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# LEGISLATIVE AGRICULTURE CHAIRS SUMMIT XI 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.*

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM AND  
RETURN BY MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL AS INDICATED.**

**YOUR CAN REGISTER ON-LINE OR GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE SUMMIT  
AT [WWW.SARL.US](http://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**

**Strengthening our own, *As world demand grows***

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

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SPEAKERS WILL BE  
MADE BY SARL STAFF AND CHARGED TO THE MASTER BILL.**

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