



“Covering Big Agribusiness in the Heartland”

Thursday, May 30, 2013 - Sunday, June 2, 2013

I-Hotel

1900 S 1st St., Champaign

Thursday, May 30, 2013 @ Alma Mater Room

6:30 p.m. Reception and Welcome

Brant Houston, Knight Chair in Investigative Reporting, University of Illinois
Mark Horvit, Executive Director, Investigative Reporters and Editors

Friday, May 31, 2013 @ Alma Mater Room

8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Welcome and overview of workshop and the goals

9:30 - 11 a.m. Session 1: Tracking the Farm Bill and Its Potential Impact

Patrick Westhoff, University of Missouri-Columbia
Donna Vestal, Harvest Public Media

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Session 2: Exploring Biofuels and Ethanol in Agribusiness

Madhu Khanna, University of Illinois
Brant Houston, University of Illinois

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch Session - The Business of Feeding the World:

Food Insecurity and Agribusiness

Box lunches will be provided

Craig Gundersen, University of Illinois
Brant Houston, University of Illinois

2 p.m. - 3:30 Session 3: Understanding Crop Insurance

Bruce Sherrick, University of Illinois
Pam Dempsey, Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting



3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break (cookies, coffee, soda)

*4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Tour of the National Soybean Research Laboratory
1101 W. Peabody Drive, Urbana*

6 p.m - 6:30 p.m. Wrap-Up

*7 p.m. Dinner
Houlihan's at the I-Hotel*

Saturday, June 1, 2013 @ Alma Mater Room

8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Q and A on Friday's Sessions

9:30 - 11 a.m. Session 1: Investigating Environmental Issues in Agribusiness
Craig Cox, Environmental Working Group
Andy Hall, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Reporting

11:15 p.m.- 1 p.m. Finding Food Safety and Inspection Reports and Data
Mike McGraw, Kansas City Star
Mark Horvit, Investigative Reporters and Editors

1 p.m. - 2 p.m Lunch

Jaimi Dowdell, Investigative Reporters and Editors,
Dowdell who grew up working on a Wisconsin farm, talks about the stories we may be missing.

2 p.m - 3:30 Session 3: Exposing Abuses in Farm Labor
Miguel C. Keberlein Gutiérrez , Legal Assistance Foundation of Greater Chicago
Fernando Diaz, Hoy Chicago

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break (cookies, coffee, soda)



3:45 - 5 p.m. Session 4 : Overview of the USDA Inspection System

Doug Powell, Kansas State University via Skype

Mike McGraw, Kansas City Star

5 p.m - 5:30 p.m. Q and A

7 p.m. Dinner @ Disthil's

301 N Neil St, Champaign

Sunday, June 2, 2013 @ *Alma Mater Room*

8:15 a.m. - Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. What's Next

Assignments and Blue Prints

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Working with Agriculture Data

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