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A-STATE'S 31ST ANNUAL AGRIBUSINESS CONFERENCE SET FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

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JONESBORO – Arkansas State University's annual Agribusiness Conference, now in its 31st year, continues to provide timely information and agricultural policy education to farmers, agribusiness professionals, students and educators across the Mid-South.

This year's conference, on Wednesday, Feb. 12, will focus on global commodity markets, the situation and outlook for the agricultural economy, and the outlook for agricultural policy and the next farm bill.

On-site registration opens at 7:30 a.m. in A-State's Fowler Center, 201 Olympic Dr. Lunch and afternoon sessions will be held in the on-campus Embassy Suites by Hilton Red Wolf Convention Center, 223 Red Wolf Blvd. Afternoon sessions end at 3 p.m.

The morning general session features four speakers:

— Dan Basse, president of AgResource Co.

— Mary Kay Thatcher, senior manager for federal government and industry relations with Syngenta

— John Anderson, director of the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service

— Matuschka Lindo Briggs, senior vice president and regional executive of the Little Rock Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

The noon luncheon features an address by Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward.

Afternoon concurrent sessions cover the situation and outlook for rice and cotton markets and a session on animal health issues and the A-State College of Veterinary Medicine.

The conference qualifies for continuing education credits according to the guidelines of the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy, Arkansas Certified Crop Advisors and Arkansas Agricultural Consultants, and the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Joining the College of Agriculture to sponsor the conference are:

The Judd Hill Foundation, Adams Land Co., AgHeritage Farm Credit Services, Allenberg Cotton Co., Arkansas Farm Bureau Foundation, Arvest Bank, Busch Agricultural Resources, LLC, Engines, Inc., Farm Credit Mid-America, Farm Financial Standards Council, Glaub Farm Management, LLC, Greenway Equipment, Inc., HCJ CPAs & Advisors, PLLC, Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC, Hurley & Associates, National Land Realty, NK/Syngenta, Ozark Mountain Poultry, PGIM Real Estate, Riceland Foods, Inc., RiceTec Inc., Rose Law Firm, and USA/Arkansas Rice.

Admission to the conference and luncheon is free, but pre-registration is encouraged. Detailed conference information and online registration are available at AState.edu/agribusconf. To register by phone, contact the College of Agriculture, (870) 972-2416, or email AState_Agribus_Conf@AState.edu.



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