

International Trade Workshop for Producers, Processors and Policy Makers

Date: March 5-6, 2009

Location: VA Farm Bureau Federation, 12580 West Creek Parkway, Richmond, VA

Sponsors: VA Tech Dept. of Agricultural & Applied Economics and Virginia Farm Bureau Federation

Day 1 - March 5, 2009

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration	Virginia Farm Bureau Headquarters
8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Welcome	Kevin Boyle - Dept. Head, Agricultural & Applied Economics, VA Tech Wayne Pryor - President, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation
8:45 - 9:00 a.m.	Program Objectives/Logistics	Dick Crowder - VA Tech
9:00 - 9:40 a.m.	Importance of Trade to US Agriculture	Bob Stallman - President, American Farm Bureau Federation (invited)
9:40 - 10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Federal and State Resources and Programs to Support Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, Marketing and Trade Promotion • Sanitary and Phytosanitary Issues • State Trade Promotion Resources • Open Discussion and Questions 	Clay Hamilton, Director Animal Division- USDA, FAS Dan Sheesley, Deputy Administrator - USDA/APHIS Todd Haymore - Commissioner of Agriculture, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services All
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Robert S. Bloxom, Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
2:00 - 04:00 p.m.	Implications of Trade Agreements For Commodity Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pork • Poultry • Beef • Questions/Open Discussion 	Dick Crowder - VA Tech Dhamu Thamodaran, Sr. VP and Commodity Hedging, Smithfield Foods James Sumner - President ,USA Poultry & Egg Export Council Greg Doud - Chief Economist, National Cattleman's Beef Association All
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	"DOHA – Its Status and Implications for U.S. and Virginia Agriculture	Joe Glauber - Chief Economist, USDA
5:30 - 6:45 p.m.	Reception	All

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Day 2 - March 6, 2009

7:00 - 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast	All
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	FTA's: What They Mean for US and VA Agriculture	Dick Crowder - VA Tech
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Trade and Virginia Agriculture	Jason Grant - VA Tech
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Trade Obstacles and Opportunities - From Producers/Processor Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Montague Farms• T.K. Exports, Inc. (invited) • Processor• Questions/Open Discussion	Gordon Groover - VA Tech Bryan Taliaferro, Jr., Vice President C. Gordon Thornhill, Jr., President and General Manager TBA All
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Wrap up and implications	Dick Crowder - VA Tech Wayne Pryor - President, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation