

TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development
House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development
House Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs
Meeting Jointly**

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

02:00 PM

**Fruit Research Station, Cole Westbrook Building, 1749 State Hwy 818
Clarksville, Arkansas**

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Welcome and Remarks by Committee Chairs
1. Representative Dan Douglas, Chair – House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development
 2. Senator Ronald Caldwell, Chair – Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development
 3. Representative Betty Overbey, Chair – City, County & Local Affairs
- C. Update on the Arkansas Agriculture Department's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
1. Wes Ward, Secretary of Agriculture, Arkansas Department of Agriculture
- D. Overview of the Programs and Services offered by the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture
1. Update on the Division of Agriculture – Mark Cochran, Vice President for Agriculture
 2. County Programs – Hank Chaney, Faulkner County Staff Chair
 3. Market Maker – Ron Rainey, Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability
 4. Food Innovation Center – Jean-Francois Meullenet, Food Science Department Head
 5. Fruit Breeding Program – John Clark, University Professor in Horticulture
- E. Other Business
- F. Adjournment

***Tour of the Fruit Research Station by Dr. John Clark, Blackberry and Peach Breeding Program**

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