AGRICULTURE FUTURE OF AMERICA

The Solutions You Care About
Roundtable Training

Session Logistics

- **Friday, November 13 | 3:30-4:45 PM**
- Location- **Chicago/San Francisco** (Sheraton)
- **Meet outside of the meeting room between 3:15-3:30 PM** to pick up session materials
- Audience: approx. 235 collegiate sophomores
- Attire: business professional, company attire is encouraged
- Moderator: **Anna Leigh Peek, Nutrien Ag Solutions**

Purpose

- Each of us has a role and a responsibility in contributing to the challenges facing the industry. **This session is designed to foster discussion that focuses on the solutions each of us can bring to the table in solving those challenges**
- During this session, we will dive into a **key issue taking place** in the agriculture industry and unpack what that challenge means for each of us.

Expectations and Guidance

- **Industry guest role:** provide real-world testimony on what it's like to work in the industry and actively contribute through your respective organization.
- **Student Role:** explore the many ways that your career aspirations, goals and talents can contribute to solutions for issues you care about.
- You are not expected to be an expert in all the issues. Context and discussion guidance will be provided by the moderator

Session Schedule

- 10 min | Welcome and Opening Remarks from Moderator
- 20 min | Topic Exploration & Round One Discussion
  - **Goal**: Help students articulate *why* a challenge matters and *how* they connect to it
- 5 min | Table Rotation
- 15 min| Round Two Discussion
  - **Goal**: Move from awareness → action.
- 15 min | Reflection and Closing Remarks



Exploration

Be prepared to share:

- Share how your company or career touches on similar issues.
- Prompt deeper thinking with examples or “day-in-the-life” stories.
- What is your organization doing to address these challenges?
- How have you personally worked toward solutions in your role?
- What advice do you have for students who want to be part of the solution?

Discussion Questions

Round 1 Discussion Prompts

- Why did you choose this issue?
- What strengths or talents could you bring to help solve it?
- What career paths might connect to this challenge?
- What role does collaboration play in addressing it?

Discussion Questions

Round 2 Discussion Prompts

- How can you contribute to these challenges as a student or young professional?
- What responsibilities does your generation have in shaping agriculture's future?
- What partnerships or innovations are needed to make progress?

AI & Your Career Conversations

Help students connect AI to their future careers.

- **The Solutions You Care About:** How AI can support innovation and problem-solving in agriculture.
  - Share one example of how AI or data is impacting your work.
  - Help students understand how technology is shaping careers in agriculture.
  - Emphasize that critical thinking, communication, and leadership remain essential.
  - Encourage curiosity and continuous learning.
- **AI is changing the workplace, but people skills still drive impact.**

Action Items

1. **You will receive an email invitation to download the event mobile app**
   - Be sure to download and login using the email username that the invitation was sent to
   - Fill out your profile! This is how students will connect with you
   - The mobile app will feature your unique schedule
2. **On arrival, check in at the AFA Welcome booth to receive your nametag**
   - Located in the lobby of the Sheraton hotel
3. **Remember to arrive at Chicago/San Francisco ballroom at least 15 minutes before the session**
   - AFA staff will be outside of the meeting room to greet and assist
4. **If you have any questions, please reach out!**
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Thank You!

