

Conference Schedule

1:00 PM Welcome

1:10 - 2:20 Session 1

How will agricultural policy affect Ohio's farming futures?

Mr. David Drake, Acting State Executive Director, Ohio Farm Service Agency,
USDA

Mr. Chris Henney, Director of Legislative Relations, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

Ms. Sylvia Zimmerman, President, Innovative Farmers of Ohio Board of Directors

Moderator - Dr. Howard Sacks, Provost, Director of Rural Life Center, NEH
Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Kenyon College

How can we preserve soil for future generations?

Mr. Matt Deaton, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Soil Scientist

Mr. Larry Frimerman, Executive Director, Three Valley Conservation Trust

Dr. Jerry Glover, Agroecologist, Director of Graduate Research Fellowships, The
Land Institute

Moderator - Dr. Casey W. Hoy, Kellogg Endowed Chair in Agricultural
Ecosystem Management, The Ohio State University

2:20 - 2:35 Break

An opportunity to speak with others at the conference, enjoy refreshments, and
view displays from several groups.

2:35 - 3:45 Session 2

How are our neighbors approaching the future of agriculture?

Ms. Jennifer Harte, Future of Farming Coordinator, Washington State

Mr. Matt Harrod, Assistant Director, Policy and Research, Indiana State
Department of Agriculture

Mr. Michael Judge, Director of Operations, Governor's Office of Agricultural
Policy, Kentucky

Ms. Wilda Nilsestuen, Executive Director, Council of Rural Initiatives, Wisconsin

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What do future farmers need to know?

Mr. Caleb Alexander, New Century Farmer program participant, 2007 National Star in Agribusiness, 4th generation farmer

Dr. Molly Bean Smith, Research Associate, The Social Responsibility Initiative, The Ohio State University

Ms. Mary Bridgman, Wisdom in the Land program participant, farmer

Moderator - Sharon D. Sachs, PhD, Manager of Wisdom in the Land, Ohio's 2006-2008 pilot program for beginning farmers delivered by Innovative Farmers of Ohio and funded by USDA North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE).

3:50 - 4:45 Plenary discussion

How does the future of energy supplies and prices affect our agricultural system?

Ms. Amélie Davis, Graduate Research Assistant, PhD Candidate, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University

Mr. Ralph Dull, on-farm Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation Visitors Center, Montgomery County, Ohio

Mr. Greg Hargett, Deputy Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture

Moderator - Dr. Casey W. Hoy, Kellogg Endowed Chair in Agricultural Ecosystem Management, The Ohio State University 4:50 PM Closing

5 - 7 PM Open discussion

An opportunity for those attendees who would like to continue conversations and plan future collaborations. Dinner is provided at Marcum Conference Center