General Information

WELCOME TO THE FORUM
The U.S. Department of Agriculture welcomes you to Agricultural Outlook Forum 2000. We hope you enjoy the forum and your visit to the Nation’s Capital. If you need assistance, ask a volunteer wearing a “staff” ribbon.

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The Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel is a Three Diamond Hotel, with several restaurants, an indoor pool, and a fitness facility. The Hotel is located on the Blue and Yellow lines at the Crystal City Station of the Metro subway system. It is convenient to underground shops and to the Fashion Center Mall at Pentagon City. Check your portfolio for guides to the Metro system and the Fashion Center.

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REGISTRATION
The forum registration desk will be located in Salon II of the Arlington Ballroom on Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For the rest of Thursday and on Friday starting at 7:00 a.m., the registration desk will be located at the counter in the Arlington Foyer.

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Prepaid tickets are necessary for the Thursday networking luncheon and dinner, and the luncheons on Friday. If you preregistered and ordered meals, you will receive tickets with your name badge. A limited number of unreserved tickets may be available for purchase on Thursday and Friday—check at the conference registration desk.

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Copies of advance texts provided by speakers will be placed on the “speech” tables near Salons II and V of the Arlington Ballroom. Speeches will be available on the day they are given, copies of any late speeches received will be placed on the tables as they become available. After the Forum, speeches will be posted on the Internet. See page 10 for instructions.

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EXHIBITS
Exhibits in the Arlington Ballroom foyer will be open Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. Many USDA agencies are displaying information about their resources and programs; see page 10 for details.

PRESS ROOM
An equipped and staffed press room for journalists covering the Forum is located in the McLean Room, one floor above the Ballroom.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 Registration Opens Arlington Ballroom, Salon V
8:30 - 12:30 PLENARY SESSIONS Arlington Ballroom

8:30 Opening Plenary
Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman
Keynote Speaker

9:30 Rum and Trade Prospects for 2000
U.S. and World Agricultural Prospects
EUBA Chief Economist Keith Colvin

Agricultural Trade Prospects
USDA Deputy Secretary Aymier Schumacher, Jr.

10:15 Coffee Break Arlington Ballroom Foyer

10:30 The Future of Bi-Engineered Farm Products

12:00 Farming in the New Millennium

1:00 Networking Luncheon Salon I and II and Salon K, Grand Ballroom

1:00 Food Price Briefing Salon V

2:15 EXHIBITS OPEN

2:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Long-Term Commodity Projections Salon III

The Pros and Cons of Production and Marketing Contracts Salon IV

Farm Income and Finance Outlook Salon V

Rural America in the New Millennium Salon VI

3:45 Refreshment Break Arlington Ballroom Foyer

4:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Biotechnology issues for U.S. Agriculture Salon VII

Concentration and Structural Change in Agriculture Salon IV

World Trade Organization Outlook: New Negotiations and New Member Nations Salon V

Forming Strategies for Weathering Tough Times Salon VI

5:30 Cash Bar Arlington Ballroom Foyer

6:00 FORMAL DINNER
Salons I, II, and III
The Outlook for Farm and Trade Policy William G. Lequer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 Registration Opens Arlington Ballroom, Salon V
7:15 Continental Breakfast Arlington Ballroom Foyer

8:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
The Outlook for Cotton and Fibers, Part I: Domestic and Foreign Prospects Salon I

The Outlook for Grain and Oilsseas Salon II

The Outlook for Labor-intensive Agriculture Salon III and IV

The Trade Potential of Sub-Saharan Africa Salon V

The Duty Outlook Alexandria Room, Second Floor

9:30 Coffee Break Arlington Ballroom Foyer

10:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
The Outlook for Cotton and Fibers, Part II: Domestic Salon I

New Markets for Bio-Renewed Energy and Industrial Broils Salon II

Mandatory Livestock Price Reporting: Implications and Impact Salon III

Public Marketing Information on the Internet Salon IV

The Global Food Market in the 21st Century Salon I and II, Grand Ballroom

The Outlook for Sugar and Sweeteners Alexandria Room, Second Floor

11:30 Cash Bar Arlington Ballroom Foyer

12:10 LUNCHEONS
Grains and Oilsseas Luncheon Salon I and II

Livestock and Poultry Luncheon Salon IV

Sugar and Sweeteners Luncheon Salon III

Cotton Luncheon Salon VI

Fruit and Vegetable Luncheon Salons H and J, Grand Ballroom

2:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
The Potential Impact of Electronic Commerce on Agriculture and Rural America Salon I

Nutrient Management Policies: Balancing Livest with Environmental Quality Salon IV

The Changing Market for Organic Foods Salon V

3:30 Adjourn
12:00-1:00 FARMING IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM
Arlington Ballroom
Moderator: Max Armstrong, U.S. Farm Report, WGN Agriculture Broadcaster
Crop Farming in the New Millennium
Don B. Vilsbock, Crop Producer; President, Vilsbock Farms, Edwardsport, Indiana
Livestock Production in the New Millennium
J. David Nichols, Livestock Producer; Managing Partner, Nichols Farms, Bridgewater, Iowa

1:00-2:15 NETWORKING LUNCHEON
Salons I and II, and Salon K, Grand Ballroom

2:15-3:45 EXHIBITS OPEN

3:45-4:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
LONG-TERM COMMODITY PROSPECTS
Salon III
Moderator: I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, USDA
USDA Baseline Projections
Neilson C. Couplin, Director, Market and Trade Economics Division, Economic Research Service, USDA
Issues with U.S. Long-Term Projections
Gary Mitchell Adams, Program Director for Crops Analysis, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, University of Missouri
Comment on the International Food Situation
Mark W. Rosegrant, Senior Research Fellow, Environmental and Production Technology, International Food Policy Research Institute

4:15-4:45 THE PROS AND CONS OF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING CONTRACTS
Salon IV
Moderator: Joseph W. Glauber, Deputy Chief Economist, USDA
Legal Issues in Negotiating Production Contracts
Neil D. Hamilton, Ellis and Nelle Levitt Distinguished Professor of Law and Director, Agricultural Law Center, Law School, Drake University
Poultry Growers Needs in Contracts
Alfred R. Million, Owner, Million Farms, Tablequah, Oklahoma

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7:00 REGISTRATION OPENS
Arlington Ballroom, Salon II

8:30-10:15 OPENING PLENARY
Arlington Ballroom
Moderator: Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
Richard Rominger
Keynote Address
Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman
Featured Speaker, to be announced

9:30-10:15 FARM AND TRADE PROSPECTS FOR 2000
Arlington Ballroom
Moderator: Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
Richard Rominger
U.S. and World Agricultural Prospects
Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA
Agricultural Trade Prospects
August Schumacher, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA

10:15-10:30 COFFEE BREAK
Arlington Ballroom Foyer

10:30-12:00 THE FUTURE OF BIO-ENGINEERED FARM PRODUCTS
Arlington Ballroom
Moderator: Rick Weiss, Washington Post Science Writer
Consumer and Environmental Concerns
June F. Risler, Senior Staff Scientist, Agriculture and Biotechnology Program, Union of Concerned Scientists
Perspective from Europe
Willy De Greef, Head of Regulatory and Government Affairs, Novartis Seeds, AG
International Trade Issues
Carole L. Brooks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, World Perspectives, Inc.
How Grain Shipping and Processing Firms Are Handling Genetically Enhanced Crops
Daniel P. Dye, Vice President, North American Grain Group, Cargill, Inc.
A Farmer’s Perspective on Biotechnology Issues
Douglas D. Boisen, President, Boisen Farms, Inc., Minden, Nebraska
Federal Government Perspective on Regulatory Issues
Michael V. Dunn, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA

Thursday, February 24
Production and Marketing Agreements – Do They Work?
Wayne N. Snyder, Vice President, Refrigerated Meats and Livestock Production, Farmland Industries

Pros and Cons of Production Marketing Contracts
Doug A. McNeely, Director of Operations, Optimun Quality Grains LLC.

Lessons from the Hog Industry's Experience with Contracting
Jon D. Caspers, Pork Producer and Board Member, National Pork Producers Council

FARM INCOME AND FINANCE OUTLOOK
Salon V
Moderator: James C. Webster, Editor, The Webster Agricultural Letter

Farm Financial Prospects: What's Ahead for Farm Businesses in Type and Region of the Country

Structural Change: Farm and Financial Dimensions
David H. Harrington and Steven R. Koenig, Agricultural Economists, Economic Research Service, USDA

Rural Credit Markets of the Future: Obstacles and Opportunities
Alan Dean Barkema, Vice President and Economist, Center for the Study of Rural America, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

RURAL AMERICA IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM
Salon VI
Moderator: Betsy A. Kuhn, Director, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, USDA

Where Is Rural America Heading?
John B. Cromartie, Geographer, Economic Research Service, USDA

Panel Discussion: Policies and Programs for the Future
Bo Beaulieu, Director, Southern Rural Development Center

William S. Patrice, Rural Development Director, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives

Priscilla Salant, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Agricultural Economics, Washington State University

REFRESHMENT BREAK
Arlington Ballroom Foyer

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
BIOTECHNOLOGY ISSUES FOR U.S. AGRICULTURE
Salon III
Moderator: Michael V. Dunn, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA

Scientific Issues for Growing Genetically Engineered Crops
Clifford J. Gabriel, Deputy to the Associate Director for Science, White House Office of Science and Technology

Regulatory Issues
James White, Senior Operations Officer, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA

Testing for Biotechnology-Enhanced Grains and Oilseeds
David R. Shipman, Deputy Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA

Requirements and Limitations for Bt Crops in 2000
Phil Hutton, Chief, Microbial Pesticides Branch, Biocide and Pollution Prevention Division, Environmental Protection Agency

CONCENTRATION AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN AGRICULTURE
Salon IV
Moderator: Enrique F. Figueroa, Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, USDA

Concentration in Agribusiness
James M. MacDonald, Agricultural Economist, Economic Research Service

Role and Limitations of Antitrust in Addressing Concerns about Consolidation
Douglas Ross, Special Counsel for Agriculture, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Beyond Antitrust – The Case for Change
Peter C. Carstensen, Associate Dean and Young- Bascom Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School

Beyond Antitrust – The Case for the Status Quo
Frederick R. Warren-Boulton, Principal, Microeconomic Consulting and Research Associates, Inc.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION OUTLOOK: NEW NEGOTIATIONS AND NEW MEMBER NATIONS
Salon V
Moderator: Timothy J. Galvin, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA

Conclusions to the Seattle Ministerial and the Opportunities for New Negotiations
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00  REGISTRATION OPENS
Arlington Ballroom foyer

7:15  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Arlington Ballroom foyer

EXHIBITS OPEN ALL DAY

8:00-9:30  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

THE OUTLOOK FOR COTTON AND FIBERS, PART 1: DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PROSPECTS
Salon I
Moderator: David C. Camp, Domestic Sales Manager, Staple Cotton Cooperative Association

USDA Outlook for Cotton
Andrew Levin, Agricultural Economist, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and Stephen A. MacDonald and Leslie A. Meyer, Agricultural Economists, Economic Research Service, USDA

Trends in Foreign Production and Consumption
Ray Butler, Chief Editor, Cotton Outlook

The Outlook for U.S. Cotton Consumption
Mark A. Messura, Senior Director, Corporate Planning and Program Development, Coton Incorporated

The Outlook for U.S. Cotton Production: Indications from AFPC’s Representative Farms
Edward G. Smith, Distinguished Roy B. Davis Professor of Agricultural Cooperation and Extension Economist, Texas A&M University

THE OUTLOOK FOR GRAINS AND OILSEEDS
Salon III
Moderator: David C. Lyons, Vice President for Government Relations, Louis Dreyfus Corporation

USDA Outlook for Grains and Oilseeds
Thomas F. Tice, Agricultural Economist, Farm Service Agency, USDA

Industry Analyst Outlook
William G. Lapp, Vice President of Economic Research, ConAgra, Inc.

The Economic Environment for U.S. Soybean Growers
Richard C. Potterff, Vice President and Chief Economist, Downe Agricultural Services

THE OUTLOOK FOR LABOR-INTENSIVE AGRICULTURE
Salon IV
Moderator: Juan Marinez, National Farm Worker Coordinator, Office of Outreach, USDA

5:30  CASH BAR
Arlington Ballroom foyer

6:30  FORUM DINNER
Salons I, II and III
Farm and Trade Policy: The Outlook for the Year 2000 and Beyond
William G. Lesher, President, Lesher & Russell, Inc.

The Outlook for Farm Workers
Deboree Huerta, Vice President, United Farm Workers of America
9:30
Leveraging U.S. Government Investment and Development Funds for Market Development
Mark Condon, Vice President, American Seed Trade Association
10:00

THE TRADE POTENTIAL OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
Salon V
9:30
Moderator: James W. Schroeder, Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA
11:30
Panel on Market Development Prospects in Sub-Saharan Africa
African Economic Progress
His Excellency Kobina Arthur Koomson, Ambassador of Ghana to the United States
Partnership for Economic Growth and Opportunity in Africa
Rosa Whitaker, U.S. Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the United States Trade Representative
Successful Trading and Investment in Africa
Ralph Moss, Director of Government Affairs, Seaboard Corporation
Leveraging U.S. Government Investment and Development Funds for Market Development
Mark Condon, Vice President, American Seed Trade Association
U.S. Top Dairies: Benchmarks for Success
Mark W. Stephenson, Senior Extension Associate, Agricultural, Resource and Managerial Economics, Cornell University
9:30
COFFEE BREAK
Arlington Ballroom Foyer
CONCURRENT SESSIONS
THE OUTLOOK FOR COTTON AND FIBERS, PART 2: FOCUS ON CHINA
Salon I
10:00
Moderator: David C. Camp, Domestic Sales Manager, Staple Cotton Cooperative Association
The Effects of China’s Cotton Reforms on Price Formation, Production and Trade
Ding Haowu, Executive Manager for Marketing, China National Cotton Exchange; translation provided by Hu Hua-Hui, Economic Research Service, USDA

NEW MARKETS FOR BIO-BASED ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL FEED STOKES
Salon III
10:00
Moderator: Roger Conway, Director, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses, USDA
Looking to the Future of Bio-based Products
Henry C. Kelly, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
Bio-diesel: Will There Be Enough?
John B. Campbell, Vice President, Industrial Products, Ag Processing, Inc.
Prospects for the Ethanol Industry in the New Millennium
Eric Vaughan, President, Renewable Fuels Association
Bio-based Fuels Initiative: Blue Sky or Opportunity?
Lynn Jensen, President, National Corn Growers Association
A Skeptical View of Prospects for Energy from Bio-mass
Bob Slaughter, General Counsel, National Petrochemicals and Refiners Association
MANDATORY LIVESTOCK PRICE REPORTING: IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT
Salon IV
10:00
Moderator: James G. Robb, Center Director, Livestock Marketing Information Center
USDA’s Implementation of New Livestock Price Reporting Rules
Kenneth C. Clayton, Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
11:30
The Potential Benefits of Mandatory Price Reporting
Jon D. Caspers, General Manager, Pleasant Valley Pork Corporation

The Potential Drawbacks of Mandatory Price Reporting
John S. Nalivka, President and Owner, Sterling Marketing, Inc.

PRODUCE MARKETING INFORMATION IN THE INTERNET AGE
Salon V
Moderator: Darla K. Amstein, Managing Editor, The Packer
Re-inventing the Produce Industry
Charles H. James III, Chief Executive Officer, ProduceOnline.Com, Inc.
New Markets through Electronic Commerce
Henry R. Lambert, President, North America, eflex inc.
The Role of AMS in Facilitating Electronic Commerce
Terry C. Long, Chief, Market News Branch, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

THE OUTLOOK FOR SUGAR AND SWEETENERS
Alexandra Room, Second Floor
Moderator: Carol M. Brick-Turin, President, CBT Consulting
Sweeteners in the World Trade Organization Negotiations
Dale E. McNiel, Partner, Ablondi, Foster, Sobin and Davidson, P.C.
USDA Outlook for U.S. Sugar in 2000/01
Dan Colaciello, Agricultural Economist, Farm Service Agency, USDA
The Future of the U.S. Sugar Industry in a Changing Policy Environment
Benjamin A. Goodwin, Executive Manager, California Beef Growers Association, Ltd.

THE GLOBAL FOOD MARKET IN THE 21ST CENTURY
Salons H and J, Grand Ballroom
Moderator: John R. Block, President, Food Distributors International
Consolidation of the U.S. Food Export Industry
Lance Pierce, Manager, Global Business Development, Roper Starch Worldwide, Inc.
Trends in the Retail Food Industry
Tony Palazzo, Key Account Retail Analyst, Management Ventures, Inc.

Changes in the Food Chain
Colby Horn, Product Manager, Wal-Mart Supercenter Division, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Challenges to Exports from a Senate Agriculture Committee Perspective
Keith Luee, Staff Director, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

CASH BAR
Arlington Ballroom Foyer

LUNCHEONS

GRAINS AND OILSEEDS LUNCHEON
Salon I and II
Moderator: Patrick A. Puckett, Agricultural Economist, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA

Challenges Facing the U.S. Oilseeds and Grain Industries in 2000 and Beyond - Global Market Access
Albert J. Ambrose, Vice President, Oilseeds Product Line - Aligned Grain Group, Cenex Harvest States, and Chairman, National Oilseeds Processors Association

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY LUNCHEON
Salon IV
Moderator: James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA

The Livestock and Poultry Outlook for 2000 and Beyond
Shayle D. Shagam, Senior Livestock Analyst, World Agricultural Outlook Board, USDA

SUGAR AND SWEETENERS LUNCHEON
Salon V
Moderator: Keith Kelly, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, USDA

Sugar Trade Policy: A View from the Hill
Tom Mahr, Legislative Director for Senator Kent Conrad of North Dakota

COTTON LUNCHEON
Salon VI
Moderator: Charles V. Cunningham, President, Cunningham & Associates
Marketing Cotton in the Year 2000: Reflections of an Independent Merchant
Stuart H. Frazer, President, Production Marketing, L.L.C.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES LUNCHEON
Salons H and J, Grand Ballroom
Moderator: Kathleen A. Merrigan, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:00-3:30 THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AMERICA

Salmu III
Moderator: Randall E. Torgerson, Deputy Administrator for Cooperative Services, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA

Electronic Commerce and Rural Economic Development
William A. Bonush, Information Technology Leader, Communications and Technical Services, University of Minnesota

Selling Produce on the Internet
Gordon Hunt, Executive Vice President, eFruit International, Inc.

The Electronic Exchange: Marketplace of the Future
Frank Tomassini, Chief Executive Officer, Foodtrades.com

E-Commerce and the 21st Century Agribusiness Leader
Mary Thompson, Features Editor, Farm Journal and Matthew J. Christoff, Co-director of the Global Agribusiness Practice of Spencer Stuart

2:00-3:30 NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES: BALANCING LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Salmu IV
Moderator: Thomas W. Christensen, Director, Animal Husbandry and Clean Water Programs, Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA

The Policy Context for Animal Waste Management
Patricia E. Norris, Associate Professor, Natural Resource Economics, Michigan State University

USDA Initiatives
Glenda Hamiston, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA

State Initiatives
Thomas W. Simpson, Coordinator, Chesapeake Bay Agricultural Programs, University of Maryland and Maryland Department of Agriculture

Private Sector Initiatives
Thomas B. Hebert, Partner, Capinduck LLC

2:00-3:30 THE CHANGING MARKET FOR ORGANIC FOODS

Salmu V
Moderator: Robert J. Scowcroft, Executive Director, Organic Farming Research Foundation

Organic Agriculture Meets the 21st Century
Organic Producers and Cooperatives Respond to Changing Consumer Demand
Tonya A. Pacion, Vice President, Organic Sales, Natural Selection Foods

Retail Innovation in Organic Marketing
J.B. Pratt, Chief Executive Officer, Pratt Foods

Venture Capital in Organic Marketing
Brooks Browne, President, Environmental Enterprises

2:00-3:30 U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL TOBACCO OUTLOOK

Alcendraria Room, Second Floor
Moderator: Daniel J. Stevens, Agricultural Economist, Farm Service Agency, USDA

The Outlook for Tobacco
Thomas C. Capshart, Jr., Agricultural Economist, Economic Research Service, USDA

The Future of U.S. Tobacco Production
Arnold Hamm, Assistant General Manager, Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation

USDA Outlook for Tobacco Trade
Peter W. Burr, Agricultural Economist, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA

Industry Outlook for Tobacco Trade
J.T. Bun, Executive Vice President, Leaf Tobacco Exporters Association and Executive Vice President, Tobacco Association of United States

3:30 ADJOURN
Agency Exhibits

USDA’s Marketing and Regulatory Programs
Specialists from the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Service will discuss their programs and answer your questions.

Economic Research Service
Publications and data from USDA’s Economic Research Service. ABS is a primary source of economic analysis on issues related to agriculture, food, the environment, and rural development. Reports on the Internet will be featured.

National Agricultural Statistics Service
Statistical data relate to crop production forecasts, livestock inventories and productivity, prices of farm inputs and products sold. The 1997 Census of Agriculture provides comprehensive, detailed information for the agriculture sector at the county, state and national levels. General census studies on irrigation, aquaculture, horticulture and economics are featured.

Foreign Agricultural Service
Current publications on the services and activities of the Foreign Agricultural Service. FAS has a wide-ranging mission related to farm trade and international agriculture. Crop condition assessment reports from satellite imagery and remote sensing will be featured.

Risk Management Agency
Features the Agency’s new website and latest publications to assist producers and agribusinesses managing production, marketing and financial risks. For more information on crop insurance or risk management education, check out these resources and chat with our staff.

Cooperative State Research, Education, & Extension Service
The National Ag Risk Education Library gives producers and agricultural professionals Internet access to over 1,100 documents providing information, tools, and assistance on specific risk management topics. The Library’s developer, University of Minnesota’s Center for Farm Financial Management, will also display FINPACK farm financial planning software and MarketScan, new market planning software.

National Agricultural Library
The National Agricultural Library is the largest agricultural library in the world and a primary resource within the United States.

Rural Business Cooperative Service
The exhibit features popular publications on successful creation and operation of rural cooperatives, including “Cooperatives 101: How to Start a Cooperative,” and “Sample Legal Documents for Cooperatives.”

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The Alert Center provides comprehensive, easy-to-understand information about approaches to compliance that are both environmentally protectibe and agriculturally sound.

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