

KANSAS STATE

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Arthur Capper Cooperative Center

K-State Symposium on Cooperative Issues

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

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MANHATTAN, KANSAS



Disruptions Facing Cooperatives

Disruptions are increasingly becoming the norm for agriculture and cooperatives. Board of directors are facing challenges and difficult decisions. The agronomic and grain space have faced intense competitive and geopolitical pressures. International farmers and cooperatives are also facing similar disruptions. Despite these challenges, the cooperative model continues to be a viable and strong way to deliver value to farmers and the economy as a whole. During the 2019 K-State Symposium on Cooperative Issues, leading agricultural and rural experts will present their views and insights on cooperative board governance, agronomy, grain, Kansas farmer cooperatives and South African farmer cooperatives.

The K-State Symposium is being held jointly with the KCC Leadership Roundtable. We encourage you to attend both programs! The two day program will kick off with the K-State Symposium, starting at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20th. This will be followed by the KCC reception and dinner. The KCC Leadership Roundtable wraps up the joint meeting on Wednesday, August 21st.

Who Should Attend: Anyone interested in cooperative issues

Registration: Fill out the enclosed form and return to the Kansas Cooperative Council, or register online at: <http://acc.k-state.edu/sympkcc2019.html>

Deadline: Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Cancellation Policy: No refunds will be issued for cancellations to either meeting received after 8/6/2019, including no-shows.

Conference hotel information, including hotel reservation deadlines, is located on the enclosed Joint Meeting Registration Form and online: <http://acc.k-state.edu/meetings/symposium.html>



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8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Mike Boland, Professor and Koller Chair, University of Minnesota:
"Disruptions Impacting Board Governance"

9:30 a.m. Brett Bruggeman, President, Winfield United & Executive Vice President, Land O'Lakes:
"Developments within the Agronomy Industry"

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Brian Briggeman, Professor and ACCC Director, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University: "ACCC Update and Cooperative Research Discussion on the Economic Contribution of Kansas Farmer Cooperatives and Financial Benchmarking"

12:15 a.m. Lunch and KSU Agricultural Economics Department Update by Dr. Allen Featherstone, Department Head and Professor, Kansas State University

1:45 p.m. Joe Janzen, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University: "Grain Marketing Developments"

2:45 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Interview with Dirk van Papendorp, Farmer-Owner of Voorstekop in the Heidelberg region of South Africa, led by Eric Atkinson, Extension Radio Specialist and Agriculture Director, K-State Radio Network

4:30 p.m. Adjourn to KCC Reception

