



Agricultural Cooperatives: **Economics, Opportunities and Structure in a New** **Era of Food, Fiber and Fuel**

August 4, 2011
St. Regis Hotel
923 16th Street & K Street NW
Washington, D.C 20006
Chandelier Room – Lobby Level
Agenda

8:00 - 9:00 **Introductions and Welcome**
Tamara Wagester – C-FARE Executive Director
Phil Kenkel – Project Manager and Oklahoma State University

Industry Panel Participants:

- Teresa Castanias – CPA
- Chuck Conner – President, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
- John Dunn – Vice President for Cooperative Development with the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA)
- Rod Kelsay – Executive Director, Mid America Cooperative Council (MACC)
- Barry F. Kriebel – President of Sun-Maid Growers of California
- William J. Nelson – CHS Foundation President
- Kam Quarles – Director, Legislative Affairs, McDermott Will & Emery LLP
- Chelsey Simpson – National Farm to School Network
- Jeff Stroburg – President and Chief Executive Officer, West Central Cooperative
- Bill Wilson – FCCServices
- John Zippert – Program Director of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund

9:00 - 10:00 **Industry Panel – I**

Topic:

Finance - Led by Dave Barton – Professor, Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University

Strategy - Led by Greg McKee - Director, Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives, Agribusiness and Applied Economics, North Dakota State University

10:00 - 10:30 **Break**

10:30 - noon **Industry Panel - II**

Topic:

Governance – Led by Phil Kenkel – Professor, Bill Fitzwater Chair, Oklahoma State University

Communication - Led by Jennifer Bond, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

New Cooperative Development - Led by Brian Henehan - Senior Extension Associate, Cornell University, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management

1:00 - 1:45 **Concurrent Session 1 and 2**

Session 1: Strategy – Chandelier Room – Lobby Level

Session 2: Communication and Governance – Salon Room – Lobby Level

1:45 - 2:30 **Concurrent Sessions 3 and 4**

Session 3: Finance – Chandelier Room – Lobby Level

Session 4: New Cooperative Development – Salon Room – Lobby Level

2:30 - 3:00 **Break**

3:00 - 3:30 **Reconvene and wrap up – Chandler Room – Lobby Level**

3:30 - 5:30 **Discussion of research needs and priorities**

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