

2012 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

January 6-8, 2012 Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, Virginia

Agenda

Thursday, January 5, 2012

7:30 pm-9:00 pm Reception - *Cinnabar Restaurant*

Friday, January 6, 2012

7:00 am Canadian Hospitality Breakfast
Regency EF

8:00 am Buses leave for Russell Building
Front of Hyatt Regency

9:00 am USDA Undersecretary Michael Scuse
Kennedy Caucus Room
Russell Building
Farm Services Agency and Foreign Agricultural Services

9:30 am Senator Minority Agriculture Staff
Kennedy Caucus Room
briefing on agriculture issues

10:00 am House Energy Committee Staff
Kennedy Caucus Room
briefing on energy issues

10:30 am Senate Majority Agriculture Staff
Kennedy Caucus Room

11:15 am Box Lunch
Kennedy Caucus Room

12:00 pm Board Buses to transfer to Eisenhower Office Bldg,

1:00 pm Listening Session with Key Agency and
EEOB, White House
White House Personnel

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack

Issi Siddiqui, U.S. Trade Representative Chief Agriculture Negotiator

Doug O'Brien, Deputy Undersecretary for Rural Development

David White, Chief of Natural Resources Conservation Services

Elisabeth Hagen, Undersecretary for Food Safety

Larry Elsworth, Agricultural Counselor to the Administrator U.S. EPA

6:00 pm Reception at United States Botanical Garden

8:00 pm Dinner on own or take buses back to Hyatt

10:00-11:30 pm Hospitality Suite— *Cinnabar Restaurant*

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Saturday, January 7, 2012 (all sessions at Hyatt)

- 7:00 am** **Buffet Breakfast**
Regency EF
- 8:00 am** **Welcome, SARL President, Senator Bill Heath**
Regency CD
- Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman**
Senator Tom Carlson, Moderator
- 8:50 am** **How state/provincial policy makers can support our producers and communities?**
Regency CD
- Dr. Bruce Chassey, University of Illinois
 Dr. Jude Capper, Washington State University
 Laura Barringer, Global Harvest Initiative
 Chuck Hassebrook, Center for Rural Affairs
 Senator Larry Rhoden, Moderator
- Welcome from National Association of State Departments of Agriculture**
 President, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am** **Breakout I**
- (Potomac 1/2)** **Nutrient Management and Water Quality**
 Rich Budell, Florida Department of Agriculture
 Marc Ribaud, USDA, ERS
 Brent Paterson, Alberta Department of Agriculture
 Representative Sid Miller, Moderator
- (Potomac 3/4)** **Trade-A Federal-State Partnership**
 Peter Thorton, North Carolina Department of Agriculture
 Anne Evans, U.S. Dept of Commerce
 Rusty Fowler, Chair AEM, moderator
- (Potomac 5/6)** **State/Provincial Meat Inspection Programs**
 Dr. Steve Crawford, NH State Veterinarian
 Dr. Steve Ingham, Wisconsin
 Jason Krips, Alberta Dept. of Agriculture
 Al Almanza, FSIS Administrator
 Representative Carolyn Partidge, Moderator
- (Washington)** **Valuation and Taxation of Farmland**
 Ray Starling, North Carolina
 John Anderson, University of Nebraska
 Senator Michael Brubaker, Moderator

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Legislation Panel

Senator Jack Kibbie - Ethanol Legislation
Senator Eddie Fields - Equipment Dealer Legislation
Representative Kevin Daley - Environmental Legislation
Assemblyman Bob Reilly - Farmers Market Legislation
Doug Jones, Moderator

12:15 pm
Regency EF

Lunch (resolutions due)

1:45
Regency CD

Animal Welfare, State and Provincial Response

The European Perspective: Michael Sheldon, Greenway Farms
Ohio's Experience; Dr. Tony Forshey, Ohio State Veterinarian
Brief State Updates:
Missouri (Senator Brian Munzlinger)
Iowa (Representative Annette Sweeney)
UEP (Randy Green)
Representative Steve Kulik, Moderator

2:45 pm

Break

3:00 pm

Breakout II

(Potomac 1/2)

Where is Rural Energy Headed?

Robert Lestz, GasFrac
Douglas Durante, Clean Fuels Development Coalition
MLA Ralph Eichler, Moderator

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Invasive Species

Lori Williams, Department of the Interior
Dr. K. George Beck, Colorado State University
Commissioner Leonard Blackham
Jeff Case, Moderator

(Potomac 5/6)

Building Trust in our Food System

Charlie Arnot, CMA consulting
Representative Annette Sweeney, Moderator

(Washington)

Rural Communities; Challenges and Opportunities

Jason Henderson, Kansas City Federal Reserve
Joe Black, Southern Bancorp Community Partners
Senator Jim Luker, Moderator

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4:15 pm
Regency CD **Food Safety and Certification Programs for Producers**
Miyun Park, Global Animal Partnership
Dr. Christopher Walsh, University of Maryland
Representative Phil Richardson, Moderator

7:00 pm
Regency EF **Wine Across America Reception**

7:45 pm
Regency EF **Dinner**
Phil Brasher, Washington Correspondent
Introduction of Candidates
Senator David Johnson, Moderator

10 pm -Midnight **Hospitality Suite**
Cinnabar Restaurant

Sunday, January 8, 2012

7:30 am
Regency EF **Buffet Breakfast**
Annual Meeting
Resolutions
Senator Bill Heath, Presiding

Officer and Board Elections
Doug Jones and Senator David Johnson, Nominating committee chairs

9:00 am
Optional Meeting Review
There has been a request for time to gather informally and discuss hot legislation for 2012. We generally also have a post meeting review for board members and all who want to participate.