

**2013 Legislative Agriculture Summit  
Abbreviated Agenda**

**Thursday, June 6, 2013**

**7:30 pm-9:00 pm**      **Hospitality Hours** (*Upstairs in Pier 73 Restaurant*)

**Friday, June 7, 2013**

**7:30-8:30 am**      **Buffet Breakfast available** (*Viscount Room B & C*)

**Optional Informational Sessions**

**8:30 – 10:00 am** **Agriculture and Carbon Emissions Protocol** (*Viscount Room A*)

**9:00-10:30 am**      **Dairy Policy** (*Viscount Room B & C*)

**10:40 am**      **Bus One leaves for Site Visits**

**11:20 am**      **British Columbia agriculture and value added site visits** (*Buses 2,3,4*)

**4:30 pm**      **Return to Hotel** (*Bus 1 will already be back*)

**6:00 pm**      **Reception/Dinner** (*Viscount ballroom*); Canadian Ag Minister Gerry Ritz

**10:00-11:30 pm**      **Hospitality Hours** (*Upstairs in Pier 73 Restaurant*)

**Saturday, June 8, 2013**

**7:00 am-8:00 am** **Buffet Breakfast** (*Viscount ballroom*)

**8:00 am**      **Welcome, SARL President, Senator Bill Heath** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

**8:15 am**      **Plenary on State and Provincial Role in Rural Energy**

**9:20 am**      **Break**

**9:30 – 10:45 am** **Breakout I**

1. Addressing Water Quality and the Bottom Line (*Viscount B*)
2. What does Science say about Animal Housing? (*Viscount A*)
3. Successes in Rural Health Care (*Sea Island Ballroom, or outside patio*)
4. The Future of State Fairs (*Viscount C*)

**11:00 am**      **Review of 2013 State Efforts** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

- Farm Protection Legislation- Rep. Bob Haefner, NH
- Arkansas Road Sales and Use Tax Ballot Initiative- Former Senator Jim Luker
- West Virginia: Feed to Achieve – Senator Unger,
- Utah: Metal Theft Prevention – Rep. Jack Draxler

**12:15**      **Lunch** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

Rory McAlpine, Maple Leaf Foods; A learned lesson in talking to consumers

**1:30 pm**      **Breakout II**

- 1) Calculation and working with TMDLs and Discharge Footprints (*Viscount A*)
- 2) Legal Challenges; Right to Farm Laws, Private Property Rights, (Hemisphere Rest./outside)
- 3) The Immigration Debate (*Viscount B*)
- 4) Local and State Food Labeling (*Viscount C*)

**3:00 pm**      **Learning From a Decade of Success in Ag Diversification and Rural Development** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

**4:00**      **Break and Breakout III**

- 1) Talking to Voters and Consumers (*Viscount A*)
- 2) Working Together, Sharing Water Across State/provincial Lines (*Viscount B*)
- 3) Funding Rural Infrastructure (*Viscount C*)
- 4) Where is the Farm Bill? ((Hemisphere Rest./outside))

**6:30 pm**      **Reception and Dinner** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

Economic Perspective, Glen Hodgson

**9:30 pm**      **SARL Board Meeting** (TBD)

**10:00-11:30pm** **Hospitality Hours** (*Upstairs in Pier 73 Restaurant*)

**Sunday, June 9, 2013**

**7:30 am**      **Buffet Breakfast, Annual Meeting, Resolutions and Voting** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

**9:00 am**      **Optional Meeting Review, legislation discussion**

# 2013 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

## June 7-9, 2013 Richmond, British Columbia

### Thursday, June 6

**7:30-9:00 pm**      **Hospitality Hours** – (Upstairs in Pier 73 Restaurant)

### Friday, June 7

**7:00-8:30 am**      **Buffet Breakfast available** (*Viscount B and C*)  
*Will close at 8:30*

**8:30 – 10:00 am**      **Agriculture and Carbon Emissions Protocol** (*Viscount A*)  
*Identifying key carbon initiatives in North America and how can agriculture learn from and contribute to carbon emission plans*  
Moderator – MLA Ralph Eichler  
Debbie Reed, Executive Director, Coalition on Ag Greenhouse Gases  
Karen Haugen-Kozyra, Senior Partner, The Prasino Group

**9:00-10:30 am**      **Dairy Policy** (*Viscount B and C*)  
*This is a free wheeling, open discussion about dairy policy that will go where the participants take it! Farm Bill, Canadian quota system, state efforts.*  
Moderator – Representative Kevin Ryan, CT  
Darrel Aubertine, NY Commissioner of Agriculture  
Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairy Association  
Fran Boyd, Meyers and Associates  
Wally Smith, Dairy Farmers of Canada

**Site Visits: due to operation size and traffic congestion buses will round robin to farm sites. Some will have lunch at Krause, some at Lepp. Please do not wear open-toed shoes or extra jewelry.**

Marcus Jansen Calais Farm  
Vanderpool Eggs  
Krause Berry Farm  
Lepp Farm Market

<b>10:40 am</b>	<b>Bus # 1</b>	<b>Leaves for site visits</b>
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Bus # 2</b>	<b>Leaves for site visits</b>
<b>11:20 am</b>	<b>Bus # 3</b>	<b>Leaves for site visits</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Bus # 4</b>	<b>Leaves for site visits</b>

**3:30 -5:30**      **Return to Hotel** (Bus dependent)

**6:00**      **Reception/Dinner** (*Viscount ballroom*)  
Moderator MLA Ralph Eichler, speaker  
Canadian Ag Minister Gerry Ritz

**10:00-11:30 pm**      **Hospitality Hours** (Upstairs in Pier 73 Restaurant)

Make sure you get your resolutions and board nominations in to Doug Jones or David Johnson

## **Saturday, June 8, 2013**

**7:00 am -8:00 am** **Buffet Breakfast** (*Viscount ballroom-must close so room can be turned*)

**8:00 am** **Welcome, SARL President** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

**8:15 am** **Plenary on State and Provincial Role in Rural Energy**  
*The majority of energy comes from rural communities, how does the production of energy play into rural development? How can rural maximize the return from energy production?*  
Moderator – Senator Larry Rhoden  
Dennis Hill, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives  
Warren McKenna, Farmers Electric Cooperative confirmed  
Rep Mike Bost, Illinois

**9:20** **Break**

**9:30 – 10:45 am** **Breakout I**

**1. Addressing Water Quality and the Bottom Line** (*Viscount B*)

*The carrot is a better way to get producers to improve the environment, how can improving water quality help a producers bank account?*

Moderator – Doug Jones  
Ann Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission  
Dave Tuthil, Integrated Watershed Solutions  
Dr. Paul Genho, Farmland Reserve  
Claire Schary, USEPA Region 10  
Staff, Hans Poschman, CSG-West

**2. What does Science say about Animal Housing?** (*Viscount A*)

*There are a lot of bills out there trying to dictate how animals are raised, what does science say about the best way?*

Moderator – Rep. Doc Anderson, TX  
Elizabeth Rumley, National Agricultural Law Center  
Dr. Janeen Lyn Salek-Johnson, University of Illinois  
Dr. Janice Swanson, University of Michigan  
Staff, Karen Marshall

**3. Successes in Rural Health Care** (*Sea Island Ballroom, or outside patio*)

*Health care in rural communities is facing disappearing hospitals, limited health care professionals and now the Affordable Care Act. What can state legislators do for their communities?*

Moderator – Jim Luker, AR  
Alan Morgan, National Rural Health Association  
Stephanie Larsen, Center for Rural Affairs  
Staff, Jon Hull, SLC

**4. The Future of State Fairs** (*Viscount C*)

*Some states have closed them, some sold them, some quit supporting them, then there is the liability – will there be fairs in the future?*

Moderator – Annette Sweeney, IA  
Senator Jim Anderson, Wyoming  
Marlene Pierson-Jolliffe, West Virginia State Fair  
John Putney, Blue Ribbon Foundation, Iowa State Fair  
Tina Hlabse, North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture  
Staff, Mike McCabe, CSG

**11:00 am**

**Review of 2013 State Efforts** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

*What interesting legislation went through the states this year?*

Moderator, Senator Michael Brubaker, PA

Farm Protection Legislation- Rep. Bob Haefner, NH

Arkansas Road Sales and Use Tax Ballot Initiative- Senator Jim Luker

West Virginia: Feed to Achieve – Senator Unger, WV

Utah: Metal Theft Prevention – Rep. Jack Draxler, UT

**12:15**

**Lunch** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

*Resolutions and Board Nominations due*

Rory McAlpine, Maple Leaf Foods; A learned lesson in talking to consumers

**1:30 pm**

**Breakout II**

**1) Calculation and working with TMDLs and Discharge Footprints** (*Viscount A*)

*Are the calculations for TMDLs correct? Can we reduce the footprint? Where goes the Chesapeake Bay, does the Mississippi go next?*

Moderator-

Claire Schary USEPA Region 10

Ann Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission

Staff, Hans Poschman, CSG-West

**2) Legal Challenges; Right to Farm Laws, Property Rights** (*Hemisphere Rest./outside*)

*Is fan dust polluting water? Are the right to farm laws in trouble? What are courts deciding?*

Moderator- Senator Munzlinger, MO

Gary Baise, OFW Law

Staff, Karen Marshall

**3) The Immigration Debate** (*Viscount B*)

*Will farm labor finally get some relief? How do the Canadians do it?*

Moderator- Rep. Bruce Chandler

Craig Regelbrugge, American Nursery & Landscape Association

Michele Morandini, Service Canada

Fran Boyd, Meyers and Associates

Staff, Jon Hull, SLC

**4) Local and State Food Labeling** (*Viscount C*)

*It started with rBST, now GMOs, what about where that sweatshirt was made? The state and future of food labeling.*

Moderator- Rep. Tara Sad

Mark Walters, Frommer, Lawrence & Haug

Dr. Barbara Schneeman, University of California

John Dillard, OFW Law

John Rusche, MD, Idaho House of Representatives

David Zeponi, Northwest Food Processors Association

Staff, Scott Hendrick, NCSL

**3:00 pm**

**Learning From a Decade of Success in Ag Diversification and Rural Development** (*Sea Island Ballroom*)

*It has been more than a decade since states started Rural Development Agencies, few are left, even fewer are funded. Here are some that are working.*

Moderator- Rep. Wes Belter

Norm Walzer, Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs

Roger Thomas, Ky Governors Office of Ag policy

Barry Denk, Center for Rural Pennsylvania

**4:00**

**Break**

**4:15**

**Breakout III**

**1) Talking to Voters and Consumers (Viscount A)**

*How can you work with voters who disagree with your positions? Come hear from the producer of the Dodge Super Bowl commercial and someone who teaches urban residents about invasive species*

Moderator- Senator David Johnson, IA

Jennifer Grenz, Vision Bridge

Joe Dales, Farms.com

Staff, Karen Marshall

**2) Working Together, Sharing Water (Viscount B)**

*Colorado and California, Texas and Mexico, Florida, Georgia and Alabama etc...how do we share our most precious resource?*

Moderator- Senator Carolyn McGinn, KS

Dr. Hank Venema, International Institute for Sustainable Development

John Stulp, Special Policy Advisor, Colorado Governor

Mark Masters, ACF Stakeholders

Staff, Hans Poschman, CSG-West

**3) Funding Rural Infrastructure (Viscount C)**

*Bridges collapsing, gas lines rupturing, roads falling apart. Are there any suggestions that can help save our rural infrastructure?*

Moderator-Senator Jean Leising, IN

Bill Stouffer, Flotron McIntosh

Jim Luker, Health Services Permit Agency

Kathy Ruffalo, Ruffalo & Associates

Staff, Jon Hull, SLC

**4) Where is the Farm Bill? (Hemisphere Rest./outside)**

*Will Congress pass a farm bill this year? What are the issues?*

Moderator, Sarah Thorn, IA

Fran Boyd, Meyers and Associates

Staff, Ben Husch

**6:30 pm**

**Reception and Dinner (Sea Island Ballroom)**

Economic Perspective, Glen Hodgson

Resolutions and nominations

**9:30 pm**

**SARL Board Meeting (TBD)**

**10:00-11:30 pm**

**Hospitality Hours (Upstairs in Pier 73 Restaurant)**

**Sunday, June 9**

**7:30 am**

**Buffet Breakfast (Sea Island)**

**If your staying Sunday – there are designated tables so you can meet each other!**

Annual Meeting, Senator Bill Heath, Presiding

Welcome from Oklahoma

Resolutions

Officer and Board Elections, Doug Jones and Senator David Johnson,

**9:00 am**

**Optional Meeting Review, legislation discussion**