

Conference Announcement

World Trade Organization Impacts on U.S. Farm Policy **World Trade Center, Two Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana** **June 1-3, 2005**

The Southern Region Trade Research Committee (S-1016) is sponsoring a two-day Conference, “**World Trade Organization Impacts on U.S. Farm Policy.**” The focus of the conference is to discuss possible changes to U.S. agricultural policy resulting from the current round of the WTO negotiations and recent rulings of the WTO dispute settlement process. The conference will begin on the evening of June 1st with a welcome reception in the Plimsoll Club located on the top floor of the New Orleans World Trade Center. The conference will continue at the World Trade Center on June 2-3, 2005. Views from government, industry, and academia will be presented.

Wednesday, June 1

5:00-7:00 pm **Registration and Welcome Reception at the Plimsoll Club**
Invited Speaker: Bob Young
American Farm Bureau Federation

Thursday, June 2

7:30-8:30 am **Continental Breakfast and Registration**

8:30-10:00 am **The Doha Development Agenda and Work Program Progress**
Tim Josling, Stanford University
Debra Henke, Foreign Ag Service

10:30-Noon **Selected Papers - Concurrent Sessions**

12:00-1:15 pm **Luncheon at the Plimsoll Club**
Invited Speaker: U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln, Arkansas

1:30-3:00 pm **International Views on WTO Domestic Policy Obligations: Issues and Prospects for the Future of Farm Programs**
Consular Representatives:
Ron Krystynak, Canada
Tassos Haniotis, European Union
Fran Freeman, Australia [Invited]
Flavio Marega, Brazil [Invited]

Thursday, June 2 (continued)

3:30-5:00 pm **Selected Papers - Concurrent Sessions**

Friday, June 3

7:30-8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:30-10:30 am **U.S. Views on WTO Domestic Policy Obligations**
Don Phillips
American Sugar Alliance
Bob Cummings
U.S.A. Rice Federation
Rick Tolman
National Corn Growers Association
Gary Adams or Mark Lange
National Cotton Council

11:00-Noon **Legislative Issues Affecting WTO Obligations and U.S. Farm Policy**
Chip Conley
U.S. House Agriculture Committee
Hayden Milberg
U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee

Noon **Summary and Adjourn**

2:00 pm **Optional New Orleans Port Tour**

Conference Co-Sponsors:

Center for North American Studies, Texas A&M University and Louisiana State University
Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University
National Center for Peanut Competitiveness, University of Georgia
Farm Foundation, Oak Brook, Illinois

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Conference Hotel Reservation Information
Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, Two Poydras Street

A block of 70 rooms has been reserved for conference participants at Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel for the evenings of June 1 and 2, 2005. The hotel is located next to the World Trade Center. Rooms are available at a special rate of \$99.00, single or double occupancy. A small number of rooms will be available for the night of Friday, June 3. Applicable city and state taxes apply and are subject to change without notice. The rates quoted are per room, per night. This block of rooms will be held until **May 1, 2005**, at which time any unassigned rooms will be released back to the hotel. Reservation requests received after this date will be handled on a space and rate available basis. Conference attendees must call the hotel directly for reservations. This can be done by calling Hotel Reservations at (800) 445-8667. Please refer to the code **LSU** when making your reservations.

Conference Registration Form

Early Registration Fee* (by April 30, 2005): **\$175.00** **Late** (after April 30, 2005): **\$225.00**

**Registration fee includes coffee breaks, two breakfasts, one lunch and one evening reception, and conference papers and presentations.*

Register by completing this form. *Pay by check or credit card.* Please make checks payable to "Texas Extension Education Foundation Account #8100," or TEEF 8100, (Federal Tax ID #74-2643371) and send with registration form to:

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