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National Urban-Ag Academy to be hosted in Des Moines August 8-10

Des Moines, Iowa – A national conference to educate urban and minority legislators about agriculture will be held in Des Moines Thursday, August 8th through Saturday, August 10th.

“The Urban Ag Academy (UAA) helps urban and minority legislators understand the value that agriculture adds to our economy and the challenges facing the agriculture community today,” said Rep. Helen Miller of Ft. Dodge, who founded the conference three years ago. Rep. Miller is partnering with Iowa State University to bring the Academy to legislators this year. Sponsors of the 2013 conference include Monsanto, National Pork Producers Council, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Farm Bureau, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Pork Producers Association, CropLife America, Iowa Cattlemen’s Association, POET, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Koch Nitrogen, CenturyLink, Archer Daniels Midland, LinkedUp, Representative Helen Miller and the Iowa Association of Business and Industry.

The 2013 UAA is August 8-10 and workshops will be held at the Renaissance Savery Hotel and the Iowa State fairgrounds in Des Moines, IA, and Couser Cattle Company and Lincolnway Energy in Nevada, IA. The conference is hosted by Rep. Miller and will bring approximately 35 legislators from Iowa and across the nation, as well as a number of individuals interested in agricultural education opportunities for minority and urban youths.

The purpose of the Urban-Ag Academy is to bring urban and minority leaders and policy makers together; inform an ever-increasing number of urban legislators on ag issues; and educate non-rural legislators on the often unseen effects on and potential benefits to their districts.

For more information on the Urban Ag Academy, log on to www.urbanagacademy.com or [Facebook.com/UrbanAgAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/UrbanAgAcademy).

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