

2019 Ag Summit – Agriculture, Food, Science and Energy

A Summit for Producers, Food Processors,
Agribusiness Professionals, Educators and Students

March 19, 2019 • 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM • Registration at 8:00 AM
Holiday Inn Conference Center, Austin, Minnesota

REGISTER AT

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- 8:00 AM** **Registration/Refreshments - Visit Vendors**
- 8:30 AM** **Welcome**
Dan Hoffman, Interim Director, Center for Agricultural and Food Science Technology
- Opening Remarks**
Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, President, Riverland Community College
- 8:45 AM** **Keynote: Energy's Impact on Agriculture and Food**
Dr. R. Dean Foreman, Chief Economist, American Petroleum Institute-Washington DC
- 9:30 AM** **Protecting Agriculture - Health Care/Trade/Energy**
Thom Petersen, Commissioner of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- 10:00 AM** **Break - Visit Vendors and Displays**
- 10:30 AM** **Bio-Fuel's Contribution to the Energy Landscape**
Randall Doyal, CEO of Al-Corn Clean Fuel
- 11:00 AM** **Wind Energy in Our Region - What does it mean for us?**
Trish Harren, Mower County Administrator
- 11:15 AM** **Farming Today - How I Use Energy to Feed a Hungry World**
Jerry Demmer, Freeborn County Farmer
- 11:45 AM** **Harvesting the Vision - Center for Agricultural and Food Science Technology**
Dan Hoffman
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch**
- 12:30 PM** **One Student's Journey**
Aaron Wagner, Area Farmer; Riverland Community College Ag Science Student; Vice President, Agricultural and Food Science Technology Club
- 12:40 PM** **Mower County Outstanding Young Farmer Award / Outstanding Agri-Business Person**
Marlin Fay, Mower County Farm Bureau President; Ron Frank, Mower County Farm Bureau Vice President; Nancy Schnable, Discover Austin
- 1:00 PM** **Smash the Senses Tasting Showcase Event**
This fun, educational and tasty event brings a diverse group of people together to celebrate and highlight start-up, entrepreneurial food businesses. Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI), Midwest Pantry and Riverland Community College team up in hosting this event to provide entrepreneurs with networking opportunities and informal, but professional, feedback on their products and businesses.
- 2:30 PM** **Summit Wrap Up - Moving Forward**
Dan Hoffman and Dr. Adenuga Atewologun

2019 Ag Summit Speakers



Dr. R. Dean Foreman
Chief Economist, American Petroleum Institute

Coming to us from Washington, D.C., Dr. R. Dean Foreman specializes in energy and global business. With a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Florida, he came to the American Petroleum Institute from Saudi Aramco Strategy & Market Analysis in Dhahran, where he managed short-term market monitoring and long-term oil demand outlook. Foreman has more than 20 years of industry experience in corporate strategic planning, forecasting, finance/risk management and regulatory policy.



Thom Petersen
Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Thom Petersen lives on a horse farm near Pine City. Before being appointed Commissioner, Petersen served as Director of Government Relations for Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) since 2002, working on behalf of farmers in both Washington, D.C. and St. Paul. He has a wide range of experience in state and federal farm policy.



Randall Doyal
Chief Executive Officer, Al-Corn Clean Fuel

A 35-plus year veteran of the bio-fuel industry, Randall Doyal began his career in ethanol in 1982 with Mountain Development Corporation as a cooker and continued on to his current position as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Al-Corn Clean Fuel in Claremont.



Jerry Demmer
Freeborn County Farmer

Currently in his fifth decade of farming, Jerry Demmer owns and operates a farm near Clarks Grove. As a member of the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council, he traveled to China, Taiwan, Vietnam and the Philippines on trade missions, and saw firsthand the value of international trade.



Trish Harren
Mower County Administrator

Trish Harren brings 15 years of government knowledge and experience to her new position with Mower County. She spent her childhood in Alaska where her family was part of an effort to grow the agriculture industry despite legislative challenges, intense but short growing seasons, long routes to market and poor roads to get there.