



Midwest Conference For Farmer Veterans



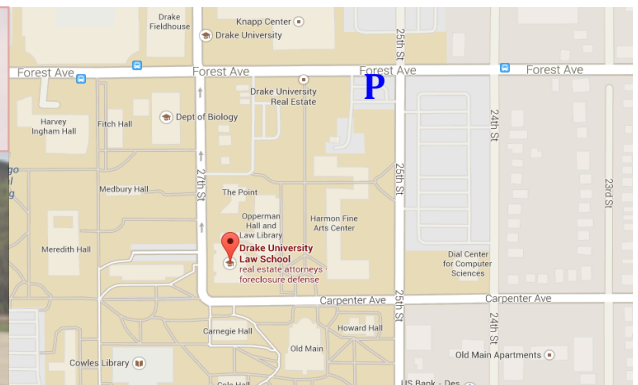
July 25 & 26, 2014
Drake University Cartwright Hall (Law School)
2621 Carpenter Ave, Des Moines, Iowa 50315

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Agenda Friday, 25 July 2014	
9:00 AM	Depart from Drake Law School for the Farm Tour <i>Meet in the parking lot on Forest Ave across the street from the Knapp Center at 2601 Forest Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.</i>
9:30 – 11:30 PM	Griffieon Family Farm Tour <i>A very diverse family farm, Craig farms more than 1,100 acres raising corn, soybeans, oats, and alfalfa and Lavon direct-markets meat and specialty crops.</i>
11:30– 12:30 PM	Lunch: Retail Marketing and Pricing <i>Matt Russell, Drake Ag Law Center & Coyote Run Farm</i> <i>Chris Holman, Nami Moon Farms</i> <i>Lavon Griffieon, Griffieon Family Farm</i>
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Networking and Exhibits
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Welcome to Drake University and the Farmer Veteran Coalition <i>Neil Hamilton, Drake Agricultural Law Center</i> <i>Michael O’Gorman, Farmer Veteran Coalition</i>
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Programs for Veteran Farmers: The 2014 Farm Bill and VA Transition Assistance <i>Mark Cadle, Missouri FSA Executive Director, USDA</i> <i>Bart Quick, VA Health Center</i>
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Session 1.A Getting Ahead of Taxes: Record Keeping and Schedule F <i>Lyle Stewart, Stewart’s Tax Service</i> Session 1.B Local Governments & Institutions: Zoning, Land Access, & More <i>Neil Hamilton, Drake Agricultural Law Center</i> <i>Dustin Miller, Iowa League of Cities</i>
Breakout Session 1	
4:00 – 4:15	Break
4:15 – 5:30 PM	Meet the Lenders Panel <i>Brian Gossling, USDA Farm Service Agency</i> <i>Carl Horn, Farm Credit Services of America</i> <i>Mike Bobst, Iowa Bankers Association</i>
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Reception and Exhibits



Parking is available in the lot north of the Law School at Forest Avenue and 25th Street.



Agenda		Saturday, 26 July 2014	
8:00 AM		Networking and Exhibits	
8:30 - 9:15 AM		Diversification, Certifications, and Homegrown by Heroes <i>Michael O’Gorman, Farmer Veteran Coalition</i>	
9:15 - 9:45 AM		Business Plan Development <i>Chet Bennetts, Farmer Veteran Coalition</i>	
9:45 - 10:00 AM		Break	
10:00 - 12:00 PM	Session 2.A Crop Marketing Strategies & the New Farm Programs Breakout Session 2	Steve Johnson, Iowa State University Extension & Outreach Session 2.B Wholesale Success: Food Safety Planning <i>Atina Diffley, Minnesota Farmer and Writer</i>	
12:00 - 1:00 PM		Lunch: Health & Well-Being Panel: Farm Safety, and Equipment Modifications <i>Paul Jones, Purdue University AgrAbility</i> <i>Chuck Larson, Easter Seals Rural Solutions</i>	
1:00 - 2:45 PM	Session 3.A Farm Transition & Business Succession Planning Breakout Session 3	Joy Kirkpatrick, University of Wisconsin Session 3.B Wholesale Success: Post-Harvest Handling <i>Atina Diffley, Minnesota Farmer and Writer</i>	
2:45 - 3:00 PM		Break	
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Session 4.A Managing Risk and Understanding Legal Obligations with Grain Contracts and Livestock Liens Breakout Session 4	<i>Erin Herbold-Swalwell, Ag Law Attorney at Beving, Swanson, & Forest, P.C.</i> Session 4.B Liability for On-Farm Visitors: CSAs, Agri-tourism, & More <i>Ed Cox, Drake Ag Law Center & Farmer Veteran Coalition</i>	
4:00 - 5:00 PM		Strategic Planning & Business Organization <i>Gary Hachfeld, University of Minnesota Extension</i>	
5:00 - 5:15 PM		Closing Remarks <i>Michael O’Gorman</i> <i>Neil Hamilton</i>	

