

The 2026 Western Society of Crop Science (WSCS) Annual Conference is a full two-day event (June 23-24) at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks (UAF). Attendees from out of state should plan to arrive at Fairbanks International Airport on or before June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The conference ends with a banquet the evening of June 24<sup>th</sup>. It is possible to fly out of Fairbanks late in the evening (until ~ midnight), but flying the next day may be more practical. A tentative itinerary of the conference is below:

### **Tuesday Jun 23, 2026 Field Tour, Delta Junction**

8:00 – Depart UAF campus

10:00 - Rika's Roadhouse Historical Site

- Historic roadhouse on the Tanana River. Restrooms available.

10:30 - depart for Wrigley's via Clearwater Road – May make brief stops at:

- McCullough cattle grazing paddocks
- Delta Meat and Sausage

11:00 -Wrigley Family Farm and Alaska Flour Company – No-till cereal grain, barley flour mill, bakery

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - depart for Sawmill Creek area

- Steven's Village
- UAF AFES Delta Research fields
  - 1:30 Kaspari Farm – Yak and Hay production
  - 2:00 Schultz farm - Barley and grass seed
  - 3:00 Plagerman farm - Dairy, bison, forages

4:00 – Return to Tanana Loop area

4:30 to 5:30 – Murgage Family Farm –Cow calf to finished beef, grain and hay production and rotational grazing.

5:30 to 6:30 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Departure to Fairbanks

8:00 pm – Return to Wood Center, UAF Campus

### **Wednesday June 24, 2026 UAF campus**

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM            Check in, on-site registration, poster setup, etc.

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM Welcome from Juan Solomon, President of WSCS, and welcome and logistics from Jakir Hasan, Local Host, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

8:15 AM – 9:45 AM: Opening remarks and Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) updates from Mark E. Sorrells (Doublecheck), CSSA President

### **Industry Sustainable Agriculture and Technology Initiatives and Developments**

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM Industry sponsor presentations

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Coffee and networking break

### **Student Oral Presentations**

10:00 AM – 12:15 PM 12-minute talks plus 2-3 minutes of Q&A

### **Lunch**

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

### **Professional Oral Presentations**

1:15 PM – 3:15 PM 12-minute talks plus 2-3 minutes of Q&A

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM Coffee and networking break

### **Poster Presentations (includes student competition) – 5 minutes per poster**

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM Present for 3 minutes followed by 2 minutes of Q&A

5:30 PM – 6:15 PM Business meeting

6:15 PM – 8:00 PM Catered banquet and student Awards

8:00 PM Conclude the meeting