# Key Terms in Ag Leases

## **Panel Discussion**

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## Topics of Discussion:

- Basic Lease Terms
  - o Parties
  - Premises
  - o Term
  - Rent and Costs
    - Net Lease
    - Gross Lease
    - Crop-Share Lease
    - Development/cultivation considerations
  - Use (e.g. crops, grazing, plantings, water, access, Landlord reservations)
  - o Maintenance
  - o Guaranty
- Environmental Considerations
  - Compliance with environmental laws
  - o Notice of spill or other non-compliance with environmental laws
  - Phase I at end of long-term leases
- Practical Solutions for Landlords to Protect Security Interest in Farm Products
  - o Landlord liens
  - o UCC-1 filings
  - Food Security Act filings
  - Assignment of crop insurance
- Termination Considerations
  - o Payment or reimbursement of development/cultural costs
  - o Ownership of intellectual property or proprietary varieties
    - Termination or enter into of licenses
    - Destruction of proprietary varieties