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Ag retail facilities who attend can enjoy free drinks, appetizers, and a chance to win a 4R Program application fee voucher ($600)! Look for an email invitation. Or contact Andrew Allman, allman@oab.org to RSVP.