



# 2022 Farm Journal Corn & Soybean College

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## Farming in 2022: The Ultimate High Stakes Poker

Farming has always been a risky game, but with 2022 raising the ante, it has become even more of a high stakes gamble. As the ante goes up, so does the payout. This year's event is about wagering smartly and going all-in when needed to end up with a winning hand.



**Day 1** **Tuesday, July 26th**

8:00 Registration / Coffee and Donuts

8:30 General Session

*How to Manage Tar Spot When  
the Cards Are Against You*

10:00 Break

10:15 Breakout #1

11:35 Lunch

12:35 Breakout #2

1:55 Breakout #3

3:15 Break

3:30 General Session

*Texas Hold 'em Simulation*

5:00 Happy Hour/Q & A

6:00 Steak Dinner



**Day 2** **Wednesday, July 27th**

6:30 Coffee and Donuts

7:00 General Session

*Putting Together a Soybean  
Straight*

8:15 Breakout #1

9:35 Break

9:50 Breakout #2

11:10 Breakout #3

12:30 Lunch

Q & A until last question is answered

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\*Tentative Agenda\*

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## General Sessions:

### **How to Manage Tar Spot When the Cards Are Against You**

Tar Spot is a new player at the table, and we need to learn its strategy. Weather conditions are key for all diseases and the environment you are dealt will dictate how you play your hand. Don't let tar spot make you fold early.

### **Texas Hold 'em Simulation**

Try your hand with the materials learned from Day 1. There are many different combinations of management styles, but how will your management style succeed with the cards you're dealt.

### **Putting Together a Soybean Straight**

To win the pot with a straight, you need your cards in order. From early planting to timely harvest, and everything in-between: variety, seed treatments, population, row spacing, herbicide timing, insect management, disease control, and a good growing season have to be in order. Any missing cards could turn your straight into a bluff.

## Breakout Sessions:

### **Tissue Testing: Strategy or Bluff**

Will knowing your numbers give you an advantage at the table or not? Tissue tests can be a wildcard, learn when and how they can be used before going all-in.

### **Giving Fungus the Royal Flush**

In a time of high prices with labor and equipment shortages, it is crucial to understand the disease triangle and bring the 4R's to fungicide application. To get a royal flush, you not only have to have the highest cards, but also the right sequence. Often timing is more important than the product. Knowing the right application windows for what you are targeting is key.

### **Can You Raise Your Bet With Lower Bean Populations?**

Higher populations is a safe bet in terms of weed control and soybean yield. Is lowering the population with early planted beans with improved singulation and spacing really a gamble?

### **When to Go All in on a Hybrid and When to Fold**

Don't play blind when it comes to managing hybrids. Some hybrids just need a strong start to bring in the bushels and others need hand holding all the way through black layer. Knowing what hybrids are in your hand makes the hold or fold decision easier. You may have to discard a hybrid if it doesn't fit your management style.

### **Is Sulfur an Ace in the Hole?**

Sulfur is an ace among the secondary nutrients. With reduced sulfur emissions, there are not as many sulfur cards getting dealt anymore. A player in the game of high stakes Poker needs to understand the 4R's of Sulfur. How does the sulfur card play in soybeans? In the past it has been hard to get a consistent response to sulfur applications, but with changing environmental factors this requires a second look.

### **Doubling Down on your Straps and Chains**

Growers are often playing fast and loose with how they prepare equipment for transfer. Your ownership of the farm is running on chains and straps. Learn how to legally tie down equipment and supplies on a trailer before an accident forces you out of the game.