



# **Agricultural Transportation Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

A National Agricultural Transportation Summit  
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*Dedicated to the Memory of William L. Dunton*



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**Tuesday, November 28**

## General Session

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| 1:00-1:05 p.m.  | Opening of the Summit                                  | Under Secretary Dunn                               |
| 1:05-1:10 p.m.  | Welcome to St. Louis                                   | St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association |
| 1:10-1:30 p.m.  | USDA's Agricultural Transportation Challenges          | Under Secretary Dunn                               |
| 1:30-1:50 p.m.  | "Rural Transportation in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century" | Assistant Secretary Conti                          |
| 1:50-2:10 p.m.  | STB Issues Affecting Agriculture                       | Linda Morgan, STB Chairman                         |
| 2:10- 2:30 p.m. | Break  |  |

2:30- 4:00 p.m.	Workshop 1 - The Transport/Pricing Implications of Value-Enhanced Grain and Oilseeds	Workshop 2 – Long-Term Waterway Services and Capacity for U.S. Agriculture
	<p>This workshop will address the pricing and transport implications likely to result from the continued adoption of value-enhanced grains and oilseeds, including the pricing systems to be developed and the transportation, storage, and handling requirements to be met if value-enhanced products are to be marketed</p> <p>Jay Mitchell, Federal Grain Inspection Service, USDA</p> <p>Steven Sonka, University of Illinois</p> <p>Garry Niemeyer, Illinois Corn Growers</p> <p>Heidi Reichert, Transportation Services-USDA</p>	<p>This workshop will examine the long-term interests of U.S. agriculture in waterway services and capacity. Proposed expansion of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers waterway capacity will be discussed, along with proposed changes to waterway navigation on the Snake/Columbia waterway system. Also, there will be a discussion on inland waterway development in foreign countries.</p> <p>Paul Bertels, National Corn Growers Assoc.</p> <p>Ken Casavant, Washington State University</p> <p>Steve Lucas, Louis Dreyfus</p> <p>James Adams, American Commercial Barge Lines</p>

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| 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Reception, Sponsored by the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association |
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**Wednesday, November 29**

7:00-8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:00-9:30 a.m.	Workshop 3 - Long-Term Trucking Services and Capacity for U.S. Agriculture	Workshop 4 - Long-Term Rail Services and Capacity for U.S. Agriculture
	<p>This workshop will examine factors affecting the long-term supply and availability of trucking services to agriculture. Presentations will be given on the BTS farm trucking survey by UGPTI, future technological advances in trucking, driver recruitment and retention, and the agricultural perspective on Federal rules and regulations (hours of service issue).</p> <p>Gene Griffin, Moderator</p> <p>Denver Tolliver, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute</p> <p>Allen Lund, Perishable Trucking Co.</p>	<p>This workshop will examine long-term trends in railroad services and capacity for agriculture and potential implications for policy toward the U.S. rail industry. More specifically, what policies should U.S. agriculture advocate to result in railroad services and capacity, which meet its long-term needs.</p> <p>Charles White, Federal Railroad Administration</p> <p>Diane Duff, Alliance for Rail Competition</p> <p>Steve Bobb, BNSF Rail Co.</p> <p>Frank Turner, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association</p>

9:30-9:45 a.m. Break

9:45-11:15 a.m.	Workshop 5 - Long-Term Trends in Agricultural Processing and Trade	Workshop 6 – Long-Term Energy Outlook and Implications for Bioenergy Development
	<p>This workshop will examine long-term trends in the production, consumption, and exports of grains and oilseeds and the relative growth and geographic locations of beef, poultry, dairy, and swine production in the United States. Long-term transportation implications from these trends will also be discussed</p> <p>Keith Collins, Moderator</p> <p>Chris Hurt, Purdue University</p> <p>Bill Hudson, ProExporter</p> <p>Charles Conner, Corn Refiners Association</p>	<p>This workshop will discuss the long-term projections of world energy supply and prices and provide information on the development of biofuels that have the potential of increasing the supply of domestic energy and increase demand for U.S. farm commodities.</p> <p>Jim Duffield, Moderator</p> <p>Eric Vaughn, Renewable Fuels Association</p> <p>James Craig, USDA</p> <p>Joe Jobe, National Biodiesel Board</p>

11:15-11:30 a.m. Break for Lunch

11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Agricultural Transportation Needs in the 21st Century--Producer Perspectives	Under Secretary Dunn, Moderator
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives of major producer organizations will be invited to give their perspective on the transportation challenges being faced by U.S. agriculture in the 21<sup>st</sup> century</li> </ul>	<p>Dwain Ford, American Soybean Association</p> <p>Terry Detrick, National Association of Wheat Growers</p> <p>Tim Burrack National Corn Growers</p>

### General Session

1:15-1:20 p.m.	Opening Comments for Final Session	Under Secretary Dunn
1:20 - 2:15 p.m.	<p>Foreign Perspectives on the Importance of Infrastructure to Grain Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese grain imports and available infrastructure capacity</li> <li>• Private-sector infrastructure development in Argentina/Brazil to increase wheat/oilseed exports</li> </ul>	<p>Deputy Under Secretary Figueroa, Moderator</p> <p>Albert Nyberg, World Bank</p> <p>William Hall, Seaport Consultants, Inc.</p>
2:15 - 3:00 p.m.	<p>Addressing Rural Transportation Issues Under TEA-21</p> <p>TEA-21 provides more money for transportation in rural areas than ever before. This panel will provide real-life success stories of States that have developed effective planning processes that tackle key transportation issues.</p>	<p>Dee Spann, Federal Highway Administration</p> <p>Kent Van Landuyt, Missouri Department of Transportation</p> <p>Dennis Lebo, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation</p>
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 - 3:50 p.m.	<p>Open Forum and Reaction by Farm Group Representatives</p> <p>Representatives of farm organizations will react to the described long-term agricultural transportation challenges and proposed policy to address challenges.</p>	<p>Under Secretary Dunn</p> <p>American Farm Bureau National Farmers Union National Council of Farmer Cooperatives</p>
3:50 - 4:00 p.m.	Closing Comments	Under Secretary Dunn