



# Practical Economic Insights for Agricultural Lenders in 2026

November 13, 2025, Three Rivers College- Sikeston

## *Program Agenda*

9:00-9:30	Registration and Networking	
9:30-9:45	Welcome and Introductions	<b>Randal Stephens</b> , Field Specialist, Agricultural Business and Policy, MU Extension
9:45-10:30	Climate and Weather Outlook for 2026	<b>Zachary Leasor</b> - Assistant Professor, State Climate Extension Specialist, MU Extension
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:30	Outlook for Row Crops in 2026	<b>Ben Brown</b> - Extension Specialist, Agricultural Business and Policy, MU Extension
11:30-12:15	Crop Carbon Intensity and What it Means for the Biofuel Value Chain	<b>Chad Asmus</b> , Sustainability Market Development Manager, BASF
12:15-12:45	Lunch and Networking	LH Catering
12:45-1:30	Input Costs and 2025 Enterprise Budgets	<b>Ben Brown and Randal Stephens</b>
1:30-2:00	Trends and Insights in Local Collateral Markets	<b>Benjamin Kellams</b> , Senior Collateral Evaluator, Farm Credit Southeast
2:00 – 2:30	Land Values and Cash Rent Survey Results and Discussion	<b>Jason Morris and Randal Stephens</b>
2:30-2:45	Wrap-up and Evaluation	

