



LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM *for* COOPERATIVES

AUGUST 17-18, 2026

K-State Alumni Center - Manhattan, KS

As a stakeholder in the cooperative system, you and others in your organization, are invited to attend the 2026 Leadership Symposium for Cooperatives. Together, the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center (ACCC) and the Kansas Cooperative Council (KCC) have partnered to present this combined program, which will start on Monday afternoon, August 17th and go through lunch on Tuesday, August 18th.

On the first day, the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center and the Kansas Cooperative Council will provide updates on education programs, research, and cooperative legislative initiatives. Then, we will hear from Mark Reardon, that will challenge attendees to think about Why What We Focus on Matters.

Day two will tackle relevant topics facing Kansas farmer cooperatives. The morning will start with an economic outlook from Scoular's Ankush Bhandari. Then a deep dive into Kansas water issues with insights from K-State's Dr. Jane Schuh, Dr. Micah Cameron-Harp, and Garden City Co-op CEO, Jeff Boyd. The day will conclude with a discussion on AI business use cases with Aaron Shew, Chief Technology Officer for Acres.

Who Should Attend? This educational program offers meaningful insights to anyone interested in cooperative issues, including co-op board members, management and employees. Others doing business with cooperatives, such as suppliers, attorneys, CPAs and financial partners will also benefit from attending.

The meeting registration deadline is August 4, 2026. Registration is \$195 per person and includes all materials, reception cocktails, lunch and breaks.

You may register using the attached form or on-line: <https://accc.k-state.edu/LeadershipSymposiumRegistrationForm.html>. Additional conference information, including hotel registration deadlines, may be found on the enclosed documents. Please note, attendees are responsible for making any necessary lodging arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you August 17th!

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President/CEO
Kansas Cooperative Council



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Professor & Director
Arthur Capper Cooperative Center

