

2020 AGRIBUSINESS CONFERENCE FOCUS

The **26th annual Arkansas State University Agribusiness Conference** will focus on the Arkansas economy, agricultural legal issues, trade and farm policy and the agricultural credit and commodity markets.

The **morning general session** features four speakers and a panel discussion.

Michael Pakko, chief economist and state economic forecaster at the UALR Institute for Economic Development, will discuss **the U.S. and Arkansas economy and implications for rural Arkansas**.

Harrison Pittman, director of the National Agricultural Law Center in Fayetteville, will give an update on **agricultural legal issues**.

Darci Vetter, former chief agricultural negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative will describe the **agricultural trade situation** and give her views on **the future of trade policy**.

Agricultural policy and political analyst **Jim Wiesemeyer** will discuss the **2020 election and the implications for the agricultural and rural economy**.

Conference director **Bert Greenwalt** will lead the **discussion panel of General Session speakers**.

The **luncheon program** will feature **Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward**.

The **afternoon program** features **four concurrent commodity sessions**.

Terry Harris and **Grayson Daniels** from Riceland Foods, Inc. will discuss the **rice, soybean and corn markets**.

Jeff Johnson from Allenberg Cotton Co. and University of Arkansas economist **Scott Stiles** will discuss **cotton industry issues**.

Arkansas State University professors **David Newman** and **Mark Jordan** will discuss the outlook for the **poultry and beef industry**.

A session on **credit and farmland markets** will feature presentations by **Susannah Marshall** from the Arkansas State Bank Department and **Bill Shannon**, an Accredited Farm Manager with Farmers National Company.