Climate Change, Carbon Credits and Agriculture

Texas Ag Forum
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- Lunch will be served in the Omni D Room -

Noon Buffet Lunch (Hill Country BBQ)

- The Texas Ag Forum resumes in the Omni C Room -

1:15 p.m. Texas Agriculture and Carbon
\(\text{Honorable Todd Staples, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture}\)

1:45 p.m. Impacts of Cap and Trade on Agriculture
\(\text{Justin Baker, Research Analyst, Center on Global Change and Climate Change Policy Partnership, Duke University}\)

2:45 p.m. Break (assorted cookies, sodas, and coffee)

3:00 p.m. Impacts of Current Cap-and-Trade Plans on Agriculture
\(\text{Allison L. Specht, Economist, Economic Analysis Department, American Farm Bureau}\)

3:45 p.m. Texas Stakeholders’ Reaction
\(\text{David Gibson, Texas Corn Producers; Bobby Nedbalek, Texas Farm Bureau; L.G. Raum, Texas Rice Producers’ Legislative Group; Steve Verrett, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.}\)

4:45 p.m. Adjourn the 2009 Texas Ag Forum

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