

Growing Our Future Online Registration NOW OPEN

Online registration is now open for an agri-food policy conference you won't want to miss. Until February 23, you can register for the special price of \$150.

Growing Our Future: Making sense of national food strategies features keynote speaker **Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)** presenting on United States Farm Policy and the World Trade Organization.

As Chief Economist, Dr. Glauber is responsible for the USDA's agricultural forecasts and projections and for advising the Secretary of Agriculture on economic implications of alternative programs, regulations, and legislative proposals. He's also responsible for the Office of the Chief Economist, the World Agricultural Outlook Board, the Office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit analysis, the Global Change Program Office, and the Office of Energy Policy and New Uses.

In addition to Dr. Glauber's presentation, other topics and speakers at the **Growing Our Future** conference include:

- Biofuels and agricultural policy - **Bruno Larue**, *Professor and Canada Research Chair in International Agri-food Trade, Laval University; and Director of the Center for Research on the Economics of the Environment, Agri-food, Transports and Energy (CREATE)*
- Public investment in agri-food research and development - **John Cranfield**, *Professor, Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Guelph and President, Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES)*
- Canadian direct payment programs from 1981 – 2010 - **James Vercammen**, *Professor, Food and Resource Economics, Strategy and Business Economics, University of British Columbia; and Past President, CAES*
- Food security - **Murray Fulton**, *Professor, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy; and Associate Member, Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics, University of Saskatchewan*
- Agricultural policy in the 21st century - **Murray Fulton**
- The role of agri-food policy in shaping health - **John Cranfield**
- Environmental beneficial management practices policies and outcomes - **James Vercammen**
- Current issues in supply-managed commodities - **Bruno Larue**

The conference will be held April 5, 2012 at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa. To see the full agenda or to register, go to <http://fare.uoguelph.ca/institute/conference.html> or contact Debbie Harkies at dharkies@uoguelph.ca or 519-824-4120 ext. 53625.

Growing Our Future is presented by the Institute for the Advanced Study of Food and Agricultural Policy, based in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph.