

A Farmer-Friendly Forum On Climate Change



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This past April, the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture hosted a forum on climate change, a topic important to the long-term future of our agriculture. We believe it is important for agriculture and related industries to get out in front of this issue, so we hosted an event which was designed to speak to the core values shared by most Kentucky producers.

The forum was entitled Climate Change: Values, National Security, and Free Enterprise, and it was held on April 4th. However, the forum is available to watch for free on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/135gvNa>.

The forum featured three nationally respected speakers:

Dr. Katharine Hayhoe is a climate scientist from Texas Tech University. Producers will be interested to know that she and her husband wrote a wonderful book entitled, A Climate for Change, Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions. At the UK forum, she gave an excellent talk on the science of climate change. How-

ever, perhaps more importantly, Dr. Hayhoe also spoke about how climate change relates to her values, which are anchored in her faith.

The second speaker was retired Brigadier General Steven M. Anderson, a man with 31 years of service to our country. He spoke about how climate change presents numerous challenges to our national security. He also spoke about the risks our troops face based on our current energy system.

Our final speaker was Rep. Bob Inglis, previously a Republican Congressman from South Carolina and currently the Director of the Energy and Enterprise Initiative. Rep. Inglis surprised many people by presenting solutions to climate change that fit well with principles of free enterprise.

If you are interested in watching just one or two of these speakers, the starting time for each is noted clearly on the YouTube website. Once again, that website is <http://bit.ly/135gvNa>.

Contact me at pvincell@uky.edu with any questions or concerns about the topic of climate change. Δ

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