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USDA 2017 Agricultural Outlook Forum Plenary Speakers Named

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 2017 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced speakers for the 2017 Agricultural Outlook Forum, “[A New Horizon: The Future of Agriculture](#)” to be held Feb. 23–24, 2017, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA.

U.S. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway will provide a keynote speech and American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duval will be the distinguished dinner speaker. Sara Wyant, president of Agri-Pulse Communications, will moderate a panel of industry leaders on finance, marketing, input supplies, and trade. The opening plenary will also feature “2017 Outlook for Agriculture” presented by USDA Chief Economist Robert Johansson.

The Agricultural Outlook Forum, now in its 93rd year, is the USDA’s largest annual meeting, attracting more than 1,800 attendees. Along with the plenary panel discussion, attendees can choose from 30 sessions with more than 80 speakers and a host of agriculture-related exhibits. Concurrent track sessions supporting this year’s theme include “India: Challenges & Opportunities,” “Ag Financial Stress Test,” the “Growing Demand for Cage-Free Eggs,” “Marketing-Driven Changes In Ag Production,” and “GMO Disclosure: Transparency for the Market” as well as the annual commodity outlooks and luncheons.

The Forum is a platform facilitating conversation on key issues and topics within the agricultural community, including producers, processors, policy makers, government officials, and both foreign and domestic non-government organizations.

Forum information can be found at www.usda.gov/oce/forum. To register go to [USDA 2017 Agricultural Outlook Forum Registration](#).

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