

**2015 ANNUAL SUMMIT**  
**AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP SESSION AGENDA**  
Monday July 13, 2015

Private Sector Co-chair Patrick Kole, VP of Legal and Government Affairs Idaho Potato Commission

Public Sector Co-chair Larry Doke, MLA, Saskatchewan

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES IMPACTING AGRICULTURE MARKETS**

2:30 ***Overview of regional market access issues impacting the agriculture sector. (rail capacity, port capacity, trucking issues, port slow down) What is the economic impact and how can we better coordinate collectively to accommodate increasing demand? What opportunities exist to better coordinate?***

- Leslie Blakey, Executive Director, Coalition for America's Gateways and Corridors
- John Youngberg, Executive Vice President, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
- Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister of Agriculture, Government of Saskatchewan

**CROSS-BORDER HARMONIZATION**

3:30 ***How the US and Canada are organized in public and private sector efforts to provide for research, market development and promotion programs. For instance, Canada and the US are undertaking reviews of food safety regulations, are there opportunities for alignment?***

- Kim Falcon, Department Chief, Montana Department of Agriculture
- Keith Mussar, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, I.E. Canada

**SOCIAL LICENSE ISSUES IMPACTING THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR**

4:30 ***Many new standards have arisen within the agriculture sector that are not government mandated. How do these new standards affect consumers, producers and retailers? These include; GMO labeling, humane certifications, animal welfare rating, responsibly grown, etc.***

- Shelley Jones, Manager, Agriculture Awareness, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture
- John Youngberg, Executive Vice President, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
- Discussion
  - How are these standards created and enforced?
  - How are these changing the way producers and retailers do business?
  - How do these impact the way consumers shop?

5:20 **ACTION ITEMS**

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