



COLORADO AGRIVOLTAIC CONFERENCE 2026

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Day 1: February 19, 2026		
8:30 - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast & Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Theatre live stream starts</i> 	
9:00 - 9:30 am	Theatre	Welcome & Keynote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byron Kominek - Executive Director, <i>Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center</i> • Nicole Rosmarino - Director, <i>Colorado State Land Board</i>
9:30 - 10:30 am	Theatre	Opening Plenary Discussion - Agrivoltaics Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Storch - Manager Programs & Sustainability, <i>Cypress Creek Renewables</i>
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break & Transition (fresh fruit available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Spring Creek live stream starts</i> 	
10:45 - 11:45 am	Theatre	Colorado County Commissioners' Perspectives on Agrivoltaics (Seminar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Kathy Henson - Board of County Commissioners, <i>Adams County</i> • Commissioner Wendell Koontz - Board of County Commissioners, <i>Delta County</i> • Commissioner Jason Maxe - Board of County Commissioners, <i>Weld County</i>
	Spring Creek	How to Work Effectively with Agricultural Partners (Facilitated Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derrick Worden - Director, Land Acquisition, <i>AES</i> • Dan Williams - Founder, <i>Braided Land Services</i> • Eric McPhail - Assistant Vice President and Field Director, <i>CSU Extension</i>
11:45 - 12:45 pm	Lunch & Networking	
12:45 - 1:00 pm	Theatre	Sandbox Solar presents <i>CSU Ecovoltaics Powered by Sandbox Solar</i>
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Theatre	Agrivoltaic research in Colorado: What we're learning, and how it informs application (Panel Discussion), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated by Kristen Boysen, Manager Director, <i>Drought & Climate Resilience Office, Colorado Department of Agriculture</i> • Matt Sturchio - Postdoctoral Associate, <i>Cornell University</i> • Alan Knapp - Professor, <i>Colorado State University</i> • Mark Uchanski - Associate Professor of Horticulture, <i>Colorado State University</i> • Jennifer Boussetot - Associate Professor of Horticulture, <i>Colorado State University</i> • Jordan Macknick - Lead Energy-Water-Land Analyst, <i>National Laboratory of the Rockies</i>
	Spring Creek	Boots over Suits - Approaches to Community Engagement (Seminar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iain Ward - Founder & CEO, <i>Solar Agricultural Services, Inc.</i> • Carolita Landers - Agricultural Outreach Coordinator, <i>Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center</i>
2:00 - 2:15 pm	Break & Transition	

2:15 - 3:15 pm	Theatre	Fostering Greater Collaboration Between Private-Public Partnerships (Facilitated Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susie Strife - Director of Sustainability, <i>Office of Sustainability, Climate Action, & Resilience for Boulder County</i> • Jay Sugnet - Senior Housing Manager, <i>City of Boulder</i>
	Spring Creek	Agrivoltaic Stories (Seminar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Barr - 6th Generation Rancher, <i>Barr Ranch</i> • Jack Donovan - Agrivoltaic Development Associate, <i>Sandbox Solar</i> • Charlie Talbott - President, <i>Talbott Farms</i>
3:15 - 3:30 pm	Break & Transition (afternoon snacks available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Spring Creek live stream finishes</i> 	
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Theatre	Day 1 Recap Facilitated Discussion and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byron Kominek - Executive Director, <i>Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center</i> • <i>Theatre live stream finishes after a short presentation ~3:45pm.</i>
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Theatre & Lobby	Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center presents <i>Save the Farm, Save the Future</i> (screening begins at 17:10) Networking & Nibbles
7:30pm→		Number Thirty Eight - casual networking event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cash bar and food available for purchase <i>3560 Chestnut Pl, Denver, CO 80216</i>

Day 2: February 20, 2026		
8:30 - 9:00am	Continental Breakfast & Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Theatre live stream starts</i> • <i>Spring Creek live stream starts</i> 	
9:00 - 9:45 am	Theatre	State & Local Policy Inflection Points for Agrivoltaics (Seminar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Jackson - Education & Policy Manager, <i>Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center</i> • Jakob Lindaas - Director of Climate Action, <i>The Nature Conservancy, Colorado</i>
	Spring Creek	Conservation Solar and Working with Land Trusts & Conservation Organizations (Seminar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendan Boepple - Director of Conservation, <i>Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust</i> • Duncan Gilchrist - Climate & Energy Policy Advisor, <i>The Nature Conservancy, Colorado</i>
9:45 - 10:00 am	Break & Transition (fresh fruit available)	
10:00 - 11:00 am	Theatre	How to Work with Financiers on Agrivoltaic Projects (Facilitated Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Park Moon - Head of Business Development, <i>Colorado Clean Energy Fund</i> • Mindy Montgomery - Vice President of ESG and Corporate Sustainability, <i>CoBank</i>
	Spring Creek	Agrivoltaics & Livestock Integration (Facilitated Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Bennett - Agrivation Executive, <i>Huwa Enterprises</i> • Peter Sargent - Co-owner, <i>Long Roots Ranch</i>
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break & Transition	
11:15 - 12:15 pm	Theatre	Thinking Differently About Community Engagement (Facilitated Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iain Ward - Founder & CEO, <i>Solar Agricultural Services, Inc.</i>
	Spring Creek	Safety and Operations & Maintenance With Agrivoltaic Systems (Seminar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan Wegman - Director of O&M Operations, <i>Namaste Solar</i> • Terry Nelson - O&M Technician, <i>Namaste Solar</i>
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch & Networking	
1:15 - 1:30 pm	Theatre	Remarks: Senator Cleave Simpson
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Theatre	EPC Contracting for Agrivoltaic Installations (Facilitated Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Burke - Director of Land Stewardship, <i>Pivot Energy</i> • Amy Kennedy - Associate General Counsel, <i>Lightstar Renewables</i>
	Spring Creek	The Reality of Agrivoltaic Costs (Facilitated Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthias Krause - Senior Manager, Product Marketing, <i>Nextpower</i> • Eric Hanson - Chief Operating Officer, <i>Lightstar Renewables</i>

2:30 - 2:45 pm	Break & Transition (afternoon snacks available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All live streams end</i> 	
2:45 - 3:45 pm	Theatre	Taking Agrivoltaics From Research to Reality (Asset Mapping Activity) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abby Hall, Senior Program Manager, <i>CDR Associates</i> • Laura Hickey, Program Manager, <i>CDR Associates</i>
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Break & Transition	
4:00- 5:00 pm	Theatre	Building Community and Forward Momentum (World Cafe, Facilitated Discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abby Hall, Senior Program Manager, <i>CDR Associates</i> • Laura Hickey, Program Manager, <i>CDR Associates</i>
5:00 - 5:30 pm	Theatre	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byron Kominek - Executive Director, <i>Colorado Agrivoltaic Learning Center</i>