

**As a leader in the Agribusiness Industry, you know how critical it is to keep Congress informed of the issues that matter most to us.** With the tough issues facing our industry, sharing information with key decision-makers is crucial now more than ever. **The St. Louis AgriBusiness club offers the opportunity to present issues to key Congressional staff through its Congressional activities.** Through the years, we have attracted some of the best and brightest staffers Capitol Hill has to offer. It has been two years ago since our last reception.

**If we're to produce a worthwhile event, we need your help. We are asking you to take part in ensuring the quality of this important event by attending this reception. Seldom do you get this unique opportunity to build relationships with key aides to Congressional decision-makers. Feel free to bring along colleagues and family.**

**WHAT: St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Congressional Reception**  
(Visits are encouraged to representatives and senators all day on the 16<sup>th</sup> or prior or after.)

**WHEN: Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**WHERE: Carpenters Union Building Rooftop - Washington Office, 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001.**

View - <http://www.washington.org> for more information.

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS:** Holiday Inn-Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington DC 20024 - (202) 479-4000. A room block has been reserved under the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club or Randolph County Farm Bureau at the rate of \$249 plus tax(14.5%) per night. **To ensure the group rate, please be sure to make your reservations by August 14th**, otherwise rates go up to \$300 per night. The hotel is within walking distance from the Capitol, Senate office buildings, Union Station and many other local attractions. The Metro system Red Line comes to Union Station near the hotel. It is only \$20 for a cab ride from DCA - Washington, D.C. airport.

**RSVP: [stlouisagclub@yahoo.com](mailto:stlouisagclub@yahoo.com) or (314)292-2371** - the earlier the better.

**With our gracious sponsors we are going to have a reception that congressional members and staff will truly want to attend and we will have unprecedented access in a very professional environment with breathtaking views.**

We hope that you can join us in Washington, D.C. on **Wednesday, September 16th!** If you have questions, please email or contact the below co-chairs. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Thank you!

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**Platinum Sponsor (\$2500)**-Provides an opportunity to attend the reception with unlimited guests, provide a display highlighting your company to present promotional information to the Congressional members and staff attending the reception and have name recognition in all print and electronic marketing materials.

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