



The Lodge at Deadwood
Deadwood, SD

Thursday, June 26, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Registration	Foyer Area
11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Black Hills Ag Tour - This tour will highlight the following special projects of the SD Department of Agriculture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildland Fire Demonstration • Mountain Pine Beetle Identify, Marking, & Treatment Demonstration • Belle Joli Wine Tour – Wine Tasting 	Meet in hotel lobby at 10:45 a.m. Bus will depart promptly at 11:00 a.m. Box lunch will be provided on the bus.
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Secretary's Reception Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar	Pine Crest B

Friday, June 27, 2014

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Registration, Breakfast Buffet, and Networking	Foyer Area / Pine Crest B
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome and the State of Agriculture Address Secretary Lucas Lentsch <i>Agriculture is South Dakota's biggest industry—and Secretary Lentsch will feature the state's achievements and success stories in this opening "State of Agriculture" address.</i>	Pine Crest C & D
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Session 1: Farm Bill Update: What Choices Will You Make? Michael Scuse, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture <i>Implementation of the Agricultural Act of 2014 is well underway, but producers still have enrollment options to consider in commodity programs, conservation services, and other programs. Under Secretary Scuse will review key features of the new farm bill and highlight provisions that will assist South Dakota farmers and ranchers.</i>	Pine Crest C & D

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Networking Break	Foyer Area
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Session 2 – Keys to Agricultural Development: Roads, Rails, and Rivers</p> <p>Senator Mike Vehle, Chairman, South Dakota Senate Transportation Committee</p> <p>Mike Steenhoek, Executive Director, Soy Transportation Coalition</p> <p>Jim Schmidt, Commissioner for Lincoln County</p> <p><i>South Dakota’s agricultural industry relies heavily on a robust and functioning transportation infrastructure. Panelists will lead a conversation about strategic local, state and federal investments for intermodal transportation—a key component of continued successful agricultural economic development.</i></p>	Pine Crest C & D
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p>Governor’s Ag Ambassador Award Luncheon</p> <p>Governor Dennis Daugaard</p>	Pine Crest B
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Session 3 - Environmental and Regulatory Issues Forum</p> <p>Jeff Zimprich, State Conservationist for Natural Resources Conservation Service</p> <p>Michael Formica, Chief Environmental Counsel at National Pork Producers Council</p> <p>Mike Naig, Deputy Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship</p> <p><i>Farmers and ranchers face an increasing burden of environmental and regulatory issues—including water quality, climate change, dust, water availability, and wildlife management just to name a few. This discussion will include a briefing on significant federal rulemaking initiatives and precedent-setting lawsuits that impact production agriculture. Tools and resources which can aid producers’ regulatory compliance and preparedness will be highlighted, and panelists will share strategies for voluntary, state-driven stewardship programs.</i></p>	Pine Crest C & D
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Networking Break	Foyer Area
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Session 4 – What’s Ahead for South Dakota Agriculture?</p> <p>Brent Gloy, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University</p> <p>John Blanchfield, Senior Vice President of American Bankers Association</p> <p><i>Recent years have been largely prosperous for the ag industry—but what does the future hold? Savvy agriculturists will pursue opportunities in global trade, value added products, and growing consumer trends...but what risks will they face? From world political incidents to federal tax reform to farmland value trends and more, this closing session will cover a breadth of issues and questions that will shape the future of agriculture.</i></p> <p>Closing remarks by Secretary Lentsch</p>	