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*on Vilsack to Moderate Two Panels on the Future of Agriculture*

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 2014—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced speakers for the 2014 Agricultural Outlook Forum, to be held on January 14, 15, and 16, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will moderate the first panel, titled "The Future of Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities." The panel will feature speakers from the Administration of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Rajiv Shah, Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development; and the U.S. Agency for International Development, Rajiv Shah, Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The second panel focuses on the future of agriculture and rural communities. It will be moderated by Executive Director of the National Rural Leadership Initiative, Dr. Robert L. Johnson, and will feature speakers from the Executive Director of the National Rural Leadership Initiative, Dr. Robert L. Johnson, and the Executive Director of the National Rural Leadership Initiative, Dr. Robert L. Johnson.

Deputy Secretary Krystina Danziger will welcome the speakers and introduce the forum. She will be joined by the Director of the National Rural Leadership Initiative, Dr. Robert L. Johnson, and the Executive Director of the National Rural Leadership Initiative, Dr. Robert L. Johnson.

USDA's Chief Economist Joseph Glauber will deliver the 2014 Agricultural & Foreign Trade Outlooks. The outlooks will provide a comprehensive overview of the current and projected agricultural and foreign trade conditions for the United States and the world.

The U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance will host a pre-forum training session titled "Feeding the World: Shopping America's Eating Habits." The session will focus on the impact of consumer choices on the agricultural sector and the role of the USDA in addressing these challenges.

- **Carolyn O'Neill, MS, RD**— Nutrition Expert, Food Journalist, and Television Personality (Moderator)
- **Dr. Craig Rowles** — Partner and General Manager, Elite Pork Partnership, Carroll, Iowa
- **Dennis Derryck** — President and Founder, Corbin Hill Farms, New York, NY
- **Jim Call** — Farmer, Call Farms, Madison, Minn.
- **Colette Rihane, MS, RD**— Nutrition Guidance and Analysis Division Director, Center for Nutrition Programs, USDA
- **Dr. Roger Clemens** — Chief Scientific Officer for ETHorn and Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **Barbara Ruhs, MS, RD, LDN**— Corporate Dietician, Bashas' Grocery Stores, Phoenix, Ariz.

USDA's first release of preliminary data from the new Census of Agriculture will occur at the Forum; participants will receive a copy of the report. The report will provide a comprehensive overview of the current and projected agricultural and foreign trade conditions for the United States and the world.

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Speaking at the 29 breakout sessions will be more than 95 distinguished experts in the fields of international

A program schedule and [registration are available](#) at [USDA](#) has hosted the Agricultural Outlook Forum since

Registration is \$375 until Jan. 21, 2014, and \$425 thereafter. Plenary speeches will be Webcast after 6 p.m.

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