

## agri benchmark Cash Crop Conference 2014

Des Moines, Iowa August 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014

### Sunday, August 17th

19:00 Arrival at the *Marriot Des Moines Downtown Hotel* and Welcome Reception

### Monday, August 18th

09:00 - 09:30 **Welcome and Opening** (Bill Northey, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture)

09:30 - 10:30 **Key results 2013 I (Plenary session)**  
Results & analysis of typical farm data

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 13:00 **WORKSHOP: A detailed look at the farm data - Key results 2013 II**  
a) Sub-Saharan corn production  
b) Corn  
c) Potatoes  
d) Oilseeds

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:30 **Global ag markets: Game changers for an era of higher commodity prices?**  
Chad Hart [ISU]; Nancy DeVore [Consultant], Yelto Zimmer [Thünen-Institute]

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:00 **Network developments: new partner - new projects**  
a) Australia: National network  
b) Sub-Saharan Network (ReNAPRI)  
c) Developments Rice Network - GIZ project

19:00 Dinner at the Marriott Hotel

### Tuesday, August 19th **US/Iowa day**

08:30 - 09:00 **Recent developments Iowa crop production**  
Kelvin Leibold [ISU]

09:00 - 10:00 **Environmental issues - impact on US crop production**  
Jerry L. Hatfield [USDA]

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 12:00 **Big data in Ag - Opportunities & management of concerns**  
Jorgen Audenaert [John Deere], Don Villwock [Indiana Farm Bureau], Bob Streit [Consultant]

12:30 Departure from Hotel

13:00 - 18:00 1) Dennis Friest farm (family operation)  
2) Handsaker farms: a) the grain storage site b) the machinery site

19:00 - 21:00 Dinner at Garden City (Hardin County Corn Growers /Hardin County Pork producers)

### Wednesday, August 20th

08:30 - 10:30 **WORKSHOPS**  
a) Status of rice farm economics  
b) Pain points in small grain production  
c) Recent developments in Russian & Ukrainian farming industry  
Dmitri Rylko [IKAR; RU], Igor Ostapchuk [UCAB; UA]

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 **US and Global Biofuel - What are we heading for?**  
Global Overview: Ronald Steenblik [OECD]  
USA perspective: Bob Wisner [ISU]

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 - 15:00 **Global developments in Plant Protection - how severe is shortage in new products?**  
Mark Wrucke [Bayer CropScience]

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 16:15 **How to analyze causes in yield developments in wheat and rapeseed?**  
Ben Lang [U. o. Cambridge, UK]

16:15 - 17:00 Training *agri benchmark* tools

17:00 SIGHTSEEING Des Moines and Dinner Downtown

20:00 Dinner at HALL OF LAUREATES (Borlaug Center)

**Thursday, August 21st**

08:30 - 10:00	<b>Global sugar markets and major players in cane</b> Carlos Xavier [Brazil], Pipat Weerathaworn [Thailand], Divan vander Westhuizen [South Africa]
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 11:30	<b>agri benchmark outcomes - publication options and strategies</b> Michael Langemeier [IU; US], Dick Schoney (USASK; CA), Barbara Wildegger, Yelto Zimmer [both Thünen; DE]
11:30 - 12:00	Wrap-up and Outlook
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch break

**GLOBAL FORUM**

13:00 - 13:15	Welcome and introduction
13:15 - 14:15	How competitive is the US in corn and soybean trade? ( <i>Kelvin Leibold</i> ) Comparison of cif cost of the US, Brazil and Ukraine
14:15 - 15:45	Emerging competitors (and customers?) for US corn producers – Perspectives from Africa ( <i>Kevin Onyango</i> ) Russia ( <i>Sergey Chetvertakov</i> ) China ( <i>Xiangdong Hu</i> )
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 - 17:00	Palm Oil - the economic of the driver in global vegetable oil markets ( <i>Dessy Angraeni</i> )
17:00 - 18:30	Society and policy makers asking for a "greener farming" What`s does that mean for producers? <u>Round table:</u> Ben Lang (UK), Peter Borreby (DK), Michale Langemeier (US), Ashley Herbert (AU)
18:30	Reception plus snacks

**Friday, August 22nd Post Conference Tour I**

08:00	Departure from the Hotel
09:00 - 13:00	Visit Monsanto facilities & discussion (Lunch)
13:45 - 16:00	John-Deere Factory in Ankeny, IA - Factory tour John Deere sprayers, cotton pickers, tillage equipment, and grain drills manufacturing.
16:00 - 17:00	Discussion at the JD factory
17:30 - 19:30	Prairiemeadow: Champions-Restaurant Quarter horse racing

**Saturday, August 23rd Post Conference Tour II**

08:00	11:00	Drive to the Mississippi (3h) Grain handling at the Mississippi river
13:00	15:00	Boat Tour Mississippi incl Lunch
18:00	21:00	Drive back to Des Moines (3h) - Dinner on the road

**Sunday, August 24th**

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