and Challenges Panel 1

These panels will highlight new and emerging innovation and recent industry challenges addressed by professionals working daily to move the agriculture, food, and natural resource policy forward.

Topic: Sustainability: What is government's role? - *Farmers are frequently being viewed as the solution to sustainability issues as more entities push towards becoming carbon neutral. Hear from policy experts as to how this discussion is playing out in Washington D.C. as they discuss this trend and its policy implications.*

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Industry Innovation and Challenges Panel 2

Topic; Immigration Reform and On-Farm Labor - *American agriculturalists depend on a workforce that is subject to constantly evolving policy. Hear from those who are closest to the issue working to create solutions for US farmers and ranchers.*

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Domestic and Foreign Affairs Track Program

Choose your preference of learning more about career opportunities and the issues facing professionals who specialize in domestic or foreign affairs.

Domestic Affairs- Discover insights from those who are focused on direction of current farm policy, intricacies of domestic regulatory, and upcoming legislation that will impact farmers and ranchers throughout the country,

Foreign Affairs- Learn from experts who are focused on international trade, market access, foreign aid and how the United States agriculture industry interacts globally,

4:00 p.m. Reflection with 2021 AFA Student Advisory Team

5:30 p.m. Student Dinner and D.C. Night Tour

After a chance to interact more with fellow Institute Delegates, see the nation's capitol and monuments in their evening best.

Tuesday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Competency Connection Breakfast

AFA has six competencies that we aim to grow students in. Hear from industry professionals how these competencies come into play in their careers.

9:00 a.m. Careers in Policy- Roundtable

Discuss career paths and opportunities with a variety of industry professionals sharing their insight and advice.

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Final Reflection with 2021 AFA Student Advisory Team

11:30 a.m. Lunch and Departure