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KAW Attends the 2011 Governor's Economic Summit on Animal Agriculture

Governor Brownback has been scheduling Economic Summit's across the state, varying in topic from Aviation to Energy. On September 28th leaders in the animal agriculture industry came together for the Governor's Economic Summit on Animal Agriculture. Staff from the Kansas Department of Agriculture and members of the Kansas Board of Agriculture facilitated breakout sessions with speakers from all walks of agriculture.

Breakout sessions included Workforce hosted by McCarty Family Dairy; The Kansas Advantage hosted by Clayton Huseman of the Kansas Livestock Association; Food Safety hosted by Dr. Mandy Carr Johnson, NCBA; Animal Welfare & Animal Health hosted by Dr. Mike Siemens, Cargill Meat Solutions and Dr. Dan Thomson, KSU; Marketing & Innovations hosted by Dr. Ted Schroeder, KSU; and Global Perspectives & Technology hosted by Scott Fleetwood, Novus International.

Workforce was identified as a number

one risk area for Western Kansas operations, especially as it relates to large dairies locating in very rural areas with very low unemployment and limited 24 hour laborers available for hire. Dr. Mandy Carr Johnson commented on the importance of 'protecting the demand for a product' through food safety and the opportunities that presents for setting Kansas apart.

In regard to Marketing and Innovation, Dr. Ted Schroeder stated "We will only be successful at growing the [agriculture] industry in Kansas if it is more profitable here. Profitability drives success for business." Comments from the audience echoed that a restrictive regulatory environment can stifle innovation. Scott Fleetwood challenged attendees to think about industries that could be encouraged to relocate or develop in Kansas. Examples included expanded vegetable production as areas in California are pushed out of production due to water restrictions around L.A., egg laying as a low impact/high volume production

system, aquaculture in conjunction with other feeding operations, expanded processing facilities closer to the raw products. One attendee pointed out that St. Louis is working toward becoming an airport hub for China, and would provide terrific exporting opportunities for Kansas agriculture products.

The common theme throughout the day was that Kansas has the luxury to dictate its future, currently the state has low unemployment, natural resources and space available, and an administration that is supportive of agriculture.

As the Governor and his administration work to improve the atmosphere for Kansas Agriculture, producers and agri-business leaders are encouraged to communicate with the Department of Agriculture and assist in planning the best future possible for the state.

As the discussion turned toward Kansas Leadership, the comment surfaced that a state is branded through its leadership. A focus of many leaders is to invest in the next generation.



Chris Wilson, Governor Brownback, Abby Amick, Lori Bammerlin

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A word from the KAW President...

Dear Kansas Agri-Women Members and Friends,

It is difficult to believe the sun has set on the summer season and we are once again enjoying fall and everything that comes with it. It is my hope that you all experienced a safe and productive summer.

With the transition into the fall season, we are now that much closer to our 2011 American Agri-Women Convention. After all these months of anticipation and preparation, the big event is finally here. I am so thankful for all of you who have put forth such effort to bring this event to Wichita, Kansas. I am so excited to showcase all of our hard work and creativity, and our great state of Kansas, to American Agri-Women in November.

Hopefully many of our members will be in attendance, whether or not they have been able to be involved in convention planning. Our Kansas Agri-Women members who have planned previous conventions assure us that the success of our convention will only increase if we have a strong attendance of women from our hosting state. I would encourage all our members to attend if they are able. And if you know of women who might be interested in Agri-

Women, let them know of the upcoming event. Perhaps after attending the 2011 Convention, they will want to become involved on a regular basis.

I am looking forward to again connecting with women from all aspects of agriculture, as I do at any American Agri-Women event. It is always refreshing to spend time with our counterparts from across the country. It seems we always have even more in common than we would initially expect. I am also looking forward to our intriguing lineup of speakers and breakout groups. The knowledge I take away is typically valuable in terms of agriculture and also life in general. I am also anticipating some of our special events during the Convention. Our tours include extremely unique opportunities that will be memorable for our guests. Our Kansas Agri-Women members have gone above and beyond with making sure attendees have many special things to look forward to throughout the whole convention.

I know whether your interests lie in making new friends, hearing energizing speakers, or learning more about current issues in agriculture, our 2011 American Agri-Women Convention will not disappoint. I am thankful to all of our committees and co-chairs for the work that has been done in preparation for Convention. It is now time to meet and see all of your hard work pay off. Thank you so much and I will see you in Wichita!

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Jocelyn Busick

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Top 5 reasons to attend American Agri-Women's annual convention

Kansas Agri-Women are planning a convention not-to-be-missed. Here are our top 5 reasons why we hope you'll join us in Wichita for "Sharing America's Harvest," Nov. 10-13.

1. Get information you need.

Agriculture is dynamic, demanding and constantly changing. The conference will provide the latest information related to farm policy, advocacy, sustainability, marketing, leadership and more. Our goal is to provide you with tools and strategies to bring back to your operations and businesses.

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- Dr. Jay Lehr, author, The Heartland Institute science director, and environmental and groundwater expert
- Ted Schroeder, Kansas State University ag economics professor and commodity marketing expert
- Judge Tommy B. Webb, Kansas District Magistrate Judge, and leadership and motivational speaker

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learn more about what AAW is doing for agriculture.

4. Energize.

Meet innovative ag women from across the country. Connect with old friends. Make new ones. Draw on the energy of women who share your passion.

5. Have fun.

We're planning lots of fun, too. How about dinner 650 feet below the surface at the Underground Salt Museum, a "Taste of Kansas" reception at the Mid-American All-Indian Center, an up-cycle style review and old-fashioned ice cream social? Plus, the convention hotel is located on the Arkansas River and near Wichita's Old Town entertainment district.

View a special welcome from Kansas Agri-Women President Jocelyn Busick: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaRNunEF9SE>.

Download the registration form at www.americanagriwomen.org.

Or, call convention chairs Abby Amick, 620-271-2953, or Carolyn Kleiber, 620-947-3094, with any questions.

We can't wait to see you all in November.

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This is a unique time for Kansas, as we have the honor of being home to the outgoing National President. Kansas will not be in line to host another National Convention for many years, show your support now, and make a contribution today.

(Please use the donation form on page 5).



Sharing America's Harvest: Convention Planning Update



October 4th Conference Call

Committee Reports:

Speakers – Spaces are filling up! The main convention speakers have been identified and confirmed. Breakout sessions are coming together.

Decorations – the committee has been meeting to hand-make many of the giveaways for the convention. They are collecting Kansas products to use in filling 'feed sack bags' that will be used as centerpieces for the Friday Breakfast. Items collected to add to the centerpieces should be in quantities of 30 when possible.

Publicity – Lynn has distributed the state and national releases. She is in contact with RFD Magazine. A link was included in the Kansas Farm Bureau e-newsletter and may be used again in future newsletters. Lynn is also working with K-State Research & Extension to distribute information throughout the state.

Hospitality – The room will follow the theme of the day. Thursday: Meat, Greet & Wheat; Friday: Food, Fuel & Flight; Saturday: AAW County Fair. Carolyn has cases of Kansas wine that were donated. Frito Lay has donated corn chip products. Hotel is providing ice at no expense. (the hospitality room will be available Wednesday for set-up/storage use, etc.) Thursday morning, breakfast will be held in the hospitality room. We have 4 dozen cinnamon rolls donated and 60 muffins. A fruit tray will be ordered through the hotel.

Trade Show – Vendors can begin setting up at 7:00am, extension cords will need to be provided by the vendors themselves. A table and 2 chairs will be provided unless

otherwise specified on the trade show reservation form. There are 20 trade show booth spaces available.

Auctions – Rosy is putting together the bid sheets. She has received an Alpaca Rug from the alpaca farm that the Flint Hills Chapter toured. Any items mailed early can be sent to Carolyn's home address.

Sunday Service/Invocations – Jocelyn reported that Buena and Jocelyn will be presenting the reading that Eunice Guell provided, includes music but no need for the piano. The service will be held in the Riverview room. They are looking for someone with a special connection to agriculture or AAW to provide the Saturday Banquet grace.

Carolyn reported on the registration numbers, we are on track to receive 100 registrations by Monday, October 10th – she will be ordering the convention bags when she has a closer count on registrations. The tour selections have come in very even with about 20 per tour on Friday. The donations received to date were \$22,450.00; we have pledges for \$3,500 and still need to raise about \$7,000.

If your committee has costs that they know they are going to incur, please get that information to Carolyn Kleiber as soon as possible so that she can continue to track the budget accurately. Without knowing what the committees are planning to spend, it is difficult to know if we have raised enough funds to cover the cost of the convention.

Thank you to everyone assisting with the convention - Kansans have a way of making things happen - you are each a valuable part of this process, and I hope that you enjoy the convention!

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Cinnamon Roll Cake

<http://homeontherangeexchange.blogspot.com/>
September 19th

Lori Bammerlin



Cake:

- 3 c. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 c. sugar
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 c. milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 c. butter, melted

Topping:

- 1 c. butter, softened
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 Tbsp. cinnamon

Mix everything together except for the butter.

Slowly stir in the melted butter and pour into a greased 9x13 pan. For the topping, mix all the ingredients together until well combined. Drop evenly over the batter and swirl with a knife. Bake at 350 for 28-32 minutes.

Glaze:

- 2 c. powdered sugar
- 5 Tbsp. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- (I added some carmel flavoring, YUM!)

While warm drizzle the glaze over the cake.

Calendar of Events:



November 10-13, 2011
AAW National Convention & Annual Meeting
Wichita, KS

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9:15 - 10:45 am	AAW Business Meeting	<i>Eagle ABCD</i>
11:00 am	Depart on Tours	<i>Hotel Main Lobby</i>
7:00 pm	Evening Meal provided at the Underground Salt Museum Speaker: Dr. Jay Lehr, The Heartland Institute Live Auction	

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

"AAW COUNTY FAIR"

Trade Show in Prefunction Area

8:00 am	Breakfast of Champions Speaker: Judge Tommy Webb Back by popular demand: KSU Collegiate Agri-Women Skit	<i>Eagle ABCDE</i>
9:30 am	Tours Departs Guest and Spouse: Tall Grass Treasures Youth: Harvest of Imagination!	<i>Hotel Front Lobby</i>
9:30 - 12:00 pm	AAW Business Meeting	<i>Eagle ABCDE</i>
12:00 pm	Silent Auction Closes * <i>Get your final bids in!</i>	
12:15 pm	Lunch Speaker: Kyle Bauer Invitation to Colorado - Colorado Agri-Women	
3:00 pm	Kansas 150th Birthday Ice Cream Social	<i>Trade Show Area</i>

Concurrent Tracks - Choose session from either or both the EPD or MIP**EPD Track***Education & Professional Development*

1:30 - 2:30 pm	Leadership Development <i>Eagle H</i> Judge Tommy Webb
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Collegiate Track-Early Career & Resume <i>Eagle H</i> Kris Zilliox, AAW Leadership Chair
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Translating AG to Urbanites <i>Eagle H</i> Crystal Young - <i>crystalcattle</i>

MIP Track*Membership & Issues Participation*

1:30 - 2:30 pm	StART Committee - Water & Natural <i>Eagle G</i> Dr. Jay Lehr
2:30 - 3:00 pm	National AgrAbility Project <i>Eagle G</i> Amber Wolfe, Project Coordinator
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Animal Welfare Legislation <i>Eagle G</i> Sandy Greiner & Annette Sweeney

5:30 pm	Leadership At It's Best Alumni Reception - Sponsored by Syngenta	<i>Trails Rooms</i>
6:00 pm	President's Reception	<i>Riverview</i>
7:00 pm	Banquet, Awards, Office Installation	<i>Eagle ABCDE</i>

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

8:30 am	Worship Service Buena Burger, Jocelyn Busick and Eunice Guell, AAW Lay Chaplain	<i>Riverview</i>
9:30 am	Executive Committee Meeting	<i>Board Room</i>
10:30	Post Convention Tour Departs Harvest of Energy	<i>Hotel Front Lobby</i>

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