

## 2023 Iowa Rural Summit

Monday April 10



Pre-Conference Opportunities

10:00-3:00 2023 Annual Rural Housing Readiness Assessment Conference. Lunch provided. Garden Room, Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa

Register for this event at <https://go.iastate.edu/53TIBU>

1:00-5:00 Rural Site Visits

5pm- 7pm: Welcome Reception at Reiman Gardens  
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center Garden Room  
*Sponsored by The Bill Menner Group and Trusted Energy*

Tuesday April 11

7:30-9am Registration and Continental breakfast  
*Sponsored by Iowa American Water*

9am Conference Welcome, Gateway Hotel Prairie Ballroom

9:15am Conference Opening Keynote, Prairie Ballroom.  
Danielle Nierenberg, President, *Food Tank: The Think Tank for Food*

10:00am Celebration of Sponsors and Exhibitors, Prairie Ballroom

10:30am Networking Break

11:00am Break-out Sessions, Round 1

Critical Issues: *Addressing Rural Food Access*, Prairie South Meeting Room  
*Sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control*

Facilities/Projects: *Building Momentum: Recent Child Care Successes*, Prairie Central  
*Sponsored by First Children's Finance*

Facing the Future: *FINDing Rural Dentists*, Prairie North Meeting Room  
*Sponsored by Delta Dental*

12:15pm Lunch, Garden Room  
Empowering Rural Iowa with Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg

1:30pm Break-out Sessions, Round 2

Critical Issues: *Local Cheerleaders and Welcome Wagons*, Prairie North

Facilities/Projects: *Public Libraries Driving Innovation*, Prairie Central

Facing the Future: *Rural Hospitals as Economic Engines*, Prairie North

- 2:30pm Short Break with Light Snack/Transition to Break-out Rooms
- 2:45pm Break-out Sessions, Round 3
- Critical Issues: *Leveraging a Downtown Assessment Team Visit, Prairie South*
- Facilities/Projects: *Expanding Community Assets through Leaders and Volunteers, Prairie Central*
- Facing the Future: *Rural Business Succession and Cooperatives, Prairie North  
Sponsored by UNI Advance Iowa*
- 3:45pm Hotel Check-in and Meet the Vendors!
- 5:00pm Rural Recognition Reception, Garden Room  
*Sponsored by Iowa Farm Bureau/Renew Rural Iowa*
- 5:30pm The Rand Fisher Rural Leadership Awards Ceremony, Garden Room  
*Sponsored by IADG Community Foundation*
- 6:30pm Dinner on your Own

### **Wednesday April 12**

- 7:30am Buffet Breakfast/Community Networking Time, Garden Room  
*Sponsored by ITC Midwest*
- 8:30am Welcome Back, Day 2
- 8:40am Roundtable #1: *Powerful Rural Businesses: 10KSB Alums, Prairie Ballroom  
Sponsored by DMACC/Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses*
- 9:45am Break/Check Out
- 10:15am 45 Ideas in 45 Minutes, Prairie Ballroom
- 11:00am Closing Keynote: Carrie Henning-Smith, "Rural Health Through the Lens of Social Well-being" Prairie Ballroom  
*Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control*
- 11:50pm Parting Messages and Adjournment