

2025 Supply Chain Expert Exchange Fall Conference Table Topics

Table #	Category	Title	Description
1	Supply Chain	Turning Risk into Opportunity: Overcoming Inflation & Tariff Pressures	Discuss strategies to mitigate risks related to inflation and tariff increases by diversifying sourcing, negotiating stronger contracts, and leveraging long-term planning.
2	Procurement	Package Smarter: Reducing Spend Through Strategic Packaging Partnerships	Uncover approaches to control packaging costs, stay current on regulations, and leverage supplier partnerships
3	Supply Chain	Building Resilience: Ensuring Continuity of Supply	Strategize proactive contingency planning to maintain a consistent supply during disruptions
4	Procurement	Maximizing Value: Negotiating Supplier & Distributor Agreements	Share best practices for negotiating win-win contracts that ensure service levels, pricing transparency, and long-term partnership value.
5	Procurement	From First Contact to Contract: Evaluating New Supplier Relationships	Examine how to identify, vet, and onboard new suppliers to reduce dependency risks and diversify sourcing.
6	Procurement	Strategic Sourcing & Execution for LTOs: From Alignment to Activation	Identify strategies to maximize LTO impact through effective sourcing, collaboration, and operational execution
7	Supply Chain	Accountability in Action: Measuring Supplier & Distributor Performance	Dive into KPIs, scorecards, and evaluation frameworks to ensure vendors deliver on quality, timeliness, and cost commitments.
8	Supply Chain	Prepared for the Unexpected: Crisis Management in the Supply Chain	Gain insights from real-world scenarios on navigating labor strikes, product recalls, cyber-attacks, and natural disasters.
9	Procurement	Supply Chain with a Conscience: Demonstrating Social Responsibility	Examine how sustainability, DEI initiatives, and community partnerships are reshaping supply chain priorities.
10	Supply Chain	Fresh Thinking: Optimizing Produce Supply Chains	Share operational approaches to managing fresh produce more efficiently while maintaining cost, quality, and consistency.
11	Distribution	Strategic Distribution: Optimizing Distribution for Growth and Market Expansion	Discuss methods to connect sourcing strategies with execution to secure availability and scale operations effectively
12	Supply Chain	Next-Gen Supply Chain Leadership: Driving Resilience and Innovation	Develop the skills and mindset to lead supply chains that adapt, innovate, and thrive in a rapidly changing world.
13	Procurement	Strategic Forecasting: Driving Success Across LTOs, Menu Rollouts & New Locations	Discover forecasting strategies that align supply with promotions, new menu items, and restaurant openings to minimize risk and support growth.
14	Procurement	Protein on the Plate: Navigating Complex Protein Sourcing	Examine strategies for sourcing consistent, cost-effective, and sustainable proteins amid rising demand and global supply challenges.
15	Supply Chain	Laying the Groundwork: First Steps to Integrating AI into your Supply Chain	Share lessons, early wins, and strategies for building AI into your supply chain operations
16	Distribution	Optimizing Freight: Strategic Moves for Chains Big and Small	Exchange how leading restaurant supply chains treat freight as a commodity while also offering practical tactics for emerging chains to collaborate with suppliers and reduce freight costs without formal RFPs.
17	Development	Priorities in Motion: Navigating Daily Demands in the Restaurant Supply Chain	Collaborate on best practices for balancing high-volume workloads amid ongoing challenges and interruptions
18	Development	Stronger Together: Building connections to strengthen your Supply Chain Network	A focused session for rising supply chain professionals to sharpen their peer networking skills, exchange insights, and build relationships that drive long-term career and industry impact.
19	Procurement	Beyond the Plate: Navigating Non-Food Procurement Challenges	Discuss strategies for sourcing smallwares, equipment, and other non-food essentials while managing lead times and controlling rising costs.
20	Procurement	Driving Results: The Power of Effective Business Reviews	Explore how regular business reviews with suppliers and partners can strengthen relationships, optimize performance, and uncover opportunities.