The 26th annual Arkansas State University Agribusiness Conference will focus on the Arkansas economy, agricultural legal issues, trade and farm policy and the agricultural credit and commodity markets.

The morning general session features four speakers and a panel discussion.

Michael Pakko, chief economist and state economic forecaster at the UALR Institute for Economic Development, will discuss the U.S. and Arkansas economy and implications for rural Arkansas.

Harrison Pittman, director of the National Agricultural Law Center in Fayetteville, will give an update on agricultural legal issues.

Darci Vetter, former chief agricultural negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative will describe the agricultural trade situation and give her views on the future of trade policy.

Agricultural policy and political analyst Jim Wiesemeyer will discuss the 2020 election and the implications for the agricultural and rural economy.

Conference director Bert Greenwalt will lead the discussion panel of General Session speakers.

The luncheon program will feature Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward.

The afternoon program features four concurrent commodity sessions.

Terry Harris and Grayson Daniels from Riceland Foods, Inc. will discuss the rice, soybean and corn markets.

Jeff Johnson from Allenberg Cotton Co. and University of Arkansas economist Scott Stiles will discuss cotton industry issues.

Arkansas State University professors David Newman and Mark Jordan will discuss the outlook for the poultry and beef industry.

A session on credit and farmland markets will feature presentations by Susannah Marshall from the Arkansas State Bank Department and Bill Shannon, an Accredited Farm Manager with Farmers National Company.