



## 2022 June Board Meeting Speakers

### **Ernie Meier**

**Director of Quality, McDonald's Corporation**



Ernie Meier has responsibility that includes animal welfare, food safety and specification compliance as well as strategic direction for those categories. Meier is the chair elect for the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Poultry & Eggs (US-RSPE). Prior to joining McDonald's, Meier worked for Keystone Foods, a supplier to the McDonald's system. Prior to Keystone, he worked for Perdue Farms. Meier is graduate of the University of Florida in animal science, specializing in poultry science.

*Speaking at Sustainability, Animal Welfare*

### **Michael Swanson, Ph.D.**

**Chief Agricultural Economist, Wells Fargo & Company**



Dr. Swanson forecasts key agricultural commodities such as wheat, soybeans, corn, and cotton, along with livestock sectors such as cattle, dairy, and hogs. Additionally, he helps develop credit and risk strategies for Wells Fargo's customers and performs macroeconomic and international analysis on agricultural production and agribusiness. He worked for Land O'Lakes prior joining Wells Fargo in 2000. Before Land O'Lakes, Michael worked for Cargill's Colombian subsidiary, with responsibility for grain imports and value-added sales to feed producers and flour millers. Michael received both his master's and doctorate degrees in agricultural and applied economics from the University of Minnesota.

*Speaking at Real Returns in Agribusiness and Why*

## **Greg Tyler**

**Chief Operating Officer, USAPEEC**



Tyler has been with USAPEEC for 25 years, starting as Director of Foreign Market Development & Asian Promotions, then being promoted to Vice President and Senior Vice President for Marketing before being named COO in July 2020. In those roles, he has supervised the international offices and marketing programs implemented in more than 75 countries. Tyler, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics from the University of Georgia, serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council (USAEDC), an export-oriented association representing U.S. commodity trade organizations, farmer cooperatives, and state regional trade groups.

*Speaking at Trade Update*

## **Brian Williams**

**Senior Vice-President, Macquarie**



Brian Williams leads the Agricultural Risk Management Desk at Macquarie (Australia's largest Investment Bank), providing Commercial End-Users, Producers and the Hedge Fund Community with specialized Risk Management strategies in the Grains & Oilseed sector. Brian's footprint encompasses a large portion of the U.S. Poultry Industry as well as the Ethanol Industry, Fortune 500 Food Processors and some prominent Hedge Funds. His career has spanned the likes of UBS, Prudential and Jefferies, prior to joining Macquarie in the summer of 2015 as a Director of Macquarie Futures. Brian received his B.S. in Finance from Villanova University.

*Speaking at Grains Outlook*