Mark Your Calendar!

117th Annual
NGFA Convention
March 17-19, 2013
Westin St. Francis
San Francisco, Calif.
America’s Finest

Hal Reed
Chairman

It’s a pleasure to welcome all members and guests to the National Grain and Feed Association’s (NGFA) 115th annual convention. I especially want to welcome all new members and first-time attendees. It’s great to have you here, and I encourage you to participate actively in all this convention has to offer!

We convene in a city whose moniker is “America’s Finest.” That also is an apt description of the industry members who gather here this week. Many of you work tirelessly in the NGFA’s “vineyards,” serving in leadership positions on the NGFA Board of Directors, as committee chairs and committee members, as elected leaders or executive staff members of State and Regional Grain and Feed Associations, and in many other capacities. I want to extend my sincere thanks, on behalf of your fellow industry members, for your dedicated service in proactively addressing the myriad issues that this great Association is called on to tackle for the benefit of the industry.

What an exciting time to be in this business of providing abundant and affordable grain-based food, feed, biofuels and exports to world consumers! To succeed will require that we achieve pro-growth policies, a regulatory environment that does not overly burden business efficiency and a federal budget that is sound and sustainable over the long term. I believe that achieving these objectives will demand an even greater commitment from each of us to become more actively and directly involved in our nation’s political process – a theme that will permeate this convention.

A good way to start is by participating in the many open committee meetings to learn first-hand – and to provide your input – on the major issues that will affect our businesses in the year ahead. You’ll find committee meetings scheduled on Sunday afternoon, as well as Monday and Tuesday mornings. The agenda for each committee is listed in the program so you can pick those that have the most interest and relevance to you and your business. As an industry-driven Association, the committee structure is the heart-and-soul of our organization. I also encourage you to attend the major open forums on Sunday afternoon, as well as the outstanding general sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Interacting with our convention speakers, exchanging ideas with your industry colleagues and enjoying these beautiful surroundings with your friends and family are integral parts of the NGFA convention experience.

Finally, let me thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as NGFA chairman for the past year, and for all the support you have given me. Yes, we have big challenges ahead that will require even more active involvement from each of us as members. But we also have a great team! I’m excited to see what the future holds as “America’s finest” continues to invest our time, talents and resources in this great Association.

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Visit the Village!

A select group of organizations are exhibiting their products/services at the NGFA Ag Village!

Populating the Village are:

- **DTN/The Progressive Farmer**
  Omaha, Neb.

- **Miner Enterprises**, Geneva, Ill.

- **NAB Automation Inc.**
  Cape Girardeau, Mo.

- **Neogen Corp.**, Lansing, Mich.

- **Port of Stockton**, Stockton, Calif.

- **Sioux Steel**, Sioux Falls, S.D.

All convention registrants and guests are encouraged to visit these exhibitors to learn more about them and the services they offer to the grain, feed and processing industry.

**Location:** Grand Hall, near the NGFA registration area.

**Hours:**
- Sunday, March 18
  10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- Monday, March 19
  6:30 - 8 a.m., 9:40 - 10 a.m.
  11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 20
  6:30 - 8 a.m., 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.
  Noon - 1 p.m.

Welcome New NGFA Members!

The National Grain and Feed Association extends a warm welcome to all new member companies that joined during the past year.

The following new member companies have representatives attending the convention. These individuals are wearing white ribbons on their name badge; please say “hello” and make them feel welcome.

- **Ag Services of Wisconsin LLC**
  Berlin, WI
  • Phil Martini

- **Atlas Grains LLC**
  Chicago, IL
  • John Harangody

- **Bryan Cave LLP**
  St. Louis, MO
  • James Kearns

- **Cascade Settlement Services**
  Mill Valley, CA
  • Brian Williamson

- **Great Western Bank Agribusiness**
  Shawnee, KS
  • Ken Kollar

- **Lakeshore Food Advisors LLC**
  Chicago, IL
  • William Whipple

- **Lifeline Foods**
  St. Joseph, MO
  • Bert Farrish

- **Norman G. Jensen Inc.**
  Minneapolis, MN
  • Jim Masloksi

- **Phibro Ethanol Performance Group**
  Ridgefield Park, NJ
  • Tom Slunecka

- **Pride Grain**
  Long Pine, NE
  • Brad Wilkins

- **STRATO Inc.**
  Burleson, TX
  • James Owens

- **Wells Fargo Commodities LLC**
  Charlotte, NC
  • Robert Christensen

Media Room

The NGFA welcomes print and broadcast news media covering the convention. A Media Center for the exclusive use of the working media is located in the 2E Suite. A brief special convention and issues briefing for media is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 in the Stuart Room.
National Grain and Feed Foundation Golf Classic

Monday, March 19, 12:30 - 6:30 p.m.

[Only Bus leaves at 11:45 a.m. from the Bell Stand entrance of the Hotel Lobby.]

Patriots Points Golf Club

[Preregistration required. Those not preregistered may check at the NGFA convention registration desk for availability]

The annual National Grain and Feed Foundation Classic will occur Monday, March 19. Proceeds from the tournament fund much-needed research and educational endeavors of the Foundation.

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Convention Tours

Three tours are offered for your enjoyment. Preregistrants will find their tour tickets in their registration packets. If you did not preregister and would like to sign up, see the NGFA convention registration desk to check on availability. [*Note: All tours depart from the Bell Stand entrance of the hotel lobby. Please arrive five to 10 minutes prior to departure time.*]

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Boone Hall Plantation Tour
Take a comprehensive guided tour of Boone Hall Plantation, one of the oldest in Charleston. Led by a well-informed guide in historical dress, the tour will highlight the elegant Plantation Home, as well as its spectacular gardens, including such highlights as the antique rose bushes and the Butterfly Pavilion. We will also visit a new exhibit, “Black History In America,” which highlights slaves’ daily lives, how they worked and lived, and the struggles they faced.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Fort Sumter and Citadel Tour
A National Monument and the site of the Civil War’s first shots, Fort Sumter features an excellent museum containing priceless Civil War exhibits. Accessible only by boat, this tour includes a cruise around Charleston’s historic harbor with views of the Atlantic Ocean and entrance to Charleston Harbor. On the way back to the hotel, we’ll take a driving tour of The Citadel, the premiere military academy of South Carolina.

Carriage Ride through Charleston
Take a private tour of Charleston’s Historic District in a horsedrawn carriage and see many of the “Port City’s” major landmarks from a more intimate vantage point. During the carriage ride, your guide will regale you with Charleston folklore and “insiders’ ” stories.

Spouse/Guest Program

For spouses and guests registered for the convention, the registration fee includes the following functions that you cordially are invited to attend:

**Sunday, March 18:**
➤ **CoBank Welcome Reception**, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, March 19:**
➤ **Special Spouse/Guest Event**, 9 - 11:30 a.m. As always, a special event awaits spouse/guest registrants! A sumptuous sit-down breakfast will be served on Monday morning, March 19 (not too early!) followed by a champagne tasting led by the hotel’s sommelier.

**Tuesday, March 20:**
➤ **Continental Breakfast**, 6:30 – 8 a.m.

➤ **Reception, Gala Banquet and Entertainment**, 6:30 - 10 p.m. This year, the convention’s signature closing event will be conducted at the Gibbes Museum of Art, the city’s preeminent museum dedicated to the art of Charleston and the American South. Enjoy a fun-filled party featuring a festive Lowcountry dinner and special entertainment that will be fun for all ages – all hosted in the museum’s magnolia tree-lined courtyard!
Annual Gala Banquet and Entertainment--

**Twilight Under the Magnolias**

**Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 - 10 p.m.**

Bring the whole family to the convention’s signature closing event at the **Gibbes Museum of Art**, the city’s preeminent museum dedicated to preserving and promoting the art of Charleston and the American South. The Museum will be open during the gala so NGFA members and guests may enjoy its permanent collection and visiting exhibits.

We’ll turn the museum’s magnolia tree-lined courtyard into our own Southern garden where we’ll enjoy a fun-filled party featuring a festive Lowcountry dinner and very special entertainment – **The Bluestone Ramblers**! The Ramblers will delight with traditional Southern bluegrass and country music. Trust us, these guys are the real deal – their guitarist has just returned from recording with Blake Shelton and their banjoist was featured on Steve Martin’s most recent bluegrass album. Authentic Charlestonian food, music and fun to cap off your 2012 Convention experience. Don’t miss it, y’all!

The gala begins at 6:30 p.m. The reception and buffet dinner will occur from 6:30 – 8 p.m. (open, casual seating), with dessert and dancing following at 8 p.m. Business and cocktail attire (with a Southern twist) is appropriate. The Gibbes Museum is located two short blocks from the Charleston Place Hotel.

Here’s the schedule for the evening *(cocktail and business attire appropriate)*:

- **Reception and Buffet Dinner**: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- **Dessert and Dancing**: 8 - 10 p.m.

Special thanks to **Bank of America**, Charlotte, N.C., for underwriting rental of the Gibbes Museum.

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**NATIONAL GRAIN AND FEED FOUNDATION**

Established in 1965, the National Grain and Feed Foundation provides support for public education and research projects that benefit the grain, feed and processing industry, enhance its presence to the public, and position it for future growth. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, contributions to the Foundation from private, individual and corporate sources, as well as from other industry foundations, generally are **tax deductible**.

All administrative support and management expertise for the day-to-day operations of the Foundation are donated by the NGFA. That means 100 percent of funds contributed is directed to research and education.

Recent Foundation projects have included:

- **CRP Research and Analysis**: The Foundation in 2012 is funding a research study to evaluate the quality of land currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and the extent to which it could be farmed in an environmentally sustainable way. The study also is evaluating the impact of various policy options on restoring such land to row-crop production.

- **Regional Safety and Health Seminars**: The Foundation in 2012 financially is supporting four regional safety and health seminars to further enhance bin-entry and other safety practices.

- **Safe Grain Bin Entry on Farms**: The Foundation partnered with the National Corn Growers Association in 2011 to produce a new educational video to promote safe bin entry on farms.

- **Animal Agriculture Alliance**: The Foundation provides ongoing financial support for this group effort to promote and defend traditional animal agriculture production.

- **Feed Quality Assurance Distance Learning**: The Foundation provided financial support for the production of six distance learning courses on the NGFA’s Model Feed Quality Assurance Program, unveiled in March 2009.

**FOUNDATION DONATIONS NEEDED!**

Donations to the National Grain and Feed Foundation generally qualify as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Donations may be made by individuals, corporations or other foundations with similar goals, and often are made in memory of past industry leaders or colleagues. Contributions should be sent to: National Grain and Feed Foundation, 1250 Eye St., N.W., Ste. 1003, Washington, D.C., 20005-3922.
NGFA Convention Program
Detailed Schedule

Sunday, March 18

Convention Registration
8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Conference Lounge
(Coffee/refreshments sponsored by The Andersons Inc.)

Executive Committee Meeting (Closed)
10 a.m.-Noon, Drayton

Presiding:
Tom Coyle, Committee Chair
General Manager
Nidera U.S. LLC, Chicago, Ill.

Ag Village
10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Grand Hall


Past NGFA Presidents’/Chairmen’s Luncheon
(By Invitation Only)
Noon - 1:30 p.m., Ashley/Cooper
(Sponsored by West Plains Co., Kansas City, Mo.)

Open Committee Meetings
All Convention Attendees Encouraged to Participate!

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12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Country Elevator Committee Cypress

Presiding:
Jim Black, Committee Chair
General Manager, Maplehurst Farms
Rochelle, Ill.

AGENDA TOPICS:
➤ Update on MF Global Bankruptcy
➤ 2012 Farm Bill Priorities
➤ Changes in Staffing at USDA Warehouse Division
➤ Funding Prospects for Federal Grain Warehouse Licensing Program and Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement Contract

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Sunday, March 18 (Cont’d)

1 - 3 p.m.

Trade Rules Committee
Live Oak

Presiding:
James W. Keistler, Committee Chair
Merchandising Manager
Twomey Co., Smithshire, Ill.

AGENDA TOPICS:
➢ E-Commerce Update to Trade Rules
➢ “Day Session” – NGFA Grain Trade Rule 30(F), etc.
➢ Trade Rules for Trucking
➢ Secondary Rail Freight Trading Rules Status Report
➢ Opening of the Mid-Mississippi River

Trade and Agricultural Policy Committee
Drayton

Presiding:
Joe Kapraun, Committee Chair
Manager, Grain Division, GROWMARK Inc.
Bloomington, Ill.

AGENDA TOPICS:
➢ Farm Bill: Manuvering Policy during Election Year
➢ Conservation Reserve Program: Preliminary Foundation Research Project’s Findings and Potential Policy Reforms
➢ Trade: Transpacific Partnership Negotiations
➢ WTO Implications in Farm Bill

MF Global Panel Discussion

Featured Panelists:
George Angelich
Arent Fox LLP, New York, N.Y.

Lori O’Flaherty
CoBank, Denver, Colo.

Tim Andriesen
CME Group, Chicago, Ill.

Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee (Closed)
Colleton

Presiding:
Dan Mack, Committee Chair
Vice President, Transportation and Terminal Operations
CHS Inc., St. Paul, Minn.

1:30 - 3 p.m.

Workshop on Complying with Food Safety Modernization Act
Magnolia
(Hosted by the Country Elevator Committee, Feed Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee, and Feed Manufacturing and Technology Committee)

Moderator:
Jarvis Haugeberg, Committee Chair;
Feed Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee General Manager, DakotaLand Feeds LLC
Huron, S.D.

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Sunday, March 18 (Cont’d)

Discussants:

**David Fairfield**, Director of Feed Services
National Grain and Feed Association
Atlantic, Iowa

**Matt Frederking**, Director
Regulatory Affairs and Operations
Ralco Nutrition Inc., Marshall, Minn.

3:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Joint Meeting

Biofuels and Co-Products Committee;
Feed Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee;
Feed Manufacturing and Technology Committee

**Dogwood**

Presiding:

**Jarvis Haugeberg, Committee Chair**
Feed Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee
General Manager, DakotaLand Feeds LLC
Huron, S.D.

**Matt Frederking, Committee Chair**
Feed Manufacturing and Technology Committee
Director, Regulatory Affairs and Operations
Ralco Nutrition Inc., Marshall, Minn.

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

- Status of FDA’s Implementation of Food/Feed Safety Law

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Biotechnology Committee

2H Suite

Presiding:

**Jim Stitzlein, Committee Chair**
Manager, Marketing Development
CGB Enterprises
Chesterfield, Mo.

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

- Consideration of MOU on Improving Communications throughout the Value Chain on Biotechnology and Trade Issues
- Review of Revised NGFA Biotechnology Policy
- Other Biotechnology Issues

Joint Meeting

Risk Management Committee;
Finance and Administration Committee

**Willow**

Presiding:

**Matt Bruns, Risk Management Committee Chair**
Vice President, Corn Processing Department
Archer Daniels Midland Company
Decatur, Ill.

**John Heck, Finance and Administration Committee Chair**
Vice President, The Scoular Company
Omaha, Neb.

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

- Update on CFTC Implementation of Dodd-Frank Financial Regulatory Reform Law
- Initial Recommendations of NGFA MF Global Task Force

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Sunday, March 18 (Cont’d)

Rail Open Forum
3:30 - 5:15 p.m.
Magnolia
(Hosted by Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee)

Presiding:
Dan Mack, Committee Chair
Vice President, Transportation and Terminal Operations
CHS Inc., St. Paul, Minn.

“Impact of Increased Gas and Crude Oil Production on Rail Demand”

Featured Panelists:
Lynn Hiser, Vice President, Logistics
Fairmount Minerals, Wedron, Ill.

Paul F. Titterton, CFA
Vice President and Group Executive
Fleet Management, Marketing and Government Affairs
GATX Corporation, Chicago, Ill.

Sunday, March 18 (Cont’d)

“Food Safety Modernization Act/
Food Safety Impact on Rail Transportation”

Featured Panelists:
David Fairfield, Director of Feed Services
National Grain and Feed Association
Atlantic, Iowa

Dan Mack, Vice President
Transportation and Terminal Operations
CHS Inc., St. Paul, Minn.

New Member/First-Time Attendee Reception
(By Invitation Only)
5:30 - 6 p.m.
Flag Pole Terrace
(If inclement weather, 2L Suite)
Sponsored by West Plains Co., Kansas City, Mo.

CoBank Gala
Welcome Reception
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Riviera Complex
(Located across from King St. exit of hotel)
Sponsored by CoBank, Denver, Colo.
### NGFA Convention Program-At-A-Glance

#### SUNDAY
**March 18**
- **Convention Registration**
  - 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
  - Conference Lounge

- **Executive Committee Meeting**
  - (Closed)
  - 10 a.m. - Noon
  - Drayton

- **Ag Village**
  - 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Grand Hall

- **Past NGFA Presidents/Chairmen’s Luncheon**
  - (By Invitation Only)
  - Noon - 1:30 p.m.
  - Ashley/Cooper

- **Open Committee Meetings**
  - All Convention Attendees
  - Encouraged to Participate!
  - 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

- **Country Elevator Committee**
  - Cypress

- **Trade Rules Committee**
  - Live Oak

- **Trade/Agricultural Policy Committee**
  - Drayton

- **Risk Management Committee; Finance and Administration Committee**
  - Willow

- **MF Global Open Forum**
  - George Angelich
    - Arent Fox
  - Lori O’Flaherty
    - CoBank

- **Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee**
  - (Closed)
  - Colleton
  - 1:30 - 3 p.m.

- **Workshop on Complying with Food Safety Modernization Act**
  - Magnolia

- **New Member/First-Time Attendee Reception**
  - (By Invitation)
  - 5:30 - 6 p.m.
  - Flag Pole Terrace

- **CoBank Welcome Reception**
  - 6 – 7:30 p.m.
  - Riviera Complex

#### SUNDAY
**March 18 (Cont’d)**

- **Open Committee Meetings**
  - All Convention Attendees
  - Encouraged to Participate!
  - 3:30 - 5:15 p.m.

- **Rail Open Forum**
  - Magnolia
  - "Impact of Increased Gas and Crude Oil Production on Rail Demand"

- **Risk Management Committee; Finance and Administration Committee**
  - Willow

- **New Member/First-Time Attendee Reception**
  - 6 – 7:30 p.m.
  - Riviera Complex

#### MONDAY
**March 19**
- **Convention Registration**
  - 6:30 a.m. - Noon
  - Conference Lounge

- **Ag Village**
  - 6:30 – 8 a.m.;
  - 9:20 – 9:45 a.m.;
  - 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - Grand Hall

- **Idea-Exchange Breakfast**
  - 6:30 - 8 a.m.
  - Cypress/Dogwood/Live Oak

- **Grain and Feed PAC Breakfast**
  - 7 – 8 a.m.
  - Jenkins/King Charles

- **Open Committee Meeting**
  - All Convention Attendees
  - Encouraged to Participate!
  - 7 – 8 a.m.

- **Spouse Breakfast/Program**
  - 9 - 11:30 a.m.
  - The Pavilion

- **Grand Opening Session**
  - 8 – 11:30 a.m.
  - Magnolia/Willow

- **"Ag Policy and Other Priorities for 2012 Congress"**
  - Hon. Sen. Debbie Stabenow
  - chair, Senate Ag Committee

- **"TBD"**
  - James Young
  - Union Pacific Railway

- **"Economic Outlook for 2012"**
  - Terry Barr
  - CoBank

- **"Regulatory Overreach – Meeting the Challenge!"**
  - Marc Freedman
  - U.S. Chamber of Commerce

- **"Mitigating Safety and Health Risks in 2012"**
  - Eric Conn
  - Epstein Becker Green

#### MONDAY
**March 19 (Cont’d)**
- **National Grain and Feed Foundation Golf Tournament**
  - 11:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- **TOUR**
  - [RSVP and separate fee required; depart from the Bell Stand entrance of the Hotel Lobby]

- **Boone Hall Plantation**
  - 1 – 5 p.m.

- **Bunge North America Reception**
  - 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
  - Grand Ballroom
  - (All convention registrants invited)

#### TUESDAY
**March 20**
- **Convention Registration**
  - 6:30 a.m. - Noon
  - Conference Lounge

- **Ag Village**
  - 6:30 – 8 a.m.
  - Noon - 1 p.m.
  - Grand Hall

- **Idea-Exchange Breakfast**
  - 6:30 - 8 a.m.
  - Cypress/Dogwood/Live Oak

- **Open Committee Meetings**
  - All Convention Attendees
  - Encouraged to Participate!
  - 7 – 8 a.m.

- **Joint Agroterrorism/Facility Security Committee**
  - Colleton

- **Member’s Awards Luncheon**
  - 11:30 a.m.
  - Union Pacific Railway

- **"Mitigating Safety and Health Risks in 2012"**
  - Eric Conn
  - Epstein Becker Green

- **Board of Directors Meeting**
  - Noon - 12:45 p.m.
  - Luncheon: The Pavilion
  - Meeting: Riviera Ballroom

- **Executive Committee Meeting**
  - (Closed)
  - 3:30 – 4 p.m.
  - Jenkins/King Charles

- **TOURS**
  - [RSVP and separate fee required; depart from the Bell Stand entrance of the Hotel Lobby]

- **Fort Sumter/Citadel**
  - 1 – 5 p.m.

- **Banquet & Entertainment**
  - 6:30 - 10 p.m.
  - Gibbes Museum of Art
Monday, March 19

Convention Registration
6:30 a.m. - Noon, Conference Lounge

Ag Village
6:30 – 8 a.m., 9:20 - 9:45 a.m. (during program break); 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Grand Hall


Idea-Exchange Breakfast
6:30 - 8 a.m., Cypress/Dogwood/Live Oak
(Sponsored by Archer Daniels Midland Co., Decatur, Ill.)

Grain and Feed PAC Breakfast
7 - 8 a.m., Jenkins/King Charles

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Monday, March 19 (Cont’d)

7 - 8 a.m.

Rail Arbitration Rules Committee
Colleton

Presiding:
Kyle Hancock, Committee Chair
Vice President, Industrial and Agricultural Products
CSX Transportation Co., Jacksonville, Fla.

AGENDA TOPICS:
➤ Overview Report on NGFA Arbitration System
➤ Claims Subject to NGFA Rail Arbitration

Spouse Breakfast/Program
9 - 11:30 a.m., The Pavilion
(Sponsored by CIT Rail, Chicago, Ill.)
[See page 11 for details]

Grand Opening Session
8 - 11:30 a.m., Magnolia/Willow

Presiding:
Hal Reed, Chairman
National Grain and Feed Association
Chief Operating Officer
The Andersons Inc., Maumee, Ohio

"Agricultural Policy and Other Priorities for Congress in 2012"

Featured Speaker:
Chairwoman, Senate Agriculture Committee
Washington, D.C.

Hon. Debbie Stabenow
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“Agricultural, ”

Featured Speaker:

John Koraleski, Acting President and Chief Executive Officer
Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, Neb.

Break: 9:20 - 9:45 a.m.
(Coffee service sponsored by Monsanto Co. St. Louis, Mo.)

Grand Opening Session Reconvenes
9:45 a.m., Magnolia/Willow

Presiding:

Tom Coyle, Immediate Past Chairman
National Grain and Feed Association
General Manager, Nidera U.S. LLC, Chicago, Ill.

Membership Awards Ceremony

Master of Ceremony:

Mark Avery, Chair
Membership and Marketing Committee
Publisher, Grain Journal, Decatur, Ill.

“NGFA – 116 Years and Going Strong!”

Featured Remarks:

Kendell W. Keith
NGFA President (1987-2012)
Alexandria, Va.

“Economic Outlook for 2012”

Featured Speaker:

Terry Barr
Director, Knowledge Exchange Group
CoBank, Denver, Colo.

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“Regulatory Overreach – Meeting the Challenge!”

Featured Speaker:
Marc Freedman  
Executive Director, Labor Law Policy  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

Recess for Afternoon
11:30 a.m.

Afternoon Open for Activities
11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

National Grain and Feed Foundation Golf Tournament
11:45 a.m. - 6 p.m., Patriots Point Links  
(Sole bus departs at 11:45 a.m. from the Bell Stand Entrance of the hotel lobby.)
[See page 43 for list of sponsors of the NGFF Classic Golf Tournament]

Boone Hall Plantation Tour
1 - 5 p.m.  
[RSVP and separate fee required; buses depart at 1 p.m. from the Bell Stand Entrance of the hotel lobby.]

Bunge North America Inc. Reception
6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Grand Ballroom  
[All convention registrants invited]

Evening Open for Private Receptions and Dinners

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Membership and Marketing Committee
Beauregard

Presiding:
Mark Avery, Committee Chair
Publisher, Grain Journal, Decatur, Ill.

AGENDA TOPICS:
➢ Membership Recruiting Results for 2011-12
➢ Review of Dues/Non-Dues Revenue Programs
➢ Use of Social Media to Market NGFA

Waterborne Commerce Committee
Ashley/Cooper

Presiding:
Laurie Hiler, Committee Chair
Manager/Owner, Seneca Transportation, LLC
Creve Coeur, Mo.

AGENDA TOPICS:
➢ Inland Waterways Trust Fund
➢ Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
➢ Inland Waterways Dredging
➢ EPA Vessel Discharge Regulations

General Industry Session
8:15 a.m. - Noon, Magnolia/Willow

Annual Business Meeting

Presiding:
Hal Reed, Chairman
National Grain and Feed Association
Chief Operating Officer
The Andersons Inc., Maumee, Ohio

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA:
➢ Election and Appointment of Industry Officers and Directors
➢ Ratification of Amendments to NGFA Trade Rules

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Break: 10 - 10:20 a.m.
(Coffee service co-sponsored by Arizona Grain Inc. and Attebury Grain LLC)

Grand Opening Session Reconvenes
10:20 a.m., Magnolia/Willow

Presiding:
**Bailey Ragan, Second Vice Chairman**
National Grain and Feed Association
Vice President, Bunge Grain, Fertilizer and Biofuels
Bunge North America, St. Louis, Mo.

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Featured Speaker:
**Hal Reed, Chairman**
National Grain and Feed Association
President, Grain and Ethanol Group
The Andersons Inc., Maumee, Ohio

*Industry Recognition*
- Retiring Members of Board of Directors
- 2011-12 Arbitrators
- Special Industry Recognitions

“Mitigating Safety and Health Risks in 2012 – A Management Perspective”

Featured Speaker:
**Eric Conn**, Head of OSHA Practice
Epstein Becker Green, Washington, D.C.

Adjourn at Noon

12 - 1 p.m.

Grain and Feed PAC Committee
(Closed)
Riley Boardroom

Presiding:
**John Fletcher, Committee Chair**
General Manager
Central Missouri AGRIService LLC
Marshall, Mo.

Board of Directors Meeting
(Closed)
Noon - 12:45 p.m., Luncheon
The Pavilion
1 - 3:30 p.m., Meeting, Riviera Ballroom
(Luncheon sponsored by CME Group)
(Afternoon Refreshments sponsored by Zen-Noh Grain Corp.; CGB Enterprises Inc.)

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Arbitrators

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