

2010 Virginia Grains and Soybean Annual Conference Events
February 11, 2010
Colonial Downs, New Kent, VA

PROGRAM

7:30am – 8:30am – *Registration & Breakfast*

8:30am – *Welcome and Introductions*

8:45am – *Climate Change and Cap & Trade*

*Chelsea Henderson Maxwell, Partner, Clark Group LLC
Tom Lawler, Director Public Policy, Natsource LLC*

10:00am – *BREAK*

10:30am – *Virginia Soybean Association Annual Meeting
Association Report*

11:15pm – *Virginia Grain Producers Association Annual Meeting
Association Report
Virginia Corn Board Report
Virginia Small Grains Report*

12:15pm – *Lunch*

1:15pm – *Yield Contest Awards – Corn, Soybeans, Wheat
Osage Bio Energy Announcement*

1:45pm – *Chesapeake Bay Efforts and Initiatives for Mid-Atlantic Agriculture
Kelly Shenk, EPA Agricultural Policy Director for Chesapeake Bay
Program*

Leonard Jordan, USDA/NRCS Regional Conservationist for the East

3:00pm – *Grand Prize Drawing*



2010 Virginia Grains and Soybean Annual Conference FEATURED TOPICS & SPEAKERS

The Virginia Grain Producers Association and Virginia Soybean Association continue their partnership to bring you the 2010 Virginia Grains and Soybean Annual Conference.

Location: Colonial Downs Racetrack Facility

10515 Colonial Downs Parkway
New Kent, VA 23124
www.colonialdowns.com

If you will need accommodations please note the separate accommodation suggestions located at www.VirginiaGrains.com.

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Program – 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2010 Annual Business Meetings and Reports of:

Virginia Corn Board

Virginia Grain Producers Association

Virginia Small Grains Board

Virginia Soybean Association

Producer Awards

Issue Speakers

Featured Topics:

Changes and regulations are coming fast and furious for producers of all commodities in the mid-Atlantic. Row crop farmers face mandatory regulations such as mandated nutrient management plans and practices required to meet EPA issued Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and other state and federal measures coming for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed through the Chesapeake Bay Program. Environmental regulations are not just confined to the Chesapeake Bay and water quality. Pesticides, spray drift, indirect land use and many others are also currently under rulemaking and/or consideration. The climate change issue and the Cap & Trade Program are topics of great debate nationwide, but what will it mean for farmers in the mid-Atlantic? Will “early actors” who are already implementing many carbon-reducing practices be ignored in the process? Are their revenue opportunities for Virginia farms? Is climate change real or reversible? All of these are important questions to which mid-Atlantic agriculture needs answers.

Featured Speakers:

Chesapeake Bay

Ms. Kelly Shenk, EPA's Agricultural Policy Director for Chesapeake Bay Program

Kelly Shenk is the Agricultural Policy Coordinator at EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office, where she has worked for over 15 years. Kelly has a Bachelor's of Science from Duke University and a Masters of Science from University of Vermont in water resource management. Before coming to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, Kelly worked on urban and agricultural phosphorus pollution issues in the Lake Champlain Basin and the Lake Geneva watershed in France. Kelly enjoys understanding the different opinions and figuring out how different entities can work together as a partnership to achieve common interests. She believes that we can have both a restored Bay and thriving agriculture in the watershed. In fact, well-managed agriculture can be a huge part of the solution to the Bay restoration.

Mr. Leonard Jordan, USDA/NRCS Regional Conservationist for the East

Mr. Jordan has served as NRCS Regional Conservationist for the East, serving since January 2009. During his distinguished 32-year career with NRCS, Mr. Jordan rapidly progressed through the ranks and joined the National Headquarters leadership team in January 2005. Before becoming Regional Conservationist, Mr. Jordan was Deputy Chief for Strategic Planning and Accountability (SPA). Prior to leading SPA, he was Division Director of Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance and Director of the Conservation Easement Programs Division. He has served as State Conservationist for both Georgia and Washington and worked in five States serving as Assistant State Conservationist, Area Conservationist, Area Resource Conservationist, Area Agronomist, District Conservationist, Soil Conservationist, and Conservation Technician. A native of Tennessee, Mr. Jordan graduated from Tennessee State University and is the proud father of two children. Mr. Jordan has a special appreciation for the work done by NRCS' frontline employees, particularly those who work directly with customers. His passion is to make sure that nationally mandated initiatives and projects do not bear undue burdens on field operations.

Climate Change and Ag Offsets

Mr. Tom Lawler, Director of Public Policy with Natsource

Tom is responsible for communicating Natsource's carbon policy positions to decision makers within state and federal government, as well as keeping Natsource and its clients informed on U.S. policy developments. Prior to joining Natsource, Mr. Lawler was the principal energy and environmental adviser to Senator Tom Carper of Delaware, the Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety. Mr. Lawler was responsible for managing Senator Carper's agenda for the Subcommittee, and all of the Subcommittee's oversight activities. Mr. Lawler also served as the Deputy-Director of then-Governor Mitt Romney's Washington office, and has worked in environmental policy for the National Governors' Association and the American Forest Products Association. Mr. Lawler completed his degree at Baylor University.

Ms. Chelsea Henderson Maxwell, Partner with Clark Group, LLC

Chelsea brings a wealth of expertise on climate change policy and its impact for agriculture. Chelsea served under former Senator John Warner Former as his Senior Advisor on energy and climate change. She also served as Minority Director Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming. Chelsea's background gives her a broad perspective from which we can benefit. Other positions held: Former Legislative Director of National

Wildlife Federation, Senior Policy Advisor on Transportation at The Nature Conservancy, Senior Professional Staff on the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works under the late Senator John Chafee and former Senator Bob Smith.

Areas of expertise: legislative proposals on climate change, energy, transportation, water resources, and wildlife.

Click HERE for full biography on Ms. Chelsea Maxwell: <http://www.clarkgroupllc.com/people.shtml>

Registration:

Please fill out **General Registration Form** at www.VirginiaGrains.com and submit electronically, via fax or mail per instructions on the form.

Early Registration Deadline – February 1, 2010.

Registered on or before February 1st - \$5 per person

On-Site Registration (30 available) - \$10 per person

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