

**2009 Legislative Ag Chairs Summit
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Raoul Adamchak has farmed organically for 20 years. Presently he is the Market Garden Coordinator at the UC Davis Student Farm, where he co-teaches a class in Organic Production Practices and manages a five-acre market garden that provides produce for a 60 member CSA, the student run Coffee House, and an on-campus Farmers Market. He has served as the President of the Board of CCOF (California Certified Organic Farmers), and has been a member of the board of the Organic Farming Research Foundation. Raoul was a partner in the 175 acre, Full Belly Farm. He worked for 8 years as an organic farm inspector for CCOF, and was Co-editor of the IPM Practitioner. He has a MS in International Agricultural Development from UC Davis, and a BA in Economics from Clark University.

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Matthew R. Bailey is the Vice President for the National Association for Biomedical Research, having previously served as Director of Government Relations for the organization. He has been active in congressional and government relations in Washington, DC for more than a decade. Mr. Bailey was appointed in 1996 by President Bill Clinton to be a Liaison for the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and later served as a Congressional Affairs Specialist for the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). He has also served as a legislative aide for now-retired Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas and as a Congressional Fellow for Representative Connie Morella of Maryland specifically managing House Science Committee issues. Mr. Bailey holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Legal Studies from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

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Gene Baur grew up in Hollywood, California and worked in commercials for McDonald's and other fast food restaurants. Today, he campaigns to raise awareness about the negative consequences of industrialized factory farming and our cheap food system. He lives in rural New York state and is the co founder and president of Farm Sanctuary, America's leading farm animal protection organization, which runs the largest rescue and refuge network for farm animals in North America. Gene holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University Northridge and a master's degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University.

After volunteering and working with various environmental and human rights causes, Gene turned his attention to animal agriculture. He has conducted hundreds of visits to farms, stockyards and slaughterhouses to document conditions, and his pictures and videos, exposing factory farming cruelty, have been aired nationally and internationally, educating millions. He has testified in court and before local, state and federal legislative bodies, and has initiated groundbreaking legal enforcement and legislative action to raise awareness and prevent factory farming abuses. He played a significant role in passing the first U.S. laws to prohibit cruel farming systems – including the Florida ban on gestation crates, the Arizona ban on veal and gestation crates, and the California and Chicago bans on foie gras. His book, entitled Farm Sanctuary: Changing Hearts and Minds about Animals and Food, was published by Touchstone (a division of Simon and Schuster) in March, 2008 and has become a bestseller.

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Dr. Richard Bonanno lives in Methuen, MA and owns Pleasant Valley Gardens where he raises potted flowering plants, bedding plants, vegetable transplants, and 50 acres of fresh market vegetables. The farm was started by his great grandfather in 1910. Rich is also a half-time Extension Educator with the University of Massachusetts Extension Service. Rich received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Cornell University and his Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from Oregon State University. His responsibilities include weed management in vegetables and fruits. He is also involved with many organizations including:

- Vice President, Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation
- Past President, New England Vegetable & Berry Growers Association
- Past President, New England Council for Plant Protection
- Past President, Northeastern Weed Science Society
- Chair, Weed Science Society of America Science Policy Committee
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James D. Boyd was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to a second five-year term on the California Energy Commission on February 2, 2007. He was first appointed to the California Energy Commission on February 6, 2002, and he was appointed to the Vice Chair position on June 16, 2006.

Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Boyd was Deputy Secretary and Chief of Staff of the California Resources Agency. He created and chaired the state's first Joint Agency Climate Change Team and the state's Natural Gas Working Group.

Commissioner Boyd has served for fifteen years as the Chief Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board (CARB), directing the nation's largest state air pollution control program. During this period, CARB led the nation in establishing new pollution control programs for motor vehicles and fuels, toxic air contaminants, consumer products, and industrial and area sources.

Commissioner Boyd currently presides over the Energy Commission's Transportation Committee and currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the University of California Davis' Institute of Transportation Studies. He is the Energy Commission's representative on the Steering Team of the California Fuel Cell

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Partnership, and has served on the Governor's Hydrogen Highway Network Implementation Advisory Panel. He led the Commission's efforts to develop the State Alternative Fuels Plan requested by the Governor and Legislature. He oversees the implementation of Assembly Bill 118 which established an Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program at the Energy Commission.

Vice Chair Boyd chairs the Bio-energy Interagency Working Group that developed and is now implementing the Governor's Bio-energy Action Plan and also serves as the state's liaison to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and as California's representative on the Border Governors' Conference Energy Worktable. He presently serves on the Governor's Climate Action Team.

A California native, Commissioner Boyd received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Tom Buis became National Farmers Union’s 13th president during the organization’s 104th anniversary convention in 2006. He was re-elected in 2008. Buis has been with the organization since March 1998, previously serving as vice president of government relations. In this capacity, he oversaw the NFU Washington, D.C., government relations office, which advocates the interests of family farmers in Congress and the administration. Prior to joining NFU, Buis served for nearly five years as senior agriculture policy advisor to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. In addition, Buis worked for U.S. Rep. Jim Jontz, D-Ind., for nearly five years as legislative assistant and legislative director. He was also special assistant for agriculture to U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind. Before moving to Washington, D.C. in 1987, Buis was a full-time grain and livestock farmer in Putnam and Morgan Counties in West Central Indiana, with brothers Mike and Jeff, who continue to operate the family farm.

Additionally, Buis serves as a member of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) executive committee. The international organization represents more than 600 million farm families. Tom and his wife Peggy reside in Gaithersburg, Md., and have two college-age sons, Nicholas and Andrew.

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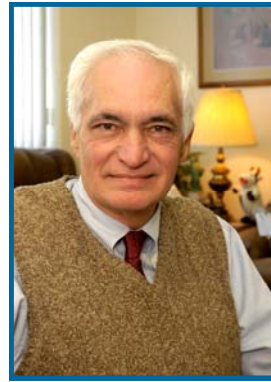
Don, is a graduate of Fresno State University with a degree in Biology, married with two adult children. Since 1981, he has been the vice president and General manager of Terranova Ranch Inc, located 25 miles SW of Fresno, California, farming approximately 5,500 acres. The farm has a mix of conventional, organic and biotech crops ranging from organic pima cotton, sage seed, and sweet corn to biotech corn, alfalfa and pima cotton along with a diversity of other annual crops. Perennial crops grown include organic walnuts, conventional wine grapes, almonds, pistachios and prunes. In all, 26 different crops are grown on the farm. In addition, Don owns and farms Prado Farms, 450 acres located in Fresno County.

Industry organization positions include:

- California Planting Cotton Seed Distributors; Chairman
- California Tomato Growers Association; Past Chairman
- California Cotton Growers Association; Chairman
- Supima Association; Vice Chairman
- National Cotton Council; Western Regional Director, American Cotton Producers, director
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Dr. Lowell Catlett, is a Regent's Professor at New Mexico State University and was appointed Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics in January 2006. Dr. Catlett received his doctorate in Economics from Iowa State University, and has twice received the Don C. Roush Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is also a recipient of the prestigious Burlington Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for Outstanding University Teaching. In 1994 he was one of two Western Regional recipients of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges "Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences Award." Dr. Catlett has received every teaching award the university offers, including the Westhafer Award for Teaching in 1990, New Mexico State University's top honor. The professor of agricultural economics and agricultural business is internationally known as an expert in commodities futures markets and is in demand as a speaker and consultant on predicting and planning for near- and long-term futures

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Nancy Childs, Ph.D., is a Professor of Food Marketing in the Erivan K. Haub School of Business at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA. She has over 100 publications, proceedings and book chapters addressing nutrition and health claim policy, obesity, and consumer and commercialization issues with nutraceuticals. Her most recent research involves food policy and consumer messaging regarding methylmercury and fish.

Dr. Childs has served as a member of the National Academy of Science Food Forum, DHHS Obesity Roundtable, and the FDA Dietary Supplement Consumer Labeling Committee and participated in the July 2005 FTC/DHHS national workshop Perspectives on Marketing, Self-regulation & Childhood Obesity. She was a participant in the ILSI PASSClaim project for harmonizing health claim assessment in the EU. Previously a member of *The Keystone National Policy Dialogue on Food, Nutrition and Health*, Dr. Childs also was a member of the Dietary Reference Intake (DRI) coalition "Food Choices for the 21st Century," an advisor to the Department of Health and Human Services FDA Consumer Research Committee and the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements/Institute for Women's Health/Office of Aging review of soy and healthy aging, a reviewer of the American Dietetic Association position paper on functional foods, and a member of numerous US and international public health and information agency committees, addressing consumer and regulatory policy for foods using health claims. She serves on several editorial boards in the field. She contributes globally on these topics including invitations to present research in the EU, Asia and Latin

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America. She is the recipient of each of the university's *Extraordinary Achievement Awards* for Research, Teaching, Advising, and Service.

Prior to her academic appointment in 1991, she worked for 15 years in the food industry, including General Mills, Quaker Oats and Campbell Soup Company with positions in new product marketing and business development.

Teaching curriculum includes International Marketing, International Food Marketing, Globalization and Food Policy, Comparative Marketing: Japan & US, Competitive Analysis, Consumer Behavior, and Health Claim Marketing at the undergraduate, graduate and executive levels. While not her primary research stream, Dr. Childs has published in the international literature, participated in USDA, USAID and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture grants focused on international exporting, and co-authored an exporting text.

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Kim Coble joined the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) in 1992 as the Senior Scientist in the Foundation's Virginia office, where she provided scientific review on regulatory issues and lobbied for water quality legislation. In 1996, she moved to Maryland and became the Senior Scientist in the Foundation's Maryland Office and eventually served as Assistant Director.

In June 2003, Kim was named CBF's Maryland Executive Director, where she directs policy and manages a diverse team of scientists, land use specialists, lawyers, grassroots coordinators and volunteers to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay.

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A native of Gentry, Steve is the Director of Justice for Our Neighbors. Prior to that, he served as Senior Pastor of First UMC at North Little Rock. He is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas, the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock School of Law. Steve has done extensive work in the areas of Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. He is the Past President of the Arkansas Interfaith Conference (serving 5 years); is the Chair of the Arkansas

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Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns; is on the National Council of Churches Ecumenical Networks Committee and is one of the delegates of The United Methodist Church to the National Council of Churches General Assembly.

Steve has served as a mentor on social justice and the ministry with students from Hendrix College and Phillips Theological Seminary. He is a certified Confirmation mentor and has been a mentor with elders and deacons who were commissioned as deacons and elders.

Steve serves as Chair of the Arkansas Conference Hunger Task Force. He also serves on the Conference Board of Global Ministries and is Assistant Dean of the Arkansas Conference School of Christian Mission. In addition, he serves as the Chair of the Arkansas Interfaith Alliance, Arkansas Energy Network, The Benefit Bank of Arkansas, the Arkansas Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, the Arkansas Hunger Coalition, and the Arkansas Friendship Coalition. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Camp Aldersgate, the Arkansas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, the Marie Award and, the Arkansas Volunteers Organized Against Disaster. He also serves on the Arkansas Coalition for Economic Security and the Arkansas Homeless Coalition. He served on the Board of Directors of both the Central Arkansas Development Council and the Pine Bluff/Jefferson County EEOC. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion.

He chaired the Give Arkansas a Raise Now coalition that succeeded in raising the minimum wage in Arkansas in 2006. For the effort, the group was awarded the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association Consumer Advocate of the Year award. He is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Let Justice Roll campaign.

He was appointed to serve on the Arkansas State Board of Collection Agencies by Governor Mike Beebe. He is a member of the North Little Rock Lions Club, where he is First Vice-President. His church appointments have included four years in Great Britain, Horatio, Hampton and Gillett. He is commissioned as a Church and Community Worker in the United Methodist Church.

He is the recipient of the Jaycees *Outstanding Young Arkansan* award; the Entergy *Making Things Brighter* award; the Just Communities of Central Arkansas *Father Joseph Biltz*; the Arkansas Citizens First Congress *Economic Leadership Award*, and, the Hendrix College Ethel Miller Award for Religion and Social Awareness. He was twice chosen as the *District Pastor of the Year in the Hope District*. Also, under his leadership, the Harrell UMC, the Gillett UMC and the First UMC, North Little Rock, were chosen as District Churches of the Year.

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Robert Cropp is Professor Emeritus, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison. From November 2004 to June 30, 2006, he served as interim Director of the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, University of Wisconsin-Madison. From June 1990 to January 2003 he served as Director of University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives and Dairy Marketing and Policy

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Specialist with University of Wisconsin Extension, both at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. From August 1966 to June 1990, he was professor and dairy marketing and policy specialist, with University of Wisconsin-Platteville where he served as Dean of the College of Agriculture for three years prior to coming to University of Wisconsin-Madison. While retired Bob remains active in dairy marketing, policy and agricultural cooperative work.

Bob has devoted the past 42 years to working with agricultural cooperatives and on dairy marketing and policy issues. In the cooperative area, extension/outreach programs and research were directed at issues impacting agricultural cooperatives, cooperative boards of directors, managers and employees. In the dairy area, extension/outreach programs and research targeted dairy farmers, dairy cooperatives, and dairy leaders in regards to milk marketing, milk pricing, dairy price risk management and federal dairy policy.

Dr. Cropp received his Ph.D. and MS degrees in agricultural economics, both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his B.S. degree in agricultural education from University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Dr. Cropp has received numerous awards for his teaching and extension work and service to agriculture and cooperatives. October 2008 Dr. Cropp received the Distinguish Service Award from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Denise has worked in the rural health arena for 25 years at the local, state, and national levels - focusing on workforce, community development, and the needs of the medically underserved. Denise has a Masters Degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Utah.

She served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Rural Health Center for fifteen years, until December 2006, helping create one of the most respected Offices of Rural Health in the country. Prior to Colorado she worked in the Rural Health Offices in Arizona and Utah.

At a national level, Denise served on National Health Service Corps Advisory Council; on the board and as Treasurer of the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health; and on the board of the National Rural Health Association - and as the President in 1992. Denise also served on First Lady Clinton's National Health Task Force chairing committees on Health Workforce Development and Rural and Frontier Access.

Denise is currently consulting in rural health - focusing on grant writing, improved access to care, collaborative urban-rural and public-private networks, community capacity development, and advocacy.

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Karl J. Dreher is a licensed professional engineer with more than 30 years of experience in managing and developing water resources covering a broad spectrum of disciplines including water law, water policy, environmental issues, intergovernmental negotiations, planning, program and project management, construction management, personnel management, contract negotiations, hydrologic analysis and modeling, hydraulic analysis and design, structural analysis and design, water treatment, and permitting for projects. Mr. Dreher has been involved with water resource issues and projects in various countries throughout the world and has served as a consultant to a number of public as well as private organizations involved in the development and management of water resources. From 2002 through 2004 he was also chairman of the Western States Water Council, an adjunct of the Western Governors Association.

Currently, Mr. Dreher is the arbitrator in non-binding arbitration involving disputes between the states of Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado regarding compliance with the Republican River Compact. This arbitration is being conducted pursuant to a stipulation approved by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Kansas v. Nebraska and Colorado*, Original No. 126.

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Warren Furmo is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Agricultural Water Resources Coalition, a consortium of producer groups formed to address water quality issues from an agricultural producer perspective. The MAWRC is dedicated to improving communication among the agricultural community, consumers, researchers and policy-makers regarding the economic and environmental effects of agricultural practices employed on Minnesota farms. Furmo holds a B.S. degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Minnesota. His work experience includes 15 years as an active farmer, operating a diversified crop and livestock farm in West Central Minnesota. Prior to joining the MAWRC, he was employed by the Minnesota Corn Growers Association, specializing in farm policy and organizational development.

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Mark also runs a Simmental-Angus fall calving cow calf operation, which gives him a chance to research the value of the beef business and test many of the new ideas coming into the cattle business. It also allows him to see if it's feasible for the average producer to try and meet some of the new regulations and rules of the industry for adding extra value to their product without adding a burden to their operation.

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Kelly Johnston joined Campbell in July 2002 as Vice President-Government Affairs. He coordinates activities and relationships with local, state, federal, and international government legislative and regulatory agencies, as well as the company's participation in trade associations. Previously, Kelly spent nearly 25 years in Washington, DC, in a variety of leadership positions within the executive and legislative branches of the federal government, politics, and the trade association world. He was Executive Vice President for Government Affairs and Communications at the National Food Processors' Association. From 1995 to 1996, he was the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the Senate's chief legislative, financial and administrative officer.

Kelly has also served as Staff Director of the Senate Republican Policy Committee; Deputy Assistant Secretary, Public Affairs in the U.S. Department of Transportation; and chief of staff or press secretary to three different Members of Congress. Kelly earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in drama and communications in 1976 from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, where he was recently named to the Alumni Hall of Fame. He attended Georgetown University's Graduate School of Demography in Washington, DC. He has guest lectured on politics, government and communications at several universities, including the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania, and George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management.

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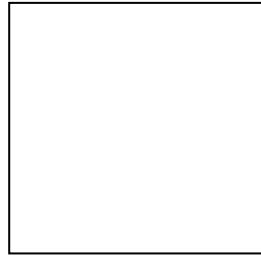
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Mr. Kopperud has more than 25 years experience in government and communications. He is the former senior vice president of the American Feed Industry Association, where he was responsible for all state and federal government relations programs for the 700-company association, served as treasurer of its Political Action Committee, and oversaw issue management and communications strategies. A coalition builder, he led enactment of federal preemption of the Uniform Commercial Code "clear title" legislation for agriculture buyers; the Animal Facility Protection Act; the Animal Drug Availability Act, Animal Medicinal Use Clarification Act and first-time federal risk insurance for livestock producers. He has worked directly on omnibus farm bills since 1985, as well as on annual appropriations and budget legislation. He enjoys key contacts on House and Senate Agriculture Committees, House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and House Commerce and Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committees, as well as with key staff at USDA, EPA, OSHA and FDA. He is the founder and past president of the Animal Industry Foundation (AIF) - now the Animal Agriculture Alliance -- an education foundation representing livestock and poultry producers, animal science and agribusiness. Mr. Kopperud is a former newspaper and magazine reporter and editor, and is an accomplished strategic communications expert, as well as a recognized public speaker and media trainer.

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Mark Kornblau advises high profile figures, corporations and non-profits on public affairs issue campaigns, strategic communications, brand positioning, politics and government. Mark has served in senior roles on two U.S. presidential campaigns and directed corporate communications for one of the world's most recognized brands.

Mark understands the issues of agricultural development, and food and energy security through the prisms of Capitol Hill and presidential politics. Over the course of his career, Mark has also worked as an aide to Senators Evan Bayh (D-IN) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), both of whom represent important agricultural states.

The Alliance for Abundant Food and Energy brings together a broad group of visionary companies and organizations committed to sustainably and responsibly improving diets and reducing dependence on fossil fuels through agricultural productivity worldwide. More information can be found online, at www.foodandenergy.org.

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Southwest Georgia native Mark H. Masters serves as Director of the Flint River Water Planning and Policy Center at Albany State University. After graduating from Georgia Southwestern State University with a degree in Resource Management, Masters began a career in agricultural research at the USDA National Peanut Research Lab in Dawson and later as a graduate research assistant in Agricultural and Environmental Economics at Auburn University. In addition to research duties at the Water Center focused on agricultural water use, basin planning, and the regional impacts of alternative water policies, Masters serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Natural Sciences at ASU teaching courses in Environmental Economics and Water Policy. Mark is active on several local/regional boards and councils concerned with agriculture and rural development and has served as an advisor to the Georgia Legislative Services Committee, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and Department of Agriculture on matters of water policy and agricultural economies.

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Mr. Mosley is nationally recognized as a leading authority on a wide range of medical staffing issues and trends including health care professional supply and demand trends, physician-hospital relations, compensation, compliance and related matters. Mr. Mosley is one of the most published and frequently cited experts on these topics in the country. He has written on health care staffing issues for publications such as Trustee magazine and Kennedy Information and has been cited in dozens of periodicals including U.S. News & World Report, Modern Healthcare, HealthLeaders, Hospitals & Health Networks, USA Today, Medical Economics, The Washington Times, Bloomberg's Financial News and Orthopedics Today.

Mr. Mosley served as contributing editor to Merritt Hawkins & Associates' highly regarded book, *"Will the Last Physician in America Please Turn Off the Lights? A Look at America's Looming Doctor Shortage."* This authoritative look at the physician shortage was described as "a must read" by Charles Lauer, publisher of Modern Healthcare magazine, and as "required reading," by Richard Cooper, MD, the nation's leading expert on physician supply. Also, the authors of "Merritt Hawkins & Associates' Guide To Physician Recruiting" personally thank Mr. Mosley for his assistance and expertise in compiling the publication which has been purchased by organizations such as the Medical Group Management Association, Mayo Health System, Cleveland Clinic and a multitude of others. In addition, Mr. Mosley has recently been quoted in the *Insider's Guide to Finding A Job, Expert Advice From America's Top Employers And Recruiters*, a book providing strategic and tactical advice for building and managing professional careers. Mr. Mosley also sits on the selection committee of Staff Care's annual philanthropic award, Country Doctor of the Year®, which is presented to a physician who best exemplifies the spirit, skill, and dedication of America's rural medical practitioners.

A nationally noted speaker, within the past two years alone, Mr. Mosley has addressed more than 45 state hospital and medical associations and other health professional groups across the country reaching over 4,500 industry leaders and decision makers. Mr. Mosley has been selected to preside over round table discussions on staffing by a variety of prominent organizations, including Kennedy Publications, which sponsors an annual Recruiting Conference and Expo in New York City. Mr. Mosley also was invited to chair a special physician recruiting conference scheduled by the United States Army to discuss staffing challenges presented by the war in Iraq. In addition, Mr. Mosley has been cited on staffing issues by the Health Care Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. A graduate of California State University, Fullerton, Mr. Mosley spent several years in professional baseball. He currently resides in Dallas, Texas.

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State Senator Larry A. Mumper, a Republican from Marion, Ohio, was appointed to the Ohio Senate in 1997. He was elected to this position in 1998. Prior to this appointment to the Senate, Senator Mumper served as a Marion County Commissioner and on the Marion City Council. Elected as a Member NCSL Executive Committee in 2003.

Senator Mumper served as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. In addition to his chairmanship, he serves on the Education Committee, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Health, Human Services and Aging Committee.

Senator Mumper is a farm owner, a career educator, and licensed real estate agent. For 30-years he taught math, science, and coached basketball and cross-country. Senator Mumper was recognized as Teacher of the Year at Elgin High School in 1981.

Senator Mumper resides in Marion with his wife, Karyle, and is the father of two grown children.

Senator Mumper represents Ohio's 26th Senate District, which includes Crawford, Logan, Marion, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot and Union Counties. Senator Mumper retired from the Senate in 2008.

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In the late 1990's Nilsson Bros. began their interest in the meat packing business with the purchase of Edmonton Meat Packing and XL Foods and have grown to where they now own and operate packing plants in Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta; Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Omaha, Nebraska and Nampa, Idaho.

XL Foods commitment to the North American meat packing plant industry has seen them grow to be one of the largest slaughter cow purveyors in North America.

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Brian works daily, in conjunction, with management facing the challenges put forth by the cattle and beef industry concerning supply, sales and evolving regulatory issues.

Brian recently completed his 2 (two) year commitment as President of the Canadian Meat Council and is currently an executive board member for the American Meat Institute.

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Pat is currently President of the Family Farm Alliance, which represents agricultural irrigators in the Western states. He speaks extensively on water-related issues, including the consequences of the transfer of agricultural water to urban needs, and on coalbed methane produced water.

He and his wife Sharon have three children, Meghan Lally and Bridget and Eamon O'Toole; and three grandchildren, Siobhan, Seamus and Maeve. He has a B.A. in Philosophy from Colorado State University.

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He is a native of Brookings, South Dakota and earned his B.A. degree from Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa.

Scott serves on the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) Board, is a member of the Touchstone Energy® Board of Directors, serves as Vice-President on the Board of Directors of Consumer Federation of America, and serves on the South Dakota 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. He has also served a key role in the

development of the PrairieWinds project. Scott and his wife, Valerie, have a son, Nicholas, and two daughters: Caitlin and Christina.

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Senator Pearce has a record of standing up for the tax payer, families and efficient government, for having the courage to take on the tough issues and defend the Rule of Law and put Arizona/America First. Senator Pearce served 23 years as Maricopa County Deputy Sheriff and has also served as North Mesa Justice of the Peace, Chief Deputy Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Pro-Tem Judge for Maricopa County Justice Courts, Director Governors Office of Highway Safety, and Director of the Arizona State Motor Vehicle Division.

Senator Pearce holds a B.A. in Management from the University of Phoenix, a diploma from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a diploma in Advanced Executive Development, from Arizona State University. He has attended the Arizona Judicial College, Supreme Court of Arizona, and the Motor Vehicle Legal and Law College as well as over 2000 house of specialty training and executive and advanced training.

He served as a Representative in the Arizona House of Representatives from 2001 until 2008. He served as chair of the appropriations committee. He also was the Co-Author of Protect Arizona NOW and Co-Chair of Yes on Prop. 200. He received the **Hero of the Taxpayer Award** in 2004, one of only 7 legislators out of 7000 nationwide to receive this award by the American Tax Reform Association. In 2004 he was awarded by the Goldwater Institute #1 legislator in "defending our liberties and in voting constitutionally".

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Cornell University from 1990-1992. In 1992, Ronald joined UC Davis as a faculty member where she served as Faculty Assistant to the Provost from 2004-2007. From 2003-2007 Ronald chaired the U.C. Davis Distinguished Women in Science seminar series, an event designed to support women's professional advancement in the sciences. In 1996, Ronald founded the Genetic Resources Recognition Fund, a UC Davis program to share benefits of biotechnology with less developed countries.

Ronald teaches a Genetics and Society course and a Sierra Nevada Flora field course. In 2004 with artist Ruth Santer, she established an innovative program, supported by the National Science Foundation, to introduce elementary school children to grass genetics and biofuels through science through botanical drawings, discussions and tile making.

Ronald chaired the American Society of Plant Biologists Public Affairs Committee from 2003-2006. She has served on numerous competitive grant panels including the USDA Plant microbe interaction panel, the NSF Integrative Plant Biology panel, the NIH Cell Development and Function study section and has also served as a reviewer for the Gates Foundation and the Foundation of the NIH. She currently serves on the editorial boards for Plant Physiology and a new journal, Plant Molecular Physiology, jointly launched by the Chinese Academy of Science, the Shanghai Institute of Biological Sciences (SIBS), and the UC Berkeley Center for Molecular Life Science.

Ronald was a Fulbright Fellow from 1984-1985, was named a Guggenheim Fellow in 2000 and from 2002-2005 served as an Honorary Scientist at the Rural Development Administration of Korea. She is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a 2006 Fellow at the Davis Humanities Institute and a 2008 Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. In 2007, she and her colleagues were awarded the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research Science Award for Outstanding Scientific Article. In 2008 she and her colleagues were recipients of the USDA 2008 National Research Initiative Discovery Award for their work on submergence tolerant rice. Ronald co-authored a book with her husband, Raoul Adamchak, an organic farmer, entitled "Tomorrow's Table: Organic Farming, Genetic and the Future of Food" published by Oxford University Press.

Secretary Ed Schafer

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Ed Schafer was sworn in as the 29th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on January 28, 2008. Secretary Schafer brings a record as an innovative two-term governor of North Dakota to USDA along with extensive private sector experience as both an entrepreneur and a business executive. Schafer served as North Dakota's governor from 1992 to 2000 and made diversifying and expanding North Dakota's economy, reducing the cost of government and advancing agriculture his top priorities in office.

He worked to normalize trading relations with China and develop that nation as an export market for North Dakota farm products. He also led efforts to upgrade North Dakota's communications infrastructure and make high-speed voice and data networks available to farmers, ranchers and rural businesses. To expand the state's job base, he encouraged the growth of value-added agricultural industries such as pasta and corn sweetener manufacturing.

As chair of the Western Governors Association, Schafer led regional efforts to demonstrate how technology could improve the efficiency and lower the cost of delivering government services such as health benefits and food stamps. He also worked to make telemedicine more available and affordable in rural areas. Schafer was elected chair of the Republican Governors Association in 2000 and that same year he co-founded and co-chaired the Governors Biotechnology Partnership to increase public understanding and support for the benefits of agricultural biotechnology.

He has had a lifelong interest in conservation and helped arrange the U.S. Forest Service's May 2007 purchase of the 5,200 acre Elkhorn ranch in North Dakota. The site was where Theodore Roosevelt had his home and operated a cattle ranch in the 1880s. It is near the preserved town of Medora-the state's leading tourist attraction.

Born and raised in Bismarck, North Dakota, Schafer graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and earned an MBA from the University of Denver in 1970. Secretary Schafer's grandfather immigrated to North Dakota from Denmark and homesteaded land in Hettinger County that he turned into a wheat and livestock farm. Schafer spent summers there while growing up. He helped his uncles with chores, tinkered with engines and learned firsthand about agriculture.

Before entering public life, Schafer was an executive with the Gold Seal Company in Bismarck, a successful marketer of nationally-known consumer products such as "Mr. Bubble" bubble bath, "Glass Wax" glass cleaner and "Snowy Bleach." The company had been founded by his father, Harold Schafer.

Secretary Schafer joined Gold Seal after he earned his MBA and held a series of management positions with the company before becoming president in 1978. Under his leadership, Gold Seal's sales climbed to \$50 million through acquisitions and new product introductions and its net worth tripled. It was sold in 1986. Schafer then went on to launch several new businesses, including a commercial real estate development company, a fish farm and a classic car dealership. After leaving office in 2000, he co-founded Extend America, a venture capital-backed company, to provide wireless voice and high-speed data services to commercial and residential customers in five rural Midwestern states.

He also served as a director of the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation that oversees the historic town's operations and became active in leading several other nonprofit and citizens advocacy groups in North Dakota.

Secretary Schafer enjoys the outdoors and his hobbies include bicycling, hiking, scuba diving and restoring classic automobiles. He and his wife, Nancy, have four children; Tom Schafer, Ellie Schafer and Eric Jones and Kari Hammer; and eight grandchildren.

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Iowa State University professor, Elwynn Taylor’s vision of technology, climate and society opens the horizons of our world. His extensive knowledge and understanding of the world around us enlightens and entertains professional and general audiences. His insightful presentations are immediately useful in the management of business and life. Few can explain the complexities of our world in a manner as clear, concise, and pleasant, as does Dr. Taylor.

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Dr. Taylor received his doctorate in Biology from Washington University in St. Louis. Scholars internationally recognize his expertise in the interactions of the biological and the physical environment. Widely requested for banquet, convention and technical keynote presentations, audiences value his affable and informative delivery. He is recipient of the “Distance Learning Innovator’s Award,” the “Excellence in Extension Education,” and the national “Excellence in Economic Education” awards. He received the Iowa Regent’s “Professional Achievement” award.

His interviews in the Wall Street Journal on impacts of Drought and Flooding, his New York Times article on heat and Astroturf, his full-color half-page photograph of Arches Monument in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and his down-to-earth weather outlooks in Country magazine express the scope of his understanding and experience. His explanations of Global Warming, and related weather events and how they impact life and our economy are clear, insightful and concise. All persons concerned with climate associated risks will benefit from Dr. Taylor’s clear and often humorous explanations.

He is a consultant to state and national planning and climate (flood and drought) response committees and agencies. He consults to numerous financial, legal, and agricultural firms and agencies. In 2003 he received the “Distinguished Service to Agriculture” award presented by the Iowa Farm Bureau (joining 3 other Iowa State University professors in this honor: William G. Murray (1987), Neil E. Harl (1992), and Louis Thompson (1995)).

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She is now serving in her second term as a member of the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade on Tobacco, Cotton, Peanuts and Planting Seeds. This is one of six committees that provide the secretary of agriculture and the U.S. trade representative with advice with respect to trade policy priorities, negotiating objectives and bargaining positions on trade matters.

Mary Kay served in the “first” Bush Administration as a political appointee as the director of congressional and public affairs of the Farm Credit Administration. In that capacity, she was responsible for the policy direction and management of the agency’s congressional and public affairs activities.

Prior to joining AFBF in 1982, Thatcher served as a legislative assistant for agriculture and trade to Sen. Roger Jepsen of Iowa. She is a graduate of Iowa State University where she earned degrees in animal science and agricultural economics.

Thatcher grew up on a 500-acre Iowa beef, hay and corn farm. She now manages a farm in Iowa producing corn and soybeans, as well as a cow/calf operation.

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Some of Jim Tucker's earliest memories are of showing livestock at Missouri fairs. He was raised on a dairy farm in the Missouri Ozarks, close to where his family originally settled in the 1830's and where his father taught vocational agriculture and was the advisor of the local FFA chapter. Jim started helping twice a day with the farm chores when he was five and showing Jersey cattle that same year in the open show because he was too young to qualify for the junior show. Jim was active in 4-H and FFA. He served as FFA chapter president and was elected to the Missouri State FFA officer team for 1966-67.

Tucker received a bachelor degree in Agricultural Economics in 1970 and a law degree in 1973 from University of Missouri. Following graduation, he practiced law in Columbia, Missouri and held a teaching position with the University of Missouri Department of Agricultural Economics. In 1974, Jim returned to the home farm and established a law firm in Springfield, Missouri, where he practiced, primarily as a trial lawyer until 2000. He has published numerous articles on law topics including agricultural law, which is of special interest to him.

Throughout his years of practicing law, Jim remained actively involved in production agriculture. He, his wife, and two children, with help from a part-time hired hand, operate a 180 mother cow, cow-calf operation on 700 acres near Willard, Missouri and a 640 acre wheat farm near Colton, Washington.

In January 2001, Jim assumed the role of President and C.E.O. of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. During his law practice, the IAFE had been one of his clients for which he lobbied in Washington, D.C., an activity he continues in his role as C.E.O. Since 2001, he has traveled extensively in North America and around the world, speaking about agricultural fairs, shows and exhibitions.

