

Agricultural Outlook

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“The Future Ain’t What
It Used To Be”

Yogi Berra



Future Issues Impacting Agriculture

- Global Climate Change
- Estate Tax
- Clean Water Restoration Act
- Health Care reform
- Renewable Fuels Policy
- Animal Welfare Issues



Global Climate Change

- IFB actions
 - Disseminated call to action during August recess
 - Conducted major media visits in the Chicago area
 - Participated in “Energy Citizens” rally September 1
 - Created toolkit to engage/educate at local level
- Legislative timetable
 - Introduction delayed til end of September
 - Plans to mark up the bill early to mid October
- Recognize it will not go away!



Renewable Fuels Policy

- EPA expected to rule on a higher up to E-15 blend level by December
- Biomass harvesting and delivery
- Indirect land use changes
- What's next in biofuels?
- Affordable Food and Fuel for America Act



Animal Welfare Agenda

- Threat growing - losing ground
- Animal care standards - legislate?
- Consumer education

- Communication is critical
- Coalition approach needed
- We can not fight among ourselves

The future ain't what it
used to be, but it can
still be bright for
agriculture if we work
together!



Questions?

