

Agricultural Research Service (USDA)

MIDWEST AREA BIOENERGY RESEARCH FORUM

The one-day, special event you won't want to miss!

Friday, July 18, 2008 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research

1815 N University Peoria IL 61604

8:15 – 9:00 Registration / Coffee

9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Dr. Harry Danforth, Acting Director, ARS Midwest Area
Dr. Gale Buchanan, USDA Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics
Congressman Ray LaHood, 18th District of Illinois

9:30 **Accessing ARS USDA Bioenergy Technologies**

Partnering with ARS-USDA for Technology Commercialization Success

Dr. Richard Brenner, Asst. Administrator, ARS Office of Technology Transfer

Scope of ARS-USDA Bioenergy Research: A Panel Discussion

Crop Development: Dr. Michael Casler, ARS Madison WI

Sustainability: Dr. Douglas Karlen, ARS Ames IA

Conversion: Dr. Michael Cotta, ARS Peoria IL

Moderator: Dr. Brian Wrenn, Research Director, National Corn to Ethanol Research Center

ARS-USDA National Programming Activity and Capacity in Biofuels

Dr. Steven Shafer, ARS Deputy Administrator, Natural Resources and Sustainable Agriculture

Hot Spots: ARS Bioenergy Technologies to Watch

Processes to produce biofuels from agricultural residues: Dr. Badal Saha

Improvement of biodiesel performance: Dr. Brian Moser

Engineering the biochemical conversion for biofuel production: Dr. Joseph Rich

Noon

Lunch

Keynote Address: Challenges and Opportunities in Bioenergy

Dr. Tom Binder, Senior Vice President, Archer Daniels Midland Research Division

1:00 – 4:00 **Networking directly with ARS researchers and program leaders**
Touring the NCAUR research facility and pilot plant

SPECIAL INVITATION FOR FORUM ATTENDEES! SATURDAY MORNING JULY 19

Tour the National Corn to Ethanol Research Center in Edwardsville, IL

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PLEASE RSVP BY: TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2008

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