



First Friday All Climate Change Talks (FFACCTs)

Hosted by the USDA Forest Service Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center

Agenda

Date: Friday, August 4, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (eastern)

Audience: Forest Service internal and external partners and stakeholders, non-governmental organizations, universities, customers, and other interested individuals

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Welcome and Introductory Comments

Michael Gavazzi, Biological Scientist, USDA Southeast Regional Climate Hub

Washington Office Update

Karen Dante, Climate Change Adaptation and Policy Specialist, Office of Sustainability and Climate Change

Climate Science Center Updates

Toni Lyn Morelli, Research Ecologist, Northeast Climate Science Center & University of Massachusetts

Ryan Boyles, Director, Southeast Climate Science Center

Station, Region, and Hub Updates

Dan Lawson, National Leader, USDA Climate Hubs

Jim Vose, Senior Research Ecologist and SRS Science Advisory Board Member, Southern Research Station

Leslie Brandt, Climate Change Specialist (Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science), Eastern Region

Emrys Treasure, Regional Inventory, Monitoring, and Assessment Coordinator, Southern Region

Michael Gavazzi, Biological Scientist, USDA Southeast Regional Climate Hub

William Gould, Research Ecologist, International Institute of Tropical Forestry, and Director, USDA Caribbean Climate Hub

Presentation*

"The AgBiz Logic suite of economic, financial, and environmental decision tools for businesses" – Clark Seavert, Professor, Department of Applied Economics & Executive Director, NW Agribusiness Executive Seminar, Oregon State University

Round Robin

Final Comments

***Presentation Summary**

Whether we call it climate change or weather variability, it is a difficult subject to discuss with some in the agricultural community. Many producers have only heard that the climate will change and have not seen the long-term climate projections for their local area. Growers in initial meetings using the *AgBizClimate* program have been surprised to observe how these projections for most weather variables are already occurring. *AgBizClimate* is both a farm-level decision support tool for producers, researchers and government agencies to determine how climate change or weather variability may impact net returns for crop and livestock enterprises.

About Clark Seavert



Clark Seavert is a professor in the Department of Applied Economics at Oregon State University. He attended the College of Southern Idaho, Oregon State University at Eastern Oregon University, and University of Idaho. Clark began his career with Oregon State University in January 1989 as an Area Extension Farm Management Agent in the Mid-Columbia region of Oregon. Between the years of 1999 and 2009 he held two administrative appointments as Superintendent and Staff Chair at research and Extension centers in Hood River and Aurora. In 2010, he accepted the directorship of the Northwest Agribusiness Executive Seminar and change of appointment to his current responsibilities of research, teaching, and extension activities.