

## 2013 Legislative Ag Chairs Summit

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Senator Anderson is a member of the Wyoming State Senate, representing District 2 since 2001. He served as Senate President from 2011 to 2012. In the 2009-2010 session, he was the Senate Majority Floor Leader. Anderson began as a precinct committeeman. He then served as a representative in the Wyoming House of Representatives from 1997 to 2000. He was the Vice President of the Senate from 2007 to 2008. Senator Anderson holds a BS and ED in Education from Chadron State College. He has worked as both a teacher and a logging and sawmill operator. He is a Co-Chair of the Wyoming State Fair 100th Anniversary Planning Committee

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Darrel J. Aubertine serves as New York State's Agriculture Commissioner. Darrel was appointed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on January 10, 2011, after serving in the legislative branch for eight years. He was elected three times to represent the people of the 118th Assembly District starting in November 2002, and later became a New York State Senator for the 48th. He was first elected senator during a special election in February 2008 and re-elected to a full term in November 2008. He proudly served as the Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, as well as the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources and others. His passion and knowledge of agriculture comes from his upbringing – a small family dairy farm in Cape Vincent, New York, where he was born and raised. He worked that farm with his father and uncle for more than 35 years before coming to Albany, milking 60 cows and harvesting crops from 500 acres.

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Gary Baise, a principal at OFW Law, specializes in Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, and Solid Waste Disposal Act litigation as well as agricultural corporate governance issues. He has defended clients, including farm producers, in several of the leading wetlands enforcement cases under the CWA in federal courts. He serves as general counsel for U.S. Grains Council, Agricultural Retailers Association, National Association of Wheat Growers, and National Sorghum Producers.

Mr. Baise was the first Chief of Staff to the first US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator and subsequently became director of the EPA's Office of Legislation. He served as executive assistant to the Acting

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Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Associate Deputy Attorney General, and Acting Deputy Attorney General in the US Department of Justice. He served as Chairman of the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board and Vice Chairman of the Virginia Water Control Board by appointment of the Governor of Virginia (2000-2004). Mr. Baise served as the only attorney on USDA's Agricultural Air Quality Task Force during terms of his appointment. Mr. Baise writes a weekly column, [Defending Agriculture](#), for FarmFutures.com.

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Representative Mike Bost's legislative career followed 4 years in the United States Marine Corps, as well as 13 years in his family trucking business. He started work at Bost Trucking Service as a driver in 1979 and then went on to be the truck manager for ten years until 1992. Rep. Bost served as a firefighter for the Murphysboro Fire Department. He graduated from the University of Illinois Certified Firefighter II Academy in 1993 and continued to serve the Murphysboro Fire Department during his first six terms as State Representative on an as needed basis. Mike and his wife Tracy own and operate the White House Salon in their hometown of Murphysboro.

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Fran Boyd, Sr. Vice President, joined Meyers and Associates in 1990 after serving as Director of Congressional and Public Affairs for the Farm Credit Administration, an independent federal financial regulatory agency. Prior to that appointment, he was the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs for six years during the Reagan Administration at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He brings to the firm over 20 years of Washington experience having worked extensively with Congress and at the highest levels of the executive branch of government. He holds both a graduate and undergraduate degrees from Arizona State University, and has completed the Senior Managers in Government Program from the Kennedy School for Government at Harvard University.

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Joe Dales comes from a business and marketing background with over 25 years of experience serving in various capacities including agri-marketing and management in the agriculture industry. Having worked for various leading multinational agri- businesses in North America including Pfizer, Syngenta Seeds, and Cyanamid, he has played a pivotal role in launching several biotechnology innovations including Herbicide Tolerant Canola. He is also an experienced relationship builder bringing producers and agribusiness together. He holds a BS and MS in Business Administration. With a keen interest in the internet for the agriculture sector he specializes in online agricultural trends, communications, and strategic leadership. With a zest for entrepreneurialism he has started and invested in over seven companies within the agriculture and food sector. Joe was the developer of the 2013 Dodge Superbowl advertisement featuring Paul Harvey.

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Barry's professional career began in 1975 upon graduation from the University of Pittsburgh. He has held positions in community based organizations, education, and government. For 10 years, he headed a workforce and entrepreneurial development effort at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and served as a consultant to the World Bank and U.S. Department of Commerce on Eastern European development matters. Following graduate school, he joined the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a legislative research agency of the PA General Assembly, in 1992 and was named Executive Director in 1996.

Mr. Denk has served on the boards of several statewide associations including the Pennsylvania Rural Health Association, PA Rural Partners, PA Downtown Center, the Governor's Advisory Council on Rural Affairs and the Penn State Clinical and Translational Science Institute. For four years he served as staff vice-chair and chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, co-authoring an NCSL publication titled, "Meeting the Challenges of Rural America". He chaired a statewide planning effort that produced, "Heritage Tourism Development: A Policy Framework for Pennsylvania". He is a founding member of the National Coalition of State Rural Policy Centers.

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John, who grew up on a beef cattle farm in Amelia, Virginia, has an extensive background in agriculture. He received bachelor's of sciences in Animal and Poultry Sciences and Agricultural and Applied Economics from Virginia Tech. He also earned a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University. Mr. Dillard writes extensively on legal issues affecting agriculture. His blog, Ag in the Courtroom, is featured on AgWeb.com. John also writes a column for Farm Journal, Legal Ease. In addition to his writing, he has appeared on national TV and radio agricultural programs to discuss legal issues that affect agriculture.

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Paul has a PhD in agriculture from the University of Florida and has served in many leadership positions within the NCBA, scientific, agriculture and academic communities. He is a member of the Management Council for King Ranch Institute of Ranch management.

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Jennifer Grenz has a B.Sc. in Agroecology from the University of British Columbia and has been involved in invasive plant management for 13 years. Jennifer has worked for a number of prominent environmental organizations including the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC, Evergreen and Langley Environmental Partners Society. She was involved with the development of the Invasive Plant Strategy for BC and served on the first board of directors for the Invasive Plant Council of BC (now Invasive Species Council of BC) as Vice Chair. Jennifer currently serves as the President-Elect on the Board of Directors for the North American Invasive Species Management Association (formerly the North American Weed Management Association). She speaks internationally for not-for-profit organizations and government agencies about electronic outreach methods and how these methods not only increase reach, but help to leverage funding opportunities.

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Karen has over 15 years of experience in agricultural greenhouse gas measurement and modeling and climate change/and environmental policy development, while at the provincial Department of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. During her tenure, Karen worked at a national level, with federal provincial and territorial governments on the Canadian National Offset Quantification Team. Karen, through her capacity on the Team, designed the protocol development process, represented the agricultural sector in Canada, and coordinated the development of several agricultural quantification protocols. In 2007, Karen was seconded to Climate Change Central, a not-for-profit established by the Government of Alberta. There, Karen led the implementation of the necessary market processes, infrastructure and tools needed to get the Alberta Carbon Offset Market off the ground. Currently, Karen is a Senior Partner with The Pracino Group - a network of leading advisors making sustainability real for public and private clients in the agriculture, energy and food sectors. Our team of experts enables our clients to meet their environmental, social and economic sustainability objectives by leveraging our knowledge and experience in environmental policy, markets and economics.

Karen obtained a Biological Sciences Diploma from NAIT, BSc in Plant Sciences and MSc in Soil Microbiology and Biochemistry from the University of Alberta. Karen is also a registered Professional Agrologist with the Alberta Institute of Agrology

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Hill was named executive vice president and general manager of the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives in May, 1987. As executive director, Hill manages the trade association that provides government relations, rural development, communications, safety-training and member services to its 21 member systems.

Prior to being named manager, Hill served for six years as managing editor of the North Dakota REC/RTC Magazine...now called North Dakota LIVING. Hill also serves as the chair of the North Dakota Water Coalition, and he's on the board of directors of the Burdick Center for Cooperatives; the Coordinating Council for Cooperatives, and the Consensus Council.

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Glen Hodgson brings nearly 31 years of experience and a specialization in international economic and financial issues to the position of Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist of The Conference Board of Canada. Mr. Hodgson is responsible for overseeing the Board's macro-economic outlook products, tourism, custom economic research, and is the Board's chief spokesperson on economic issues.

He has published over 170 articles and briefings and is the editor and a contributing author of the book Crisis and Intervention: Lessons from the Financial Meltdown and Recession, published in November 2010. He has written extensively on Canadian tax reform and is co-authoring a series of briefings on the economics of pro sports in Canada. Glen is leading a high-profile research initiative at the Conference Board, the Canadian Alliance for Sustainable Health Care, just as he led the creation of the Board's International Trade and Investment Centre. Mr. Hodgson joined the Board in September 2004, after 10 years at Export Development Canada (EDC). He also spent a decade with the federal Department of Finance. From 1984 to 1988, Mr.

### **Glen Hodgson Continued...**

Hodgson served at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington D.C., as Advisor/Assistant to the Executive Director for Canada, Ireland and the Caribbean.

Mr. Hodgson has an M.A. in Economics from McGill University and pursued Ph.D. studies at McGill. He is currently the president of the Ottawa Economics Association. He resides in Ottawa with his wife and younger of two sons, and coached youth sports for many years.

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Southwest Georgia native Mark H. Masters serves as Director of Projects at the Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center. 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 at Albany State University teaching courses in Environmental Economics and Water Policy. Prior to joining the Center, he was employed as a Research Assistant at the USDA National Peanut Research Lab in Dawson, GA. He is a founding member and Executive Manager of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders, Inc., a non-profit coalition of stakeholders working towards a Sustainable Water Management Plan for the ACF Basin and ultimate resolution of the Tri-State water conflict between Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Mark is also active on several local/regional boards and councils concerned with agriculture and rural development including the South Georgia Information Technology Authority and Georgia Farm Bureau and has served as an advisor to the Georgia Legislative Services Committee, Environmental Protection Division, Soil and Water Conservation Commission and Department of Agriculture on matters of water policy and agricultural economies. He was recently honored by Georgia Trend as one of Georgia's "Best and Brightest 40 Under 40" young professionals. Mark and his wife Amy have three beautiful daughters and, along with other members of his family, own and operate a beef cow and managed timber operation.

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Appointed to his current position in November 2005, Mr. McAlpine has overall responsibility for building strong and effective relationships with government and industry stakeholders to develop a coordinated and proactive government and industry relations program across Maple Leaf Foods.

### **Rory McAlpine Continued...**

Mr. McAlpine has more than 20 years of experience in government, trade and agribusiness. Prior to joining Maple Leaf Foods, he was Deputy Minister of the B.C Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, a position he held from 2002 to 2005. Previously, he obtained significant experience with the Federal Government as Executive Director and Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate; Director Grains and Oilseeds Division; and Deputy Director Multilateral Trade with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. He was also the former Executive Director of the National Farm Products Council, and was a Trade Commissioner with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, with postings in Kuwait, Bangkok, Brussels, Edmonton and Ottawa.

Mr. McAlpine represents Maple Leaf Foods on the international affairs committees of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the association of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters. He is also on the advisory committee to the Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College, the program advisory committee for the Kemptville Campus of the University of Guelph and is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Ontario 4-H Foundation. Mr. McAlpine holds a Masters degree in Economics from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

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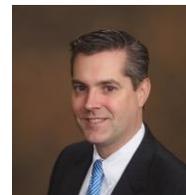


Warren McKenna joined Farmers Electric Cooperative (FEC) in Kalona, IA in 1992. Since then, he has helped to make FEC an innovator amongst cooperatives when it comes to renewable energy, establishing a goal of generating 15% of their power from renewable sources by 2025. To achieve this goal, FEC offers a number of unique programs, including a premium rate for members producing energy from solar and small wind systems. FEC also has a “solar garden” program which allows consumers to purchase and produce solar energy from off-site community-owned solar arrays. FEC has been recognized by NREL as one of the top 10 utilities for its customer participation in its green power project.

Mr. McKenna serves on the Executive Board of the Resale Power Group of Iowa (RPGI), a consortium of 25 electric utilities. During his tenure RPGI has transformed into a modern virtual wholesale energy supplier and MISO market participant with 138MW of dispatched peaking generation. He is also a current and founding board member of the Iowa Solar Energy Trade Association. Mr. McKenna has a BSIT Degree, is a Journeyman Power Lineman and licensed Master Electrician. Most interestingly, the very efficient McKenna home has 6+ energy monitors, is mostly solar powered using 2 grid-tied arrays, and is heated with wood pellets.

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Alan Morgan serves as Chief Executive Officer for the National Rural Health Association. He has more than 23 years experience in health policy development at the state and federal level. He served as staff for former US Congressman Dick Nichols and Kansas Governor Mike Hayden. Additionally, his experience includes tenures with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and with the Heart Rhythm Society. Prior to joining NRHA, he served as a federal lobbyist for VHA Inc.

### **Alan Morgan Continued...**

Mr. Morgan's health policy articles have been published in: The American Journal of Clinical Medicine, The Journal of Rural Health, The Journal of Cardiovascular Management, The Journal of Pacing and Clinical Electrophysiology, Cardiac Electrophysiology Review, and in Laboratory Medicine. He also served as a co-author for the publication, "Policy & Politics in Nursing and Health Care," and for the publication, "Rural Populations and Health." He holds a BS degree from University of Kansas, and a MS from George Mason University. In 2011, he was selected by Modern Healthcare Magazine as being among the top 100 most influential people in healthcare.

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Bob serves on multiple dairy industry related committees in Idaho and nationally he serves on the Executive Committee of the Agriculture Coalition for Immigration Reform, National Immigration Forum Board of Directors and National Milk Producers Federations Immigration Task Force.

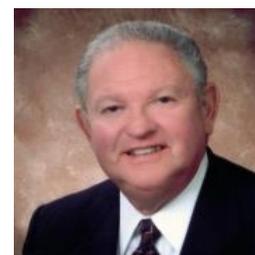
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Marlene Pierson-Jolliffe was elected the 2013 chair of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. Ms. Pierson-Jolliffe has served as CEO at the fair since November of 2004. Prior to becoming fair manager, she was assistant manager and sales & marketing coordinator for the fair from 1989-2003. Between her stints with the state fair, Ms. Pierson-Jolliffe served as the executive director of the Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce in Lewisburg. She graduated with a BS degree in Travel Industry Management from Concord College in Athens, W.Va. She achieved her Master of Science in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management from Clemson University. Among her civic accomplishments, Ms. Pierson-Jolliffe has served on the WVNS CBS 59 Advisory Board, the Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the CVB Board, and as a BB&T Bank Community Advisory Director. She earned her IAFE Certified Fair Executive designation in 1997.

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## **John Putney Continued...**

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Debbie previously worked at the White House Council on Environmental Quality as the Director of Legislative Affairs and Agricultural Policy; in the US Senate, as a Senior Staff on natural resource and agricultural issues for U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey, and in numerous leadership roles at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She has graduate degrees in human nutrition, chemistry, and communications.

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Craig has served in an advisory role on a number of committees and projects significant to the nursery industry. He served as co-chair of the Safeguarding American Plant Resources project, which reviewed USDA efforts to keep serious foreign plant pests from entering the U.S. He represents the entire nursery industry on the National Plant Board's Quarantine & Nursery Standards Committee and as the Nursery/Greenhouse Commodity Chair for the North American Plant Patent Organization's U.S. industry advisory group. Craig also chairs the overall U.S. IAG. This group establishes the framework for trade in nursery and greenhouse crops and other plant products into and within North America.

Before joining the ANLA staff, Craig was an Agricultural Extension Agent for Fairfax County, Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Immediately after college, he worked as a horticulturist with Merrifield Garden Center in Merrifield, Virginia. Craig received a Bachelor of Science from Virginia Tech.

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Born on a farm near Delisle, Saskatchewan, and driven by a lifelong passion for agriculture, Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz believes in putting "Farmers First". It means that by ensuring a strong and profitable farm gate the entire value chain is better positioned to capitalize on market opportunities, drive the economy and feed the world.

Over his five years as Agriculture Minister, Ritz has worked to ensure a profitable farm gate by improving market access around the world and investing in research and development here at home. He has led over 30 trade missions around the world in an effort to open, reopen and expand market access by promoting a rules and science-based approach to trade. At home, Minister Ritz works with industry, academia and other levels of government to strategically invest in science and innovation that will create new market opportunities for Canada's hardworking producers and processors.

Most recently, Minister Ritz quarterbacked the passage of the historic Marketing Freedom for Grain Farmers Act, which is opening the door to new investment, innovation and value-added opportunities for Western Canadian wheat and barley growers. Working collaboratively with the provinces, territories and industry, he is leading the development of a renewed policy framework for agriculture to meet the ever-changing needs of the farm gate while strengthening the entire agriculture industry. Minister Ritz received the Western Canadian Wheat Growers "Shovel of Gratitude" in 2012 for delivering marketing freedom for western wheat, durum and barley farmers. Minister Ritz was also awarded the first-ever Jim Graham Award by the Canada Beef Export Federation in 2009 for "the greatest contribution made to Canadian beef and veal exports". In 2010, he was recognized by the Canadian Pork Council for his efforts to maintain global confidence in Canadian pork following the H1N1 crisis.

Minister Ritz has been serving farmers, food processors and all Canadians as Minister of Agriculture since 2007, and as Member of Parliament for Battlefords-Lloydminster since 1997. He previously served as Secretary of State for Small Business and Tourism and continues to represent his native Saskatchewan as Regional Minister. In addition to farming, Minister Ritz has owned and operated a general contracting business, and co-owned a weekly newspaper. Minister Ritz also has a long history of community involvement including work with economic development organizations and coaching hockey.

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The Honorable Bill Stouffer was a Missouri Senator from 2004-2012. He chaired the republican caucus, the 4-H caucus, and the Senate's Committee on Transportation as well as serving as vice chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee. He is a farmer and small business owner. A former school board president and graduate of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, he is an active member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Corn Growers, Missouri Soybean Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Civil Air Patrol, NRA, and the Smith Chapel United Methodist Church. Stouffer's leadership experience in the agriculture industry includes serving as a member of the Board of Directors for MFA, Inc. for 16 years, and has also chaired the University of Missouri's College of Agriculture Foundation, was an elected member of the state's first corn merchandising council, and was inducted into the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives Hall of Fame in 2008. Stouffer is considered a leader in transportation issues and is the first Transportation Chair to have driven the state's roads in a car, tractor, and a semi. His business experience has also relied heavily on barge and rail traffic. His efforts include finding solutions to fund expansions to Interstates 70 and 44 including truck-only lanes.

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Thomas also has served as executive director of the Kentucky Dairy Development Council. He chaired the Agriculture and International Trade Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures Agriculture and Rural Development Committee; chaired the Southern States Bio-Based Energy Alliance and the Council on State Government Agriculture and Rural Development Committee; co-chaired the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Oversight Committee; served on the Tobacco Task Force, the Kentucky Aquaculture Task Force and the Council of State Governments Agriculture Policy Task Force.

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legislation including the Community Empowerment Transportation Act enabling local communities to address transportation needs, the Electronic Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Act supporting the deployment of broadband, water protection legislation, and transportation legislation supporting Route 9. In addition to transportation and infrastructure legislation, Senator Unger sponsored the creation of the State Division of Energy, anti-animal cruelty, and numerous education bills. Senator Unger was appointed Senate Majority Leader on January 12, 2011 by Acting Senate President Kessler.

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The Water Innovation Centre builds upon Lake Winnipeg Basin research work he has directed at IISD, including ecological goods and service valuation, payments for ecosystem services, decision support systems for ecosystem investments, water quality trading, large-scale nutrient capture through ecosystem restoration and watershed management, and innovative governance models for basin management. Selected Lake Winnipeg-related project descriptions can be found [here](#).

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