

AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN SYMPOSIUM

Twenty-Four Years of AAW Addressing Vital Agricultural Issues in Washington

sym-po-si-um: a formal meeting at which several specialists deliver short addresses on a topic or on related topics.

- 1994 Finance and Delivery of Rural Health Care
- 1995 Property Rights and Agriculture - Water and Agriculture:
Our Involvement in the Drinking Water Debate
- 1996 Agricultural Trade: A Whole New World
- 1997 Food Safety: Microbial Risk or Not?
- 1998 GMO's – Hype, Hysteria or Hope for Agriculture
- 1999 Agricultural Trade: The Big Picture
- 2000 Agricultural Policy: Friend or Foe?
- 2001 Bio-terrorism and the Global Food Supply
- 2002 "COOL" is Hot! County of Origin Labeling
- 2003 Water: Foundation of Civilization-Fountain of Controversy
- 2004 "Taxing Agriculture's Bounty" Estate Taxes and
Income Tax Issues Impacting Rural Americans
- 2005 "Food for Thought" Nutrition, Public Policy,
Personal Responsibility
- 2006 Hands for the Harvest – Immigration Reform for Agriculture
- 2007 Who's Feeding the Hysteria?
Find the Sensible In Sensationalized Issues
- 2008 Who's Feeding the Hysteria?
- 2009 Energy: The Power to be Affordable and Reliable
- 2010 Agriculture Under Siege:
Why and How We Can Be a Force for Truth for Agriculture
- 2011 Regulate or Legislate – Which is Better for Agriculture?
- 2012 Sustainable Development: What is the Impact on Agriculture?
- 2013 Immigration Reform - Healthcare Reform: The Agriculture Connection
- 2014 American Agriculture and the Integrity of the U.S. Food Supply
- 2015' Divided Lands: Federal vs State Management
- 2016 The Rippling Effects of Aquifer Depletion

The Role of Rural America in U.S. Security

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USDA Jamie Whitten Building, Room 107
 Washington, DC 20045
 June 5, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.
 8 a.m. Registration and Coffee

Welcome Alice Dettwyler
 AAW Symposium Background..... Ardath Dewall
 Introduction of Topic..... Karen Yost

SYMPOSIUM PANELISTS:

BEEF: The Consumers Right to Know Kimmi Lewis
Energy Security: How Oil & Natural Gas Exploration & Production Protects the U.S.
 Kathleen Sgamma
Breakcoffee

Federal Environmental, Wildlife and Indian Policies Jeopardizing U.S. National Food Security Lawrence Kogan
[Discussing EPA (Clean Water Act Sec. 404 wetlands), DOI-FWS Endangered Species Act (fish biological opinions/policies), & DOI-BIA (Indian aboriginal water right & regulatory waiver policies, proposed tribal forest management policies & pre-approved leasing of reservation lands to Foreign entities and persons - e.g., from the Islamic Republic of Turkey, etc.)]

Presidents' Council Symposium Committee:
 Sue McCrum, Ardath Dewall, Alice Dettwyler, Karen Yost

Closing Comments, Acknowledgements, and Announcements

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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