



**FOOD USE
WORKSHOP**

September 15 -17, 2026

Commodity Liaison Committee Updates

**Jonathan Sarager
AVP Federal Affairs
Western Growers**



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CLC and Friends Leadership

Jonathan Sarager, Chair
Western Growers

Maggie Elliot, Board
Hops Growers of America

Amy Upton, Vice Chair
Michigan Nursery & Landscape
Association

Rachel Roberts, Gov Affairs Sub Chair
American Mushroom Institute



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CLC Membership

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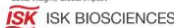
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Silver



Local Insight, Global Impact



Bronze

2026

Funding Efforts

- Annual Appropriations
- Farm Bill
- Grants





Advocacy Efforts

- Every State Represented
- New CLC Members
Nominated

Thank you!

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