



2008 Texas Ag Forum

*- All events are held in the **Omni EF Room** unless otherwise noted-*

- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome from the Steering Committee Chair**
Dee Vaughan
- 8:35 a.m. **Framing the Issue**
Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Invited)
- 8:50 a.m. **Basis for the RFS Waiver Request and Update on the Process**
Toby Baker, Office of Governor Rick Perry
- 9:15 a.m. **FAPRI US Biofuels Analysis**
Pat Westhoff, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, University of Missouri
- 10:00 a.m. **Break (Coffee)**
- 10:15 a.m. **Effects of Ethanol Production on Gasoline Prices**
Henry Bryant, Agricultural and Food Policy Center, Texas A&M
- 10:50 a.m. **Crop and Livestock Repercussions from Biofuels**
David P. Anderson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service
- 11:25 a.m. **General Farm Organization Perspective**
Robert E. Young II, American Farm Bureau Federation
- Lunch will be served in the **Oaks Room** -*
- Noon **Buffet Lunch** (Hill Country BBQ)
- The Texas Ag Forum resumes in the **Omni EF Room** -*
- 1:15 p.m. **Livestock and Poultry Perspective**
Thomas Elam, Farm Econ LLC
- 1:50 p.m. **Beef and Feeding Perspective**
Gregg Doud, National Cattlemen's Beef Association
- 2:25 p.m. **Break** (assorted cookies, sodas, and coffee)
- 2:40 p.m. **Corn Perspective**
Max Starbuck, National Corn Growers Association
- 3:15 p.m. **Renewable Fuels Perspective**
John Urbanchuk, LECG LLC
- 3:50 p.m. **Question and Answer with Panel**
- 4:20 p.m. **Wrap up**
Dee Vaughan, Steering Committee Chair
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjourn the 2008 Texas Ag Forum**

The Texas Ag Forum is as an association of agricultural leaders and representatives from across the Texas food and fiber system. It was founded over twenty years ago to provide a forum for open and public discussion of the problems and emerging issues in agriculture. It is a stakeholder-driven program in partnership with Texas AgriLife Extension.

The Texas Ag Forum does not advocate public policy positions for itself or its members. Its programs and meetings are intended to educate the public on key issues affecting Texas agriculture and to provide an open and objective discussion. Texas Ag Forum programs are open to anyone interested in agriculture.



Texas Ag Forum programs are organized by its steering committee. The membership, which represents the diversity of Texas agriculture, includes representatives from commodity and farm groups, partner organizations, and other interested individuals.

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