

Farm Aid 2023 FarmYard Stage

1:30 pm The Farm Bill: Opportunities for Equity and Sustainability

The Farm Bill is the federal government's main agriculture and food policy legislation. Passed every five years and currently being written, this bill affects policy and the amount of funding provided for agriculture, food assistance, natural resources and other important agricultural programs. Learn about the opportunity the Farm Bill presents to increase equity in our food system, as well as the ways this and other policies, including at the state level, can support sustainable farming.

- Greg Gunthorp, [Gunthorp Farms](#), LaGrange, IN
- Illinois State Representative Sonya Harper, Chicago, IL
- Nathaniel Rateliff

2:30 pm Diversification for Resilience

The vast majority of American agriculture is industrial monoculture, or the production of one crop, grown at a very large scale. This type of farming is not only resource-intensive, it's also prone to disruption from both climate and market events. Learn from two farmers who are bucking the trend by incorporating diversity into their farming practices and how it can benefit the land and our food system more broadly.

- Genesis McKiernan-Allen, [Full Hand Farm](#), Indianapolis, IN
- Rick Clark, [Farm Green](#), Williamsport, IN
- Clayton Anderson

3:30 pm Climate, Water and Soil

The climate crisis is changing precipitation patterns and the availability of water throughout the country. Hear about how sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices can conserve water and increase the quality of this precious resource and how lawmakers can support these and other water conservation measures.

- Indiana State Senator Shelli Yoder, Monroe County, IN
- Chris Baggot, [Tyner Pond Farm](#), Greenfield, IN
- Katie Rogers, [Teter Organic Farm](#), Noblesville, IN
- Micah Nelson, Particle Kid

4:30 pm The Next Generation of Farmers

The average age of the American farmer is 57. Growing a new generation of young farmers is essential to our country's food security, rural communities and natural resources. Hear from two young farmers about the barriers that beginning farmers face in entering agriculture, as well as how we can address these challenges.

- Rachel Berry, [Prairie Renaissance Farm](#), Princeton, IL
- Mario Vitalis, [New Age Provisions](#), Indianapolis, IN
- Allison Russell