

**When:** **Tuesday, February 10, 2009, Luncheon Meeting & Professional Development** 11:30 a.m. Networking 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Meal and Program

**RSVP:** By Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, email your reservation to: [stlouisagclub@yahoo.com](mailto:stlouisagclub@yahoo.com) or call Amy Kolweier, secretary, at (314) 292-2371 to reserve your meal. No-shows will be invoiced.

**Speaker:** Michael Whitehead, VP of Rabobank's Food & Agribusiness Research Group



Michael Whitehead has a BA from La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, an MBA from the Melbourne Business School and the Rotterdam School of Management, as well as completing the Harvard University Agribusiness Program. Since becoming Vice President of Rabobank's Food & Agribusiness Research and Advisory in New York in early 2006, Michael has been responsible for conducting research and dispensing strategic advice on a range of soft commodities, agribusiness issues, and renewable energies on a global level. Prior to joining Rabobank, Mr Whitehead has held several noteworthy positions, having worked for the United Nations in Switzerland, as well as for the International Committee of the Red Cross. While in his native Australia, Mr. Whitehead managed one of Australia's largest Regional Economic Development Organizations, establishing multiple programs fostering links between Chinese and Australian regions in the areas of agriculture, education and health while running his own cattle and sheep agribusiness.

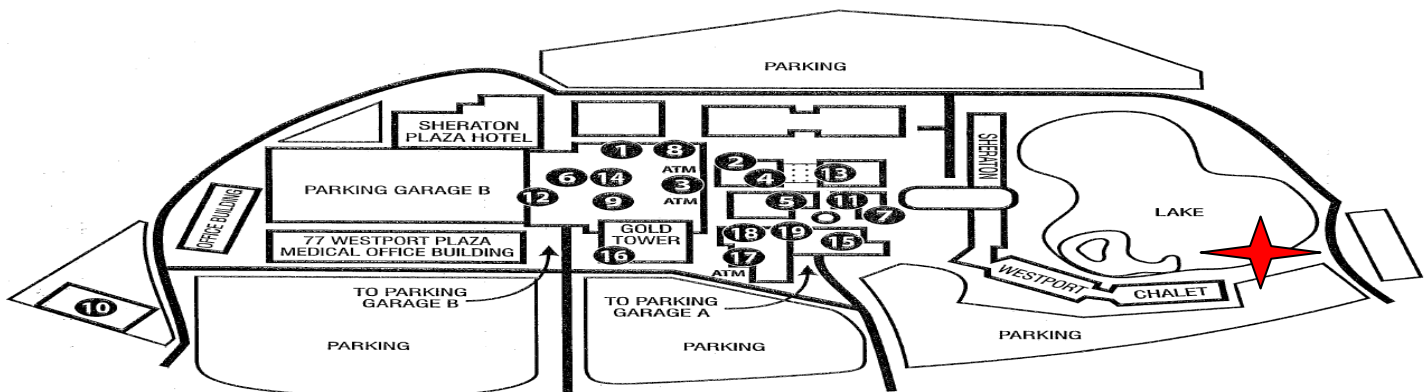
**Program:** "Is Agriculture Recession Proof" - Trends and concerns confronting U.S. agriculture in the near future.

**Sponsor:**



**Where:** Rooms Alpine I and II at the Lakeside Chalet(see Red Star below) of the Sheraton Westport complex. 191 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146, (314) 878-1500 - (800) 822 3535. The Chalet entrance is just two stoplights down from the McDonalds Restaurant. Look for a brown and white building.

Map and Driving Directions link - <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/area/map.html?propertyID=795>



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|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Backstreet Jazz & Blues | 6 The Drunken Fish       | 11 Paul Mineo's Trattoria    | 16 Starbucks Coffee             |
| 2 Bradford's Pub          | 7 Fernando's             | 12 Ozzie's Restaurant        | 17 St. Louis Bread Co. / Panera |
| 3 Casa Gallardo           | 8 Funny Bone Comedy Club | 13 Picasso's Steak & Seafood | 18 Trainwreck Saloon            |
| 4 Cold Stone Creamery     | 9 Kobe Steakhouse        | 14 The Playhouse             | 19 Westport Pizza Co.           |
| 5 Dierdorf & Hart's       | 10 McDonald's            | 15 Pujol's 5 Restaurant      |                                 |

**Luncheon and Professional Development Registration - \$25** which can be paid at the door(cash or checks payable to the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club) or by credit card online at <http://www.stlouisagclub.org/meetingform.html> If you do RSVP and you find out by Monday afternoon or early Tuesday morning that you cannot attend, please contact Dean Dittmar on his cell phone - 618.604.1622, so that you will not be invoiced.