



Program for the Climate and Agriculture Summit October 1, 2009

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration & breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome by the California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN)
Kristin Rosenow, Executive Director, Ecological Farming Association
Renata Brillinger, Executive Director, CalCAN
- 9:15 – 10:15 Climate Change Impacts on California Agriculture
Dr. Richard Howitt, Chair, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics,
UC Davis
- 10:30 – 12:00 Workshops
- A. Farming Systems, Soil Management & Carbon Sequestration
Moderator: Claudia Reid, Policy Director, California Certified Organic Farmers
Dr. Johan Six, Department of Plant Sciences, UC Davis
Tim LaSalle, CEO, Rodale Institute
Jeffrey P. Mitchell, Extension Specialist, Kearney Agricultural Center
Todd Rosenstock, Packard Fellow, Agricultural Sustainability Institute, UC
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP)
- B. The Climate Benefits of Farmland Preservation
Moderator: Dave Runsten, Community Alliance with Family Farmers
Ed Thompson, California Director, American Farmland Trust
Brian Leahy, Assistant Director, Division of Land Resource Protection, Department of
Conservation
Gary Patton, Special Counsel, Planning & Conservation League
- C. On-Farm Renewable Energy & Energy Crop Production
Moderator: Kristin Rosenow, Executive Director, Ecological Farming Association
Russ Lester, Dixon Ridge Farms
Alison Jordan, Executive Director, California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance
Dr. Steve Kaffka, UC Davis, Director of the California Biomass Collaborative
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:15 Update on Climate Change Policy
Jeanne Merrill, Policy Director, California Climate and Agriculture Network

1:30 – 3:00 Workshops

- A. Agricultural Water Conservation Practices & Policy
Moderator: Dave Runsten, Community Alliance with Family Farmers
Katy Mamen, Project Director, California Agricultural Water Stewardship Initiative
Bill Craven, Chief Consultant, State Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee
Dr. Richard Howitt, Chair, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, UC Davis

- B. Innovative Farm Practices to Address Climate Change
Moderator: Gail Feenstra, UC SAREP
John Deiner, Owner, Red Rock Ranch
Albert Straus, Owner, Straus Family Creamery
Russ Lester, Owner, Dixon Ridge Farms

- C. Climate Change Policy & The Role of Agriculture
Moderator: Renata Brillinger, CalCAN
Jeanne Merrill, Policy Director, CalCAN
Tim LaSalle, Executive Director, Rodale Institute
Eric Holst, Managing Director of the Center for Conservation Incentives, Environmental Defense Fund
Paul Buttner, Manager of Environmental Affairs, California Rice Commission

3:15 – 4:45 Workshops

- A. Agriculture's Adaptation to Climate Change
Moderator: Katy Mamen, California Agricultural Water Stewardship Initiative
Bruce Gwynne, Staff Scientist, Division Of Land Resource Protection, Department of Conservation
Dr. Louise Jackson, Department of Land, Air and Water Resources, UC Davis
Martha Guzman-Aceves, Legislative Advocate, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

- B. Livestock Management & Climate Change
Moderator: Rebecca Spector, The Center for Food Safety
Dr. Emilio Laca, Agronomy and Range Science, UC Davis
Paul Martin, Director of Environmental Services, Western United Dairymen
Becca Ryals, Ph.D. candidate, Dept. of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, UC Berkeley

- C. Seeds & Breeds in a Climate Changed World
Moderator: Dave Henson, Occidental Arts and Ecology Center
Meredith Niles, Center for Food Safety; UC Davis graduate student
Dr. Paul Gepts, Department of Plant Sciences - Section of Crop & Ecosystem Sciences, UC Davis

4:45 – 5:00 Wrap Up

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