

# **78<sup>th</sup> Annual ILIA Conference Schedule**

**Sunday July 20- Wednesday July 23, 2025**

## **Sunday July 20**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration is Open	<b><i>Civic Center Lobby</i></b>
9:30 - 10:00 am	Meet the bus	<b><i>Civic Center Foyer</i></b>
10:00 - 11:30 am	Bus to Cheyenne - Snacks and drinks on the bus	
11:30 - 5:30 pm	CFD Rodeo & Lunch on your own	
5:30 – 6:00 pm	Meet the Bus	<b><i>Location TBD</i></b>
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Bus to Gering – Snacks and Beverages on the bus	
8:00 - 11:00 pm	Hospitality Room	<b><i>Monument Inn Lobby</i></b>

***\*All events will be held in the Oregon Trail Room unless designated otherwise\****

## **Monday July 21, 2025**

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration is Open	<b><i>Civic Center Lobby</i></b>
8:30 am	Honor Guard- Scottsbluff County Sheriff Department	
8:45 am	ILIA President's Welcome – Shawn Davis	
9:00 am	Welcome to Nebraska - Sherry Vinton, Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture	
9:15 am	Welcome to the Beef State - Dick Pierce, President, Nebraska Cattlemen Association	
9:30 am	Confronting Broad Threats in Agriculture – Wade Greening, FBI Special Agent	
10:30 am	Break & Refreshments	<b><i>Civic Center Lobby</i></b>
10:45 am	Animal Disease Diagnostic using Pathogen DNA – Dustin Loy, Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center	
11:45 am	BrandXpert Search App - Santosh Krishna & Danna Schwenk, CattleXpert Inc	
12:00 pm	Auction Items available	<b><i>Robidoux Room</i></b>
12:00 pm	Lunch	<b><i>Rooms A, B &amp; C</i></b>
1:00 pm	Who Let The Cows Out – Ryan Billman, Ceres Tag	
2:00 pm	CVI definitions, ADT processes & FAD Updates - Dr Roger Dudley & Dr Kaylie Fritts, Nebraska Department of Ag	
3:00 pm	Break & Refreshments	<b><i>Civic Center Lobby</i></b>

3:15 pm	Getting the Data: the Datamars Solution - Joe Nerud, Datamars	
3:45 pm	International Diseases of Concern: Wildlife Impacts – David Bergman, USDA APHIS Wildlife	
4:30 pm	Panel Discussion on Current Animal Disease Issues - Featuring Wade Greening, Dustin Loy, Dr Roger Dudley, Dr Kaylie Fritts and David Bergman	
5:00 pm	EVENING BREAK	
5:45-6:30 pm	Meet Shuttles for Legacy of the Plains Museum event	<b>Civic Center Foyer Hotel 21 Foyer</b>
6:00-9:30 pm	Legacy of the Plains Museum - Eats, Social & Music featuring BJ Jamison	
8:00-9:30 pm	Shuttles return to hotels	
9:00-11:30 pm	Hospitality Room	<b>Monument Inn Lobby</b>

## **Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration is Open	<b>Civic Center Lobby</b>
8:00 am	Auction Items available	<b>Robidoux Room</b>
8:00 am	Morning Welcome	
8:15 am	Buck Wehrbein - President, National Cattlemen's Beef Association	
8:30 am	Ryder Lee - General Manager, Canadian Cattlemen Association	
9:00 am	Electronic Identification for Animal Health, Animal Performance and Inventory Management – Dr Erik Behlke, Blackshirt Feeder & TelusAg	
9:45 am	Break & Refreshments	<b>Civic Center Lobby</b>
10:00 am	Virtual Fencing 101 – Jack Keating, Halter	
11:00 am	Near Infrared Brand Scans - Dr. Doug Tolleson Texas A&M AgriLife Research	
12:00 pm	Lunch	<b>Rooms A, B &amp; C</b>
1:00 pm	Cattle Muzzle: A lot to explore in Bovine Biometrics – Shekur Gupta, CEO MyAniml	
2:00 pm	The Progression of Nebraska Brand Programs – Danna Schwenk & Duane Gangwish, Nebraska Brand Committee	
3:00 pm	Break & Refreshments	<b>Civic Center Lobby</b>

3:15 pm	Multi State Brand Recorder Panel – Michelle Carlile, TSCRA; Mista White, Nebraska Brand Committee; Karen “Bird” Trainer, Colorado Dept of Ag; Shawn McLean, Livestock Identification Services, CAN; Jeffery Boyce, State of WY Livestock Board	
4:00 pm	Committee Breakouts *Delegates Only	<b>Rooms E &amp; F</b>
5:00 pm	Evening Break	
6:00 - 10:00 pm	Oregon Trail Evening in the Plaza - Dinner by Union Bar, Music by Back In The Day	<b>Gering Civic Plaza</b>
10:00 - 12:00 pm	Hospitality Room	<b>Monument Inn Lobby</b>

### **Wednesday, July 23, 2025**

7:00 am - 2:00 pm	Registration is Open	<b>Civic Center Lobby</b>
8:00 am	Auction Items available	<b>Robidoux Room</b>
8:00 am	Morning Welcome	
8:15 am	It's Time to Listen to the Consumer - Lamar Steiger, 808 Ranch	
9:00 am	Animal Disease Traceability: Need, nuisance, or both? - Callahan Grund, CattleTrace/IMI-Where Food Comes From	
9:45 am	Break & Refreshments	<b>Civic Center Lobby</b>
10:00 am	Balancing Sustainability and Traceability – Mark Nelson, Procurement Sustainable Beef	
10:30 am	EID's-Ranch to Plate – Duane Gangwish, Darr Feedlot	
11:00 am	Ogallala Livestock Auction Market – Jay Nordhausen	
11:30 am	“Supplying Nebraska Beef” Panel - featuring Lamar Steiger, Callahan Grund, Mark Nelson, Duane Gangwish & Jay Nordhausen	
12:15 pm	Lunch Sponsor Highlights & 2026 ILIA	<b>Rooms A, B &amp; C</b>
1:15 pm	EID's: Research, Management & its Future - Chad Engle, USDA Meat Research	
2:00 pm	Break & Refreshments	<b>Civic Center Lobby</b>
2:15 pm	State Reports	<b>Rooms A &amp; B</b>
3:15 pm	General Meetings	<b>Rooms A &amp; B</b>
4:00 pm	Badge Holder Meeting *Delegate's Only	<b>Rooms A &amp; B</b>
5:00 pm	Social	<b>Civic Center Lobby</b>

6:00-8:00	Banquet & Live Auction
8:00-9:00	Hypnotist Comedian – Randy Z
9:00-11:00	Post dinner social & music

***Oregon Trail Room***

## **Companion/Spouse Tours**

### **Monday July 21,2025**

8:45 am	Meet at Civic Center
9:00 am	Wildcat Hills Recreation & Visitor Center
10:15 am	Depart Wildcat Hills Recreation
10:35 am	Historical Midwest Theatre for a short film and famous popcorn
12:00-2:00 pm	Papamoon Vineyards and Brewery for lunch/exploring/tour
2:20 – 4:00 pm	Scotts Bluff National Monument & Visitor Center

***Civic Center Foyer***

### **Tuesday July 22,2025**

8:45 am	Meet at Civic Center
9:00 am	Travel to Harrison
9:30 -10:30 am	Agate Fossil Beds
10:30 - 11:30 am	Travel to Fort Robinson
11:30 - 1:30 pm	Fort Robinson National Historic Site and Lunch
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Travel to Alliance
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Visit Carhenge
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Travel Alliance to Gering

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