

2010 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.

WHEN: August 10 - 12, 2010

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, 2010, interested Kansas Farm Bureau members can go to the following website <http://www.kfb.org/commodities/default.htm>. An on-line registration form will be available beginning at noon CST. The first members to register will be contacted by Commodities Division Staff and registration will close on June 4, 2010 or when all ten spots are filled and registration fees are paid. Only Farm Bureau members whose membership is current will qualify. When you register, we'll need your name, address, email address, home and cell numbers, Farm Bureau membership number and county in which you are a member.

IDEA: A County Farm Bureau could sponsor a member by paying a portion (50%) of the cost, using this as a Leadership Development opportunity and/or Agricultural Education event, asking the member to share what they learned at a later County Farm Bureau sponsored event or Board meeting.

Estimated Registration Fees are: Single (\$675); Pair* (\$965)

*Pairs are required to share motel rooms.

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Participation on the Kansas Farm Bureau, USDA Reports Trip to KC and DC is on a member basis. 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** includes transportation to and from Kansas City, additional nights stayed in Washington DC, other meals and miscellaneous expenses.