



Sept. 3, 11 a.m. to Sept. 4, noon
K-State Alumni Center
Manhattan, Kansas

Establish Facts. Destroy Myths. Respect Values.

The 2026 Flinchbaugh Forum Agenda:



THE STATE OF AGRICULTURE

A timely look at the economic, policy, and market forces shaping agriculture today. What do these trends mean for producers, agribusinesses, and rural communities in the year ahead?



FOOD SECURITY IS NATIONAL SECURITY

Food security is no longer only a humanitarian or agricultural issue but a national security priority shaped by conflict, trade, supply chains, and global stability. What does that mean for the future of U.S. food and agriculture?



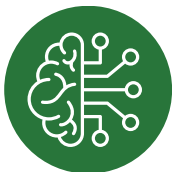
THE CHANGING RULES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The rules, relationships, and pressure points of international trade are changing. How can American agriculture continue to compete in an increasingly complex global marketplace?



THE NEXT GENERATION OF POLICY LEADERSHIP

Flinchbaugh Fellows and students share next-generation perspectives on food and agricultural policy, the issues shaping their future, and how the legacy of Barry Flinchbaugh continues to influence practical leadership.



AI IN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN

Artificial intelligence (AI) is beginning to reshape how decisions are made across the food and agriculture value chain. But where is AI creating real value, and where should caution be warranted?



IS AGRICULTURE READY FOR THE NEXT BIOSECURITY EMERGENCY?

The New World screwworm is a timely reminder that biosecurity is not limited to a single pest, species, or border. As threats move faster through a connected food and agriculture system, is the U.S. and global supply chain ready?



WHAT DO CONSUMERS WANT FROM AMERICAN AGRICULTURE?

Consumer preferences are shifting quickly, shaped by health trends, affordability, convenience, social media, and federal dietary guidance. How can agriculture respond to evolving demands?

AGENDA & SESSIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



DAY ONE



DAY TWO