

MU To Host Farm Outlook Meeting March 11 In Jefferson City

COLUMBIA, MO.

The second annual Missouri Agricultural Outlook Conference by University of Missouri economists will be March 11 in Jefferson City. The program will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.

The conference provides farmers and agricultural leaders their first look at the annual 10-year baseline projection by MU Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute. The FAPRI team will have just returned from presenting its Agricultural Outlook to the U.S. Congress, said Brent Carpenter, MU Extension economist.

Pat Westhoff, co-director of MU FAPRI, and Scott Brown, livestock and dairy economist, will present the baseline.

The economists will discuss the driving forces of change in Missouri agriculture and bio-fuel markets, Carpenter said. While the baseline is national and international in scope, the meet-

ing will focus on the impact on Missouri.

The schedule provides plenty of time for questions and answers, plus discussion from the floor. This meeting is for producers, agribusiness and farm group leaders, and state policy makers.

Guest speaker will be Jason Henderson, vice president and Omaha branch executive of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

In addition to giving commodity projections, speakers will cover international issues and changing energy, climate and agricultural policies. "We want to provide timely access to the latest information from quantitative analysis for business planning and decision making," Carpenter said.

Advance registration is required through the MU Conference office. The \$25 registration fee covers lunch and materials.

Program and registration details are at: <http://fapri.missouri.edu>. Δ



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