



Governor's Forum on Colorado Agriculture

Draft Agenda

“Advancing Colorado’s Rural Development”

February 28, 2008

DoubleTree Hotel ~ ~ 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO

Wednesday, February 27

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Pre-Forum Reception at The Governor’s Residence at Boettcher Mansion

Thursday, February 28

8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Sponsor Recognition

8:15 – 8:30

Welcome - Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture John R. Stulp

8:30 – 9:00

Governor’s Message - Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.

Rural Development

9:00 – 9:30

- Undersecretary Thomas C. Dorr - USDA, Rural Development’s Perspective

9:30 – 10:00

- Renny Fagan, State Director - US Senator Ken Salazar’s Perspective

10:00 – 10:30

- Mark R. Drabenstott, Director, Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri – an economist’s perspective

10:30 – 10:50

Break

10:50 – 11:30

Panel Discussion – Audience Q & A

- Moderated by Marc Johnson, Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, Colorado State University

11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Legislative Update

Colorado Agriculture & Rural Leadership (CARL) Class Introduction

1:00 – 1:15

Break

1:15 – 2:30

Breakout Sessions

A. Rural Infrastructure

Broadband, rural infrastructure, transportation

B. Water & Rural Development

Water Legislation, water access & development, Ag Water Summit

C. Carbon and Nitrogen Credit Marketing Opportunities

Governor’s Energy initiatives, carbon credits and sequestration

D. Amenity Driven Growth

AgriTourism, marketing regional amenities, values of landscape

2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45 – 4:00

Breakout Sessions – (Sessions A – D repeated)

4:30 – 5:30

Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame Reception (FFA Foundation)

5:30

Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame Banquet (FFA Foundation)