

The Event of the Year is Here!



The best, most popular event of the year for country elevators and feed mills is here – the NGFA's Country Elevator/Feed Industry Conference and Trade Show, scheduled for Dec. 7-9 at the fabulous Marriott Renaissance Grand Hotel in the heart of downtown St. Louis, Mo.

For managers, merchandisers, operations personnel and others, this conference is chock-full of highly relevant business information you can take home and put to use...immediately! This year's program will feature outstanding sessions and top-notch speakers with business value to both the grain and feed sectors. Of course, the outstanding program will be complemented by a major Trade Show and incomparable opportunities for you to generate money-making ideas with the best in the business – your fellow NGFA members!

Register by **Nov. 14** to save \$50 per person through the special early bird registration rate!



Major Program Sessions

Here's a quick preview of the outstanding conference program that is being finalized:

Cash-Forward Contracting and Financing Strategies for 2009:

Given market volatility, tight stocks and expanding capital needs, this major **half-day session** will include: 1) a market outlook for grains and oilseeds; 2) a panel on cash grain marketing strategies that make the most sense in the coming year; 3) an update on changes to CBOT futures contracts and potential Commodity Futures Trading Commission action; 4) options for securing needed financing for margining and grain inventory/farm supply purchases; and 5) a master model contract for reducing counterparty risk (e.g., contract performance with producers and commercial parties), and managing trade disputes.

Food/Feed Safety Revolution – How It Will Affect Grain Elevators and Feed Mills:

This session will look ahead to changes being driven by Congress, the Food and Drug Administration and, most importantly, the food and consumer sectors, and how they'll affect the way grain elevators and feed mills do business, in the years ahead.

Post-Election Look at New Administration and Congress: One of the best in the business – Sara Wyant, publisher of *AgriPulse* – will provide a post-mortem on the fall elections and what the results likely will mean for U.S. agriculture and the grain and feed sector.

Rail Transportation: NGFA Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee Chair Dan Mack will preview key rail commercial issues affecting country shippers. A top official from the federal Surface Transportation Board has been invited to discuss how country shippers can use the agency to address service and other complaints with carriers.

Breakout Sessions: Two major breakout sessions are planned. One is a top-line operations briefing led by industry faculty designed specifically for country elevator and feed mill managers, with a special focus on life-saving ways to prevent engulfment accidents. A second will bring you up to date with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's implementation of the new farm law – which will equip you to serve your farmer-customers – as well as top grain warehousing issues.

Schedule At-A-Glance

Sunday, Dec. 7

- Noon - 4 p.m.: Exhibitor Move-In
- 3 - 5 p.m.: NGFA Country Elevator Committee Meeting
- 4 - 7 p.m.: Trade Show Open
- 5:30 - 7 p.m.: Welcome Reception in Trade Show

Monday, Dec. 8

- 6:30 - 8 a.m.: Trade Show Open
(Continental breakfast in Trade Show)
- 8:15 a.m. - Noon: Country Elevator/Feed Industry Conference
- Noon - 2 p.m.: Trade Show Open
(Buffet Luncheon in Trade Show)
- 2- 5:30 p.m. Country Elevator/Feed Industry Conference
- 5:30 - 7 p.m.: Trade Show Open
- 6 - 7 p.m.: Reception in Trade Show Area
- 7 - 10 p.m.: Exhibit Breakdown

Tuesday, Dec. 9

- 8 - 11:30 a.m.: Country Elevator/Feed Industry Conference
- Noon - 3:30 a.m.: Joint Agroterrorism/Facility Security Committee Meeting

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End Nov. 14!

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This form may be duplicated for additional registrations from your company or family.

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SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have a disability that requires special services, please check here and attach an explanation of accommodation requirements.

TO REGISTER: Fill out this form. Return via mail or fax to (202) 289-5388. Payment options: 1) credit card; 2) "Bill Me;" or 3) enclose payment.

REGISTRATION FEE: Includes admittance to entire program and trade show, program materials, refreshments, continental breakfasts on Dec. 8 and 9, luncheon on Dec. 8 and receptions on Dec. 7 and 8. The spouse registration fee includes Dec. 8 breakfast and two receptions, as well as a special program on Dec. 8.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Call the Marriott Renaissance Grand Hotel direct at (314) 621-9600 or Marriott central reservations at (800) 397-1282 and identify with the NGFA Country Elevator/Feed Industry Conference to obtain the special room rate of \$129 single/double per night. **The NGFA room block expires Nov. 14.** Thereafter, rooms will be on a space-available basis! Check-in is 4 p.m. Check-out is noon. Allow 45 minutes travel time between the airport and the hotel. Hotel cancellations must be made by 6 p.m. on day of arrival.

Parking is available at the Marriott Renaissance Grand Hotel. Self-parking is \$14/day and valet is \$25/day.

PAYMENT POLICY: To qualify for Early Bird rates, payment must accompany registration. For Early Bird faxed forms, payment must be received within 10 days of registration. Payments for registration after Nov. 14 must be received prior to Dec. 1 or will be billed at the higher onsite registration fee.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Registration fees will be refunded in full if cancellation notice is postmarked or faxed on or before Nov. 14. Cancellation notices postmarked or faxed between Nov. 15 and Dec. 1 will be assessed a \$75 administrative fee. No refunds will be provided to any person canceling or failing to give notice of cancellation after Dec. 1.

SPONSORSHIPS: Sponsors will be recognized with signage, acknowledgement from the podium, and recognition in the printed conference program. Contact Todd Kemp for more information (tkemp@ngfa.org or 202-289-0873).

REGISTRATION FEES

[Please Circle Appropriate Fee(s)]

NGFA-Member Early-Bird \$310
(On or Before Nov. 14)

NGFA-Member Registration \$360
(Between Nov. 14 and Dec. 1)

NGFA-Member On-Site Registration \$410
(After Dec. 1)

Spouse \$200

Sponsorship Contribution (optional)
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