



Bx 20326, Montgomery, AL 36120

The Washington Initiative: A Young/Beginning Producer Forum

A national networking opportunity for individuals concerned about the Next Generation of Young Beginning Producers



From visits to the historically significant and extremely motivational monuments to the discussions with key policy makers at both USDA and in Congress, the attendees have found this to be an extraordinary experience. All organizations with an emphasis group (council, committee, advisory board...) focusing on training and encouraging the next generation are invited to attend. All that is required is a willingness to join in the group policy discussion. This event is hosted at the headquarters hotel and coordinated by NYFEA. Otherwise, individuals and groups are encouraged to canvas "the hill" and share their story of why the United States must make a commitment to the next generation of agricultural leaders. Better access to credit, good rural leadership support (easy access to the dollars), added funding for collegiate scholarships for rural ag kids, etc.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND DURING THE WASHINGTON INITIATIVE!

Goals of the conference are:

Education - Through a seminar and panel of Washington speakers, participants have the opportunity to refine their understanding of key issues facing agriculture in the United States and around the world. .

Showcase the role of the United States government in agriculture, agribusiness, and rural life.—Agricultural industry forum is offered. Also featured are tours of museums and historical sites.

"NEXT GENERATION" ISSUES DISCUSSION

What is a the **Agriculture's Next Generation Issues Forum (ANGI Forum)**. A collaborative, multiple organization and agribusiness supported event. Entities that have concerns about the next generation of agricultural producers and agricultural business leaders will come together to bring a group of their constituents in the 18-40 age bracket to this national event. By coming to the capitol city, they will illustrate the need to hear from this voice. Further, they will grow in their personal understanding and appreciation of the role of the American citizen in making democracy work. Most importantly, they will identify a common message and have a common understanding of what must be done to promote success in the next generation of agriculture.

THE AG DECISION MAKERS COLLEGE

The **Ag Decision Makers' College** is a forum on agricultural issues where individuals that care about the next generation of agriculture can hear the perspectives of agriculture presented by leaders with a wealth of experience and expertise. The Ag Decision Makers' College features a panel of agricultural production, business and education leaders with a background in Washington. The individuals will take questions from the audience.

Speakers normally share a few highlights of the exciting work that is being conducted in their area of work. Plus, they comment on issues that impact the future of their particular area:

Schedule of Events

Monday: Partners Board Mtgs
7:00 am - 8:00 am
Council / Mtgs
8:30 am — 9:30 am
Ag Decision Makers College
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Lunch & ANGI Forum**
11:30 am—1:00 pm
YALE program
1:30 pm—2:30 pm
USDA discussion
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Congressional disc.
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm
Dinner in D.C.**

Tuesday: Hill Visits // Tours // Evening Reception @**
5:30 pm

Wednesday: Organizational Mtgs
(* 3 meals included in registration)

They seek to address the following questions:

- 1) What is the most critical challenge facing agriculture in the nation and the world?
- 2) What should be done to address this challenge?
- 3) What advice should be provided to the young and beginning producers in the audience?
- 4) What should they do to be prepared for the market changes that are going to occur in the next few decades?

YOUNG AG LEADERS EVENT

Who can attend the YALE "Career Based—Leadership Training" event? ➤ Anyone ages 18-40 with an interest in career and leadership development in the agriculture Industry.

What should I expect from the YALE program? ➤ The theme for the YALE will focus on developing leadership skills that allow the participants the opportunity to understand how they can influence positive change in their business model. This event is guaranteed to be fun, interactive, and educational for all participants.

ELIGIBLE YOUNG & BEGINNING PRODUCERS / OUTSTANDING YOUNG AGRIBUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Each collaborating organization will have the opportunity to bring at least ten people to the Washington Initiative for Young / Beginning Producers. Eligible participants include 18-40 year-old individuals with an agricultural career interest. They eligible organizational participants include those that are willing to bring a collection of ten or more participants to the event.

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Headquarters Hotel: Gaylord National (on the Potomac)

To make reservations, please call 334-213-3276.

Room rate is \$160+ per night for the NYFEA—Young/ Beginning Producer Forum. Deadline March 19, 2009.

2009 Washington Initiative—April 19-21

One form per Person is a Requirement — Deadline March 19, 2009

- SELECTION of ACTIVITIES:**
1. History Tour @ added \$75 each (a) Yes / Sun. afternoon (b) Yes / Tues. afternoon
 2. Mon. Lunch
 3. Mon. Night (Dinner @ D.C. rest.)
 4. Tues. Night (Reception)
 5. Will you arrange for your Hill visits? Yes
 6. Hotel reservations—call 334-213-3276
 7. Forum registration rate is \$210 per person

PAYMENT PLAN : Total Submitted for Payment: \$210 + \$75 = \$

1. **Check:**

2. **Credit Card:** MCard Visa Discover Exp date:

Card #: Signature:

REGISTRATION INFO: Name:

Organization:

Title: Email:

Address: City: State:

Zip: Phone:

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