



Still time to register for Transition to Bioeconomy conference

OAK BROOK, IL. There is still time to register for next week's conference, *Transition to a Bioeconomy: Integration of Agricultural and Energy Systems*. The Feb. 12-13 conference will be at the Westin Atlanta Airport Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.

Organized by Farm Foundation, the USDA Office of Energy Policy and New Uses, and USDA's Economic Research Service, this conference will examine the integration of agricultural and energy systems over the next decade. Feature speakers from production agriculture, the energy industry and government agencies will discuss opportunities and challenges being generated by the continuing evolution of the bioeconomy, and the implications for U.S. agriculture the food system, rural communities and the global economy.

Specific topics include farming systems, markets for by- and co-products, energy efficiency, biotechnology, implications for animal agriculture, and systems which may be needed to support the cellulosic industry.

This conference is targeted to producers, processors, input suppliers, community leaders, government agency representatives, commodity group leaders and academics.

Details on the program, conference registration and hotel are available at the Farm Foundation Web site, www.farmfoundation.org.

Since 2004, Farm Foundation has sponsored four conferences on bioenergy in partnership with USDA, including the April 2007 conference, *Biofuels, Food and Feed Tradeoffs*. Information from all these conferences is available on the Farm Foundation Web site.

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