

2009 USDA Reports Trip to KC and DC

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KFB Commodities Division Educational Study Trips

WHAT: The USDA Reports Trip to KC and DC is a three-day excursion tracing the development and release of a USDA Crop Report. The trip begins with a visit to the Kansas City Board of Trade where the focus is wheat. Participants will hear from Kansas Agricultural Statistics personnel how sample surveys are collected and state wheat yield and production estimates are made. How the information from USDA Reports is used by industry and the impact they have on commodity prices will also be addressed through presentations and a tour of the KCBT.

The USDA Reports Trip is highlighted by a flight to Washington D.C. and the opportunity to observe the August, USDA "Lock Up" and *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*, including estimates of U.S. corn, soybean and wheat production and the monthly report to the USDA Secretary of Agriculture. Presentations by National Agricultural Statistics Service and World Agricultural Outlook Board staff help to explain how survey data is combined with other estimating tools to create national and world crop estimates. A tour of AFBF Headquarters and presentations by AFBF staff are also part of the overall trip.

Once the trip is complete, you are on your own to extend your stay in Washington D.C. to include some time for sightseeing or return home.

WHEN: August 10 - 12, 2009

WHO: **The first ten members to register and pay the registration fee. Overall participation is limited to a maximum of ten and a minimum of six.**

**HOW TO
SIGN UP**

Beginning at noon CST, on April 1, 2009, interested Kansas Farm Bureau members can go to the following website www.kfb.org/commodities/. Under "Division Activities," click on <Registration Form> and then complete and submit the on-line form to register for the trip. Once registered, you will be notified by Commodities Division Staff, and if you are among the first 10 to register, you will have 10 business days to mail your registration fee. All others will also be notified by Commodities Division Staff, and will be placed on a "standby list," until 10 members are registered and have paid for their trip.

The first ten members to both register and pay the registration fee will reserve a place on the trip. Registration will close on May 31, 2009, or when all ten spots are filled and registration fees received.

Estimated Registration Fees are: Single (\$650); Pair* (\$900)

For more information:

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It is suggested that County Farm Bureaus' consider supporting participants from their county by splitting the registration fee, with the participant if they provide a report or presentation in the county.

*Pairs are required to share motel rooms.

Participation on the Kansas Farm Bureau, USDA Reports Trip to KC and DC is on a member basis. Only Farm Bureau members whose membership is current will qualify. When you register, we'll need your name(s), address, email address, home and cell phone numbers, Farm Bureau membership number and county in which you are a member. Your registration fee entitles you to a one night stay in Kansas City, a roundtrip flight to Washington DC, two night's stay in Washington DC and three group meals as provided by Kansas Farm Bureau. **Additional costs to participants** include: transportation to and from Kansas City, additional nights stayed in Washington DC, other meals and miscellaneous expenses.