

OTA Policy Conference Agenda: Wednesday, April 14

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Networking Room: Open all day for use by attendees	Rm 337AB
8:30 a.m.	Light Breakfast and Coffee Available	Outside Rm 333
8:30 a.m.	Optional Breakout Session: Lobbying 101 with Christine Bushway Executive Director, Organic Trade Association <i>For first timers or those looking for a refresher</i>	Rm 231
9 a.m.	Welcome Address: Christine Bushway Executive Director, Organic Trade Association	Rm 333
9:15 a.m.	Miles McEvoy Deputy Administrator, USDA's National Organic Program <i>Discussing NOP priorities</i>	Rm 333
10:00 a.m.	Organic Truth Award for Excellence in Journalism: Honoring Marian Burros	Rm 333
10:10 a.m.	Francis Thicke Organic farmer and candidate for Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture <i>Discussing importance of organic policy issues at the state level</i>	Rm 333
10:30 a.m.	Anders Klöcker Minister Counselor, Food, Agriculture & Fisheries, Royal Danish Embassy <i>Discussing Denmark's legislation on co-existence of GMO, conventional & organic crops</i>	Rm 333
11:00 a.m.	Kathleen Merrigan Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture	Rm 333
11:45 a.m.	Review Appropriations Asks Will Telligman , Legislative and Advocacy Manager, Organic Trade Association, and Ariane Lotti , Policy Associate, Organic Farming Research Foundation	Rm 333
12:15 p.m.	Hill Visit Preparation: Team assignment & logistics	Rm 333
12:30 p.m.	Organic Lunch with Hill Visit Teams <i>Weather permitting. Take the elevator to the 8th floor. The Networking and Conference rooms are available for use as well</i>	On the Roof
1:30 – 5 p.m.	Hill Visits <i>Consult your individual Hill Visit schedule</i>	
5:30 p.m.	Celebrate Organic Together Reception <i>In the House Agriculture Committee Hearing Room in Longworth House Office Building, 15 Independence Avenue SW</i>	1301 LHOB

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OTA Policy Conference Agenda: Thursday, April 15

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Networking Room: Open all day for use by attendees	Rm 337AB
8 a.m.	Light Breakfast and Coffee Available	Outside Rm 333
8 a.m.	Hill Visit Debriefing	Rm 337AB
8 a.m.	International Breakfast Update with Katherine DiMatteo President, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements <i>Discussing organic around the world, from an international perspective</i>	Rm 233
9 a.m.	Welcome Address: Bob Scowcroft Executive Director, Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF)	Rm 333
9:10 a.m.	Dr. Temple Grandin Professor of Animal Science, Colorado State University <i>Discussing animal welfare</i>	Rm 333
9:40 a.m.	Keith Jones Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Horticulture & Organic Agriculture <i>Discussing regulatory & legislative challenges for organic industry</i>	Rm 333
10 a.m.	Darci Vetter Deputy Under Secretary, USDA's Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service <i>Discussing world markets for organic products</i>	Rm 333
10:30 a.m.	Jorge Garcia-Pratts Section Head, Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service <i>Discussing the results of the Organic Production Survey</i>	Rm 333
11 a.m.	Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-3)	Rm 333
11:30 a.m.	James M. Murphy, Jr. AUSTR for Agriculture, Office of the United States Trade Representative <i>Discussing the National Export Initiative & President's goal of doubling agricultural exports over the next five years</i>	Rm 333
12 p.m.	Closing Address: Christine Bushway Executive Director, Organic Trade Association	Rm 333
12:05 p.m.	Organic Lunch <i>The Conference room (#333) is available for use as well</i>	Rm 337AB
12:15 p.m.	Optional Breakout Session: OTA Member Policy Agenda Planning	Rm 337AB
1:30 – 5 p.m.	Hill Visits <i>Consult your individual Hill Visit schedule</i>	

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