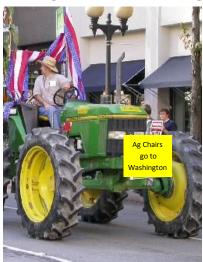
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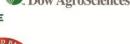


















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JANUARY 6 - 8, 2012 WASHINGTON, DC

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To State and Provincial Rural Legislative Leadership;

As a respected agriculture and rural leader, you are cordially invited to join us at the 2012 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit to be held in Washington, DC, January 6-8, 2012.

State Agriculture and Rural Leaders (SARL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to successful agriculture and rural policy and enhancing the rural leadership in all 50 states, Canadian provinces and U.S. territories. SARL works collaboratively with the Council of State Governments (CSG) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to host the annual Summit, which will address the critical issues and challenges that agriculture and rural communities face.

The Summit is the only national conference for legislators whose major focus is agriculture and rural communities.

Registration costs, meals and rooms (for three nights) for invited elected officials will be covered by SARL. The agenda for the 2012 meeting will focus on the reauthorization of the Farm Bill, and will include meetings with key congressmen and staff on the Hill as well as discussions with experts on economic development, animal rights, environmental issues, property rights, local foods, and more.

Many attendees say that the networking with leaders from across North America makes the meeting the best they attend. Inside you will find more information on the 2012 Summit. This is an invitation-only summit and attendance is limited. If you have additional questions, please contact one of us, or Carolyn Orr, Executive Secretary.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Senator Bill Heath, GA President 404-656-3943

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YOUR CAN REGISTER ON-LINE OR GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE SUMMIT AT WWW.SARL.US AND CLICK ON THE 2012 AG CHAIRS BUTTON

WHAT 2011 ATTENDEES SAID ABOUT THE SUMMIT



"No meeting has more timely or informative topics. The Summit helps us prepare for the upcoming session."

Rep. Dan Reitz, IL



"Of all the conferences I can attend, Ag Chairs is the most educational." Rep. Sid Miller, TX

"The top agriculture policy makers all attend Ag Chairs."

Sen. Mike Brubaker, PA

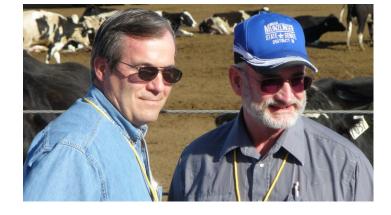




"The opportunity to network with other state lawmakers that are passionate about agriculture and discuss the issues we all face is priceless." Sen. Brian Munzlinger, MO

"Ag Chairs is the only meeting for state and provincial legislators that works to resolve the most challenging issues in agriculture and rural viability."

MLA Leo Glavine, Nova Scotia



What will you say about the Summit in 2012?

The Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit is designed for state and provincial legislative committee, caucus and chamber leadership with an interest in agriculture and rural policy.

All sessions are designed to provide information that applies directly to state legislative issues.

Registration, meals and hotel costs are covered by SARL, a 501 c(3).

There are a limited number of travel scholarships available for attendees whose states or campaign funds do not provide travel. . To apply for travel assistance, please call Dr. Carolyn Orr as soon as possible. (765) 893-8209.

TENTATIVE 2012 SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 5
Reception and Dinner

Friday, January 6

Farm Bill and Ag/Rural Policy Discussions with Members of Congress and staff, EPA and USDA

Saturday, January 7

<u>Strengthening our own, As world demand grows</u> Plenaries and Breakouts include;

- Dealing with Activists, How States Efforts Faring
- Update on Food Safety Programs
- Nutrient Management and Water Quality
- Clean Energy
- Urban-Rural Connection
- Trade
- State Meat Inspection Programs
- Right to Farm
- Invasive Species and More!

Sunday, January 8

SARL Business Meeting, Elections, Resolutions

10:00 am—Summit Adjourns

PLEASE REGISTER BY DECEMBER 2, 2011 Attendance is limited

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