



Utah Farm Bureau to Host Discussion on Global Warming

SALT LAKE CITY – November 12, 2007 – The Utah Farm Bureau Federation will be hosting a discussion on global warming and climate change on the first day of its annual convention, November 15-16, at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Salt Lake City.

Contributing to the discussion on climate change will be Chris Horner, author of *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming and Environmentalism*. Horner, a senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and a practicing attorney, will address what he feels are fallacies and biases in today's arguments supporting man's contributions to global warming.

Dianne Nielsen, Utah Governor Jon Huntsman's Advisor on Energy, will present the governor's plans in relation to global warming concerns in Utah, including Huntsman's Western States Climate Initiative pledge to reduce greenhouse gases by 20 percent by the year 2015.

"We are really excited with the array of speakers and presenters we have at this year's convention," said Leland Hogan, President of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation.

"Climate change is at the forefront of issues affecting our economy and way of life, and agriculture stands to be affected as much or more than anyone. I'm confident we'll be much better informed on the issue after this convention."

Thursday's agenda will also include addresses from Senator John Valentine; Utah State Senate President, Noelle Cockett; USU Dean of Agriculture, and reports from Utah Farm Bureau President Leland Hogan and CEO Randy Parker.

On Friday, convention goers will be honored to hear from Bob Stallman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who will speak on national agricultural issues such as the Farm Bill and Clean Water Act legislation, and their effect on Utah farm and ranch families. As the president of the nation's largest farm advocacy organization, Stallman has regularly been called upon to speak up for agriculture, recently testifying before Congress on the current Farm Bill.

Following President Stallman, the convention will hear the inspirational story of Retired Navy Captain Scott Waddle, who will speak on overcoming adversity and how integrity provides a foundation for making difficult decisions. Waddle is known as the

Commander for the U.S.S. Greenville, a Navy Submarine that collided with a Japanese fishing boat in 2001. How Waddle recounts his reaction to the tragedy will be a highlight of this convention.

Awards for Utah's young farmers and ranchers will kick off Wed., Nov. 14, with the initial rounds of the Utah Farm Bureau Discussion Meet, with the finals taking place at 5 p.m. on Thursday. The Farm Bureau awards program and recognition show will be held later that evening, in addition to the drawing of the Women's Committee 'Quilt of the Counties.'

The annual Gala Agricultural Banquet will be Friday evening, Nov. 16, with remarks from Mark Rey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. Rey will comment on the Administration's opposition to Farm Bill proposals currently being debated in Congress. Salt Lake Tribune columnist Robert Kirby wraps up this year's convention with a look at humor and how it affects our lives.

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