



Advance Organic Together.

Current Agenda

Speaker schedule subject to change

Tuesday, April 13

10:00 a.m. OTA Board of Directors' meeting*

Wednesday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Light breakfast and optional breakout "Lobbying 101"

9:00 a.m. **Policy Conference, speakers include:**

- **Miles McEvoy**, Administrator, USDA's National Organic Program
Discussing NOP priorities
- **Keith Jones**, Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Horticulture & Organic Agriculture
Discussing regulatory and legislative challenges for the organic industry & the next Farm Bill
- **James M. Murphy, Jr.**, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative
- **Francis Thicke**, organic farmer & candidate for Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture
Discussing the importance of organic policy issues at the state level
- **Minister Counselor Anders Klöcker**, Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Royal Danish Embassy
Discussing Denmark's legislation on co-existence of GMO, conventional & organic crops

11:45 a.m. Hill Visit preparation and organic lunch

2:00 p.m. Hill Visits

5:30 p.m. Anniversary Reception, Celebrate Organic Together

Thursday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Light breakfast & Hill Visit debriefing and optional International Trade Forum gathering

9:00 a.m. **Policy Conference, speakers include:**

- **Dr. Temple Grandin**, animal welfare expert
Discussing animal welfare
- **Deputy Under Secretary Darci Vetter**, USDA's Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service
Discussing world markets for organic products
- **Jorge Garcia-Pratts**, Section Head, Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service
Discussing the results of the Organic Production Survey
- **Katherine DiMatteo**, President, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
Discussing organic around the world, from an international perspective
- **Representative Rosa DeLauro (CT-3)**
Discussing food safety

12:00 p.m. Organic lunch and optional breakout "OTA Member Policy Agenda Planning"

1:30 p.m. Hill Visits

Friday, April 16