

# Elevator Safety, Maintenance & Compliance

KGFA is hosting two operational, equipment and maintenance seminars in Kearney, Nebraska and Salina, Kansas. In addition, Jess McCluer with the National Grain and Feed Association will provide an update on the status of OSHA standards and enforcement practices that directly impact the industry.

## REGISTER

**DATES:** May 6 - 7, 2026

**LOCATIONS:** Kearney, Neb. | Salina

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**PRICE:** \$120 for members

*To register, scan the QR code with a smartphone's camera.  
Or call 785.234.0461.*



## 2026 Elevator Safety, Maintenance & Regulatory Compliance

DATE	VENUE	DATE	VENUE
May 6, 2026	Younes Conference Center South (Room: Ruby 6)	May 7, 2026	Courtyard by Marriott
CITY		CITY	ADDRESS
Kearney	ADDRESS	Salina	3020 Riffel Drive
STATE	416 Talmadge St.	STATE	Salina, KS 67401
Nebraska	Kearney, Nebraska 68845	Kansas	

**8:30 a.m.**

**TOPIC**  
Registration

**SPEAKER**  
Clay Fagan - KGFA

**9:50 a.m.**

**TOPIC**  
Contractor Safety Program: Does your program measure up?

**SPEAKER**  
Curtis Stahel – Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc.

**11:00 a.m.**

**TOPIC**  
Railcar Loading – Preventing falls, struck-by and caught-between injuries

**SPEAKER**  
Joe Mlynek – National Grain and Feed Association

**12:40 p.m.**

**TOPIC**  
Emergency Management

**SPEAKER**  
ProValue Insurance & Pawnee County Cooperative Assn.

**2:20 p.m.**

**TOPIC**  
Break

**SPEAKER**  
None

**9:00 a.m.**

**TOPIC**  
Grain Bin Entry Safety

**SPEAKER**  
ProValue Insurance

**10:40 a.m.**

**TOPIC**  
Break

**SPEAKER**  
None

**12:00 p.m.**

**TOPIC**  
Lunch

**SPEAKER**  
None

**1:30 p.m.**

**TOPIC**  
Practical Strategies to Prevent Grain Dust Explosions

**SPEAKER**  
Joe Mlynek - National Grain and Feed Association

**2:30 p.m.**

**TOPIC**  
NGFA Updates

**SPEAKER**  
Jess McCluer - National Grain and Feed Association

8:30 a.m. ————— **REGISTRATION**

9:00 a.m. ————— **GRAIN BIN ENTRY SAFETY**

ProValue Insurance

9:50 a.m. ————— **CONTRACTOR SAFETY PROGRAM: DOES YOUR PROGRAM MEASURE UP?**

Curtis Stahl | Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc.

*Curtis Stahl is the Safety Director at Ag Partners Cooperative, Inc. in Seneca, Kansas, a position he has held for the past eight years. In this role, he oversees all training, safety, and regulatory compliance activities for the Cooperative's grain, agronomy, and energy business units. Prior to joining Ag Partners Cooperative, Curtis served as an Ag Services, LLC Safety Director at ProValue Insurance for 18 years and previously worked with the Kansas Department of Agriculture for nine years. His entire professional career has been dedicated to safety within the agricultural industry. Curtis is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM), a professional credential he has maintained since 2012. He and his wife have three grown children.*

10:40 a.m. ————— **BREAK**

11:00 a.m. ————— **RAILCAR LOADING - PREVENTING FALLS, STRUCK-BY AND CAUGHT BETWEEN INJURIES**

Joe Mlynek | National Grain and Feed Association

*Joe Mlynek is a graduate of Bowling Green State University & began working in safety in 1996. In 2009, Joe established Progressive Safety Services LLC, a company that offers safety consulting services, including safety assessments, training, and safety program development. Joe is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and an Occupational Health and Safety Technician (OHST). He is an active member of the National Grain and Feed Association, Grain Elevator and Processing Society, Ohio Risk Coordinators, National Fire Protection Association, and American Society of Safety Professionals. Joe is also a co-owner of Safety Made Simple, based in Olathe, Kansas. Safety Made Simple provides online training courses designed for the Ag industry.*

12:00 p.m. ————— **LUNCH**

12:40 p.m. ————— **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John Ricker Jr., ProValue Insurance and Shane Eck, Pawnee County Cooperative Association

1:30 p.m. ————— **PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO PREVENT GRAIN DUST EXPLOSIONS**

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2:20 p.m. ————— **BREAK**

2:30 p.m. ————— **NGFA UPDATES**

Jess McCluer | National Grain and Feed Association

*Jess McCluer is the Senior Vice President, Safety and Regulatory for the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA). He is responsible for directing and managing the NGFA's wide-ranging operations programs for grain elevators, feed mills and grain processing plants. This includes NGFA's activities regarding employee safety and industrial health, environmental issues, grain-handling facility design and equipment, grain inspection and weighing issues, grain and feed quality, crop technology, trade and agroterrorism/facility security related issues. Jess also serves as Chairman of the Department of Homeland Security, Food and Drug Administration and the US Department of Agriculture's Food and Agriculture Sector Coordinating Council and represents NGFA on the USDA's Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee for Trade in Grains, Feed, Oilseeds, and Planting Seeds. The Journal of Agromedicine selected Jess as its 2021 "Leader in the Field." The annual award is for those who have made significant contributions in agricultural safety and health practice, policy, and research.*

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