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Too Great a Thing to Leave Undone: Defense of Agriculture

OBJECTIVE

Better understand catastrophic biological risks to all components of agriculture; innovative leadership to address these risks; land grant university contributions to national security; public-private partnerships for agrodefense; and challenges to agricultural surveillance, detection, response, and recovery across all levels of government and throughout the private sector.

SCHEDULE

9:30 - 9:45 am – Welcome and CSU Land Acknowledgement

Ty Smith, MBA

Director, Native American Cultural Center, Colorado State University

Anthony A. Frank, DVM, PhD

Chancellor, Colorado State University System

9:45 - 10:00 am – Opening Remarks

Thomas A. Daschle

Former Majority Leader, U.S. Senate; Commission Member

Kenneth L. Wainstein

Former Homeland Security Advisor; Commission Member

10:00 – 11:00 am Panel One – Response and Recovery

State and private sector representatives describe requirements for response to and recovery from agricultural crime, terrorism, and naturally occurring outbreaks with large-scale consequences.

Keith A. Roehr, DVM

State Veterinarian, Colorado Department of Agriculture

Colonel Brey Hopkins (U.S. Army)

Director, Joint Plans, Operations and Military Support, Colorado National Guard

Lee Leachman

Managing Partner, Leachman Cattle Company of Colorado

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Panel Two – Surveillance and Detection

Federal and private sector representatives describe requirements for surveillance and detection of animal and plant diseases before and during agricultural events.

Captain Casey Barton Behravesh, DVM, DrPH (U.S. Public Health Service)

Director, One Health Office, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Amy Delgado, PhD, DVM, MS

Director of Monitoring and Modeling, Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

John M. Hardham, PhD

Research Director, Global Biologics Research and Chair, Zoetis Center for Transboundary and Emerging Diseases, Zoetis

12:00 - 12:30 pm Break to gather lunch

12:30 – 1:00 pm Video: Leadership, Heritage, and Progress

Former Cabinet Member, Governor, and Mayor discusses the need for innovative leadership to develop fresh solutions for biodefense issues of pressing concern to agricultural and other communities of interest and practice.

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack, JD

Former Secretary of Agriculture, Governor of Iowa, and Mayor of Mount Pleasant, Iowa

1:00 - 2:15 pm Panel Three – Land Grant University Roles and Responsibilities

Research leaders and academics discuss the vision for land grant universities, their support of the U.S. research enterprise, and their current and potential contributions to national security.

Prasant Mohapatra, PhD

Vice Chancellor for Research, University of California, Davis

Alan Rudolph, PhD

Vice President for Research, Colorado State University

Jane Christopher-Hennings, DVM, MS

Head, Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences Department and Director, SD Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory, South Dakota State University

2:15 – 2:30 pm Break

2:30 - 3:00 pm Congressional Perspective

Sitting Member of Congress addresses his priorities for agrodefense, how states and localities can contribute to the protection of agricultural and biological contributions to the Nation's economy and security, and his views on the need for public-private partnerships in this arena.

Representative Joe Neguse (D- CO, 2nd District)

Vice Chair, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law,
Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives

3:00 – 3:15 pm Closing Remarks

3:15 pm Adjourn