About the Speakers:  
PFAS on Agricultural Operations

Ned Beecher  
From 1998 to 2019, Ned Beecher served as the Executive Director for NEBRA – North East Biosolids and Residuals Association, tracking research, legislation, and regulations, and providing information to members and the public. NEBRA is a regional biosolids non-profit professional group, advancing best practices and sustainability in biosolids recycling. Ned now serves as a Special Projects Manager for NEBRA. He has led projects, authored articles and papers, and made presentations on biosolids management around North America. Much of his work since 2017 has been on PFAS (https://www.nebiosolids.org/pfas-biosolids). He is currently leading a nationwide project compiling state-by-state and nationwide biosolids management data. He has two adult children and lives, works, and gardens (using biosolids) with his wife in New Hampshire.

Dr. Linda Lee  
Dr. Linda Lee is a professor at Purdue University in the Agronomy Department. She joined Purdue in 1993 after completing a BS (Chemistry), MS (Environmental Engineering) and PhD (Soil chemistry & Contaminant Hydrology, Soil & Water Sciences Dept.) all at the University of Florida. She has established a vibrant research program focused on understanding the processes that govern environmental fate and remediation of contaminants in various media for use in contamination mitigation, decision tools and management guidelines in both industrial and agricultural settings. For the past 15 years, Dr. Lee has focused on PFAS research as related to environmental behavior, occurrence and remediation. She has served on multiple national and international advisory groups and as an expert reviewer addressing water quality issues, fair land-applied biosolid policies, chemical risk prediction and management, sustainable practices and consumer product regulations involving chemicals.