

**Crop Insurance and the 2014 Farm Bill: Implementing Change in U.S. Agricultural
Policy
October 8-9, 2014
Marriott Downtown, Louisville, KY**

Wednesday, October 8:

**Registration Open
7:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - 9:00 am**

**Plenary featuring Invited Speaker: [Tom Zacharias, NCIS](#)
9:15 am - 10:15 am**

**Break
10:15 am - 10:45 am**

**Plenary featuring Invited Speaker: [TBD](#)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Luncheon featuring Invited Speaker: [David Lynn, Farm Credit Mid-America](#)
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm**

**Concurrent Selected Paper Sessions
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Crop Insurance: Institutional and Structural Effects

- Is Government Involvement Really Necessary: Implications for Systemic Risk and Crop Reinsurance Contracts
Xiaoguang Feng, Iowa State University; Dermot Hayes, Iowa State University
- How Would Farm Managers Respond to a Limit on Crop Insurance Premium Subsidies?
Todd Davis, American Farm Bureau Federation; John Anderson, American Farm Bureau Federation; Robert Young, II, American Farm Bureau Federation

Dairy and Organic Crops Under the 2014 Farm Bill

- Opinion Valuation and Speculative Interest in a Dairy Production Margin Futures Contract
John Newton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Marin Bozic, University of Minnesota; Christopher Wolf, Michigan State University; Cameron Thraen, The Ohio State University
- Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers: Implementation, Participation and Consequences
Marin Bozic, University of Minnesota; Christopher Wolf, Michigan State University; Fanda Young, John Newton, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Cameron Thraen, The Ohio State University
- Examining Adverse Selection in Organic Crop Insurance

James Robinson, Rural Advancement Foundation International; Viola Glenn, Rural Advancement Foundation International

Outcomes of Producers' Farm-level Choices

- Comparison of County ARC and SCO
Scott Gerlt, University of Missouri; Patrick Westhoff, University of Missouri
- Farm-level Choice of Crop Insurance Coverage Level
Robert Johansson, USDA-Office of the Chief Economist; Thomas Worth, USDA-Risk Management Agency; Joe Cooper, USDA-Economic Research Service
- Implications of Rice Variety Selection to Optimize Returns from Crop Insurance
David Branscum, University of Arkansas; Lawton Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas; Bruce Dixon, University of Arkansas; Terry Siebenmorgen, University of Arkansas; Jesse Tack, Mississippi State University; Diana Danforth, University of Arkansas

Thursday, October 9:

Registration Open
7:30 am – 10:30 am

Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:00 am

Concurrent Selected Paper Sessions
9:15 am – 11:15 am

Crop Insurance and Conserving Agricultural Practices--A Marriage Made in the 2014 Farm Bill? – Panel Discussion

Moderator: Stephanie Mercier, Farm Journal Foundation
Discussants: Paul Wolfe, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition;
Bev Paul, American Soybean Association

- The Agricultural and Food Policy Initiative Agree—What Are We Trying to Achieve?
Todd Barker, Meridian Institute
- The Legislative Path and Policy Implications of Linking Conservation Compliance to Crop Insurance
Joe Shultz, Senate Agriculture Committee
- Current Scientific Literature: Its Contribution to Crop Insurance and Conservation Practices
Keith Coble, Mississippi State University
- Submitting Proposals for Changing the Federal Crop Insurance Act
Thomas Worth, USDA-Risk Management Agency

Crop Insurance: Risk Management Strategies and Financial Underpinning

- Does Crop Insurance Crowd Out Other Risk Management Strategies?
Barrett Kirwan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Evaluating the Marginal Risk Management Benefits of New Commodity and Crop Insurance Programs
Nicholas Paulson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Gary Schnitkey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- The Role of Crop Insurance Participation in Farm-level Financial Leverage
Eric Belasco, Montana State University; Anton Bekkerman, Montana State University

Land Use Implications of Crop Insurance Changes

- Impacts of Changes in Federal Crop Insurance Programs on Land Use and Environmental Quality
Junjie Wu, Oregon State University; Christian Langpap, Oregon State University
- U.S. Cotton Acreage Response to Subsidized Crop Insurance, 1995 to 2011
Russell Tronstad, University of Arizona; Ibrahima Sall, University of Arizona; Romilee Emerick, DNV KEMA Energy & Sustainability
- Impact of Increased Crop Insurance Enrollment on Cropping of Environmentally Sensitive Land
Jason Holderieath, Colorado State University