The Food and Feed Versus Fuel Debate
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8:30 a.m. Welcome from the Steering Committee Chair
Dee Vaughan

8:35 a.m. Framing the Issue
Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Invited)

8:50 a.m. Basis for the RFS Waiver Request and Update on the Process
Toby Baker, Office of Governor Rick Perry

9:15 a.m. FAPRI US Biofuels Analysis
Pat Westhoff, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, University of Missouri

10:00 a.m. Break (Coffee)

10:15 a.m. Effects of Ethanol Production on Gasoline Prices
Henry Bryant, Agricultural and Food Policy Center, Texas A&M

10:50 a.m. Crop and Livestock Repercussions from Biofuels
David P. Anderson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

11:25 a.m. General Farm Organization Perspective
Robert E. Young II, American Farm Bureau Federation

Noon Buffet Lunch (Hill Country BBQ)

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

1:15 p.m. Livestock and Poultry Perspective
Thomas Elam, Farm Econ LLC

1:50 p.m. Beef and Feeding Perspective
Gregg Doud, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association

2:25 p.m. Break (assorted cookies, sodas, and coffee)

2:40 p.m. Corn Perspective
Max Starbuck, National Corn Growers Association

3:15 p.m. Renewable Fuels Perspective
John Urbanchuk, LECG LLC

3:50 p.m. Question and Answer with Panel

4:20 p.m. Wrap up
Dee Vaughan, Steering Committee Chair

4:30 p.m. Adjourn the 2008 Texas Ag Forum

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