



2011 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit Tentative Agenda

Friday, January 14

- 10:00 am **Dairy discussion**
- 11:45 am Buffet lunch
- 12:30 pm Bus to Shamrock Dairy
- 4:00 pm Bus to Queen Creek from Dairy
- 4:30 pm Alternate Bus to Queen Creek from Hotel
Arrival 4:30-5:30 – Tour and Wine/Beer reception
- 6:00 pm **Wine Across North America Reception**
- 7:00 pm **Casual Dinner in the Olive Grove**
- 10:00 pm Return to Hotel
- 10:30 pm - Hospitality Suite
- 11:30 pm

Saturday, January 15

- 8:00 am **Welcome**
- 8:15 am - **What Can We Do to Support Rural Development?**
Mark Lange – Edward Lowe Foundation, Economic Gardening
Janell Anderson Ehrke - Grow Nebraska
- 9:30 am - **Rural Transportation Needs - "Stations, Livability and Economic Development"**
John Robert Smith – Reconnecting America
- 10:00 am
- 10:15 am - **Breakout I**
- 11:30 am
- Supporting Local Production**
Gus Schumacher, Wholesome Wave Foundation
Dr. John Stanton, St Joseph University
- Where Are We Headed with Low Carbon Fuel Standards?**
Wally Tyner, Purdue
Michelle Manion, Northeast States low carbon consortium
- Antibiotics in Animal Ag**
Steve Roach, Food Animal Concerns Trust
Dr. Scott Hurd, Iowa State
- 4H and FFA Youth Education – A Turn Towards Urban Youth?**
William Hook, Chicago High School for Ag Sciences
Dwight Armstrong, FFA CEO
- 11:30 am - **What Does Sustainability Mean? Can States/Provinces Take Control?**
Marty Strauss, Kahn Strauss and Associates
Andrea Thomas, Wal Mart
- 12:15 pm - **Lunch**
- 1:15 pm

Saturday, January 15, cont.

- 1:30 pm - **Wesley J. Smith** - Author of *A Rat Is a Pig Is a Dog*
- 2:15 pm *Is a Boy: The Human Cost of the Animal Rights Movement*
- 2:25 pm - **How do we respond?**
- 3:00 pm Dr. Martin Appelt, Fed. Approach to Animal Welfare in Canadian Meat Production
Representative Troy Balderson, Ohio
Charlie Arnot – Facilitator
- 3:15 pm - **Breakout II**
- 4:30 pm
- How States/Provinces Are Supporting Biobased Product Development**
Dr. Kelly Tiller, President Genera Energy LLC
Fred Deneke, Author of 25 X 25 Wood biomass report
- Regulation of Fracking**
Tom Murphy of Penn State Marcellus Shale Center
Lynn Helms, Director Mineral Resources, North Dakota
Steve Jones, Wyoming Outdoor Council
- Addressing Immigration: How Canada Does It**
Sonny Rodriguez, The Gower Co and Western Growers
- Animal ID and Pet Breeder Regulations**
APHIS
Dr. Bret Marsh, Indiana State Vet
Patti Strand – National Animal Industry Alliance
- 4:30 pm - **Redistricting and Rural Voice**
- 5:30 pm Speaker David Ralston, Georgia
David Harrison, Jr. , National Economic Research Associates,
- 6:30 pm **Reception and Dinner**
Craig Settles, Community Broadband from Idea to Reality.
- 8:00 pm - **Canadian Hospitality Suite**
- 11:00 pm

Sunday, January 16th

- 7:30 am **SARL Annual Meeting and Breakfast**
- 9:30 am **Federal Update**
Farm Bill Budget
GIPSA rules
FDA and Changing Food Safety Regulations
EPA and changing environmental regulations/impact on ag
- noon **Buffet Lunch and Adjourn**