



STATE OF MISSOURI
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Dear Agricultural Stakeholders:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) cordially invites you to be part of our Kitchen Cabinet on Agriculture. A Kitchen Cabinet constitutes an assembly of esteemed partners brought together to share insights about common issues. The Department convened such assemblies in years past and they served a valuable purpose in connecting MDNR with key partners in various sectors, including Missouri's agricultural community. The first meeting will be held on Friday March 16, 2012 from 11 am to 4 pm. We are currently working to locate a suitable meeting location in the Jefferson City area that will accommodate the group along with a working lunch. We will get the location and lunch meal information to you soon with a draft agenda.

The purpose and intent of the Department's Agriculture Kitchen Cabinet meeting is to create a constructive forum to cultivate better collaboration, transparency and open dialogue on department-related issues and topics with agricultural stakeholders. The Department's programs, decisions, actions and resources often play a significant role in the state's agricultural production; it is our hope that, through this and future Kitchen Cabinet meetings, we are able to build and strengthen our relationship and our partnerships with you and the agriculture community.

In preparation of this meeting, I would appreciate hearing from you on the top two to three issues you would like to discuss at this meeting. Knowing this information ahead of time will help us develop an agenda and ensure we have the right Department staff in attendance. Furthermore, if you are unable to attend this meeting please let us know if you would like to identify an alternate representative and provide their name, phone number and email address. Our hope is to engage you in a meaningful and constructive way. We know your time is valuable, so we will make every effort to make this process efficient and rewarding.

Thank you for your consideration. Please respond by phone or email to Darrick Steen, the Department's Agriculture and Business liaison. His email address is darrick.steen@dnr.mo.gov and his phone number is 573-751-1403. We would appreciate your response no later than Friday, March 2.

Sincerely,

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